

PARK USE GUIDELINES FOR BIRDERS

- Park hours are 5 a.m. to sunset.
- Stay on appropriately designated trails.
- Do not enter any posted area.
- Park only in designated parking areas.
- Observe, but do not disturb.

the **mission** of Three Rivers Park District is to promote environmental stewardship through recreation and education in a natural resources-based park system.

Three Rivers Park District maintains a system of seven park reserves and a number of regional parks within the seven county metro area. The combined area is more than 27,000 acres. Almost all native habitat types found within the metro area are represented in the park reserves.

This list of 288 bird species includes only those that have been observed within the Park District since 1968. The taxonomic order and common names used here conform with the American Ornithologists' Union (A.O.U.) *Check-list of North American Birds, Seventh Edition* (1998) and with the 42nd, 43rd and 44th, and 52nd Supplements to the Check-list, as published in *The Auk* 117: 847-858 (2000); 119: 897-906 (2002); 120: 923-932 (2003); 128(3):600-613 (2011).

For information about birding classes and programs or to report unusual bird sightings, call our Natural Resources division at 763-694-7840 or one of the Nature Centers listed below.

Eastman Nature Center, Elm Creek Park Reserve: 763-694-7700

Lowry Nature Center, Carver Park Reserve: 763-694-7650

Richardson Nature Center, Hyland Lake Park Reserve: 763-694-7676

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checklist & observation Guide to Birds

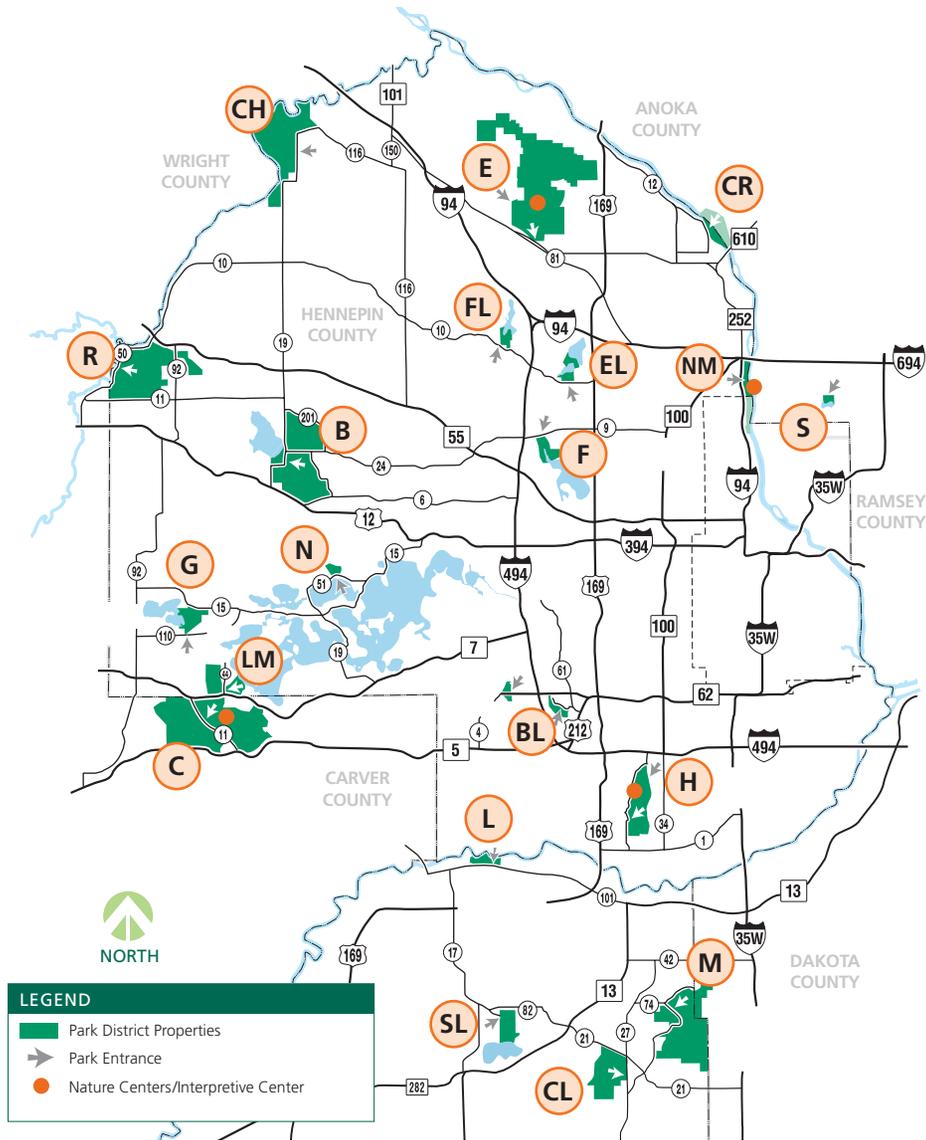


Date: _____ Time: _____ Total Species: _____

Observer: _____

Location: _____

Weather: _____



NESTING STATUS CODES

- Positive nesting records within the park system
- Previously nested, no evidence of nesting since 1990
- Nesting assumed based upon observations in the parks
- ∅ Assumed nesting in the past, no current evidence of nesting
- No evidence of nesting, most of these are migrants
- e Extirpated, not recorded in the parks since 1990

PARK CODES

Letter codes after a species name indicate the parks where a species is most likely to be found (not given for "rare" and "accidental" species). When the designation "All" appears, it means all of the park reserves. See the map on the back cover.

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|-----------|-------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------|
| B | Baker Park Reserve | G | Gale Woods Farm |
| BL | Bryant Lake Regional Park | H | Hyland Lake Park Reserve |
| C | Carver Park Reserve | LM | Lake Minnetonka Regional Park |
| CL | Cleary Lake Regional Park | R | Lake Rebecca Park Reserve |
| CR | Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park | M | Murphy-Hanrehan Park Reserve |
| CH | Crow-Hassan Park Reserve | N | Noerenberg Gardens |
| EL | Eagle Lake Regional Park | NM | North Mississippi Regional Park |
| E | Elm Creek Park Reserve | S | Silverwood Park |
| FL | Fish Lake Regional Park | SL | Spring Lake Regional Park |
| F | French Regional Park | L | The Landing |

HABITAT CODES

Habitat Codes (not given for "accidental" species)

- A** Aerial birds most often seen in flight or soaring
- O** Open country grasslands, prairies, meadows (less than 10% shrubs or trees)
- S** Shrub/small trees fencerows, forest edges, old fields
- F** Forests woodlots, conifer groves (trees greater than 30 ft. tall, closed canopy)
- W** Water/wetland ponds, lakes, rivers, marshes, swamps, wet meadows
- D** Developed buildings, bridges, bird feeders, trails, roads, landscape plantings

SEASONS

Spring: early March to late May

Summer: late May to mid-August

Fall: mid-August to late November

Winter: late November to early March

SEASONAL ABUNDANCE CODES

- a** Abundant, easily seen in all parks
- c** Common, regularly visible in most parks
- u** Uncommon, but predictably occurring in specific areas
- r** Rare, seen infrequently, unpredictable
- *** Accidental, fewer than 5 records for the parks since 1968

✓	Species	Park	Nesting	Habitat	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Geese, Swans, Ducks								
	Greater White-fronted Goose				*			
	Snow Goose (Blue Goose)		—	W	r		r	
	Canada Goose	All	●	W	a	a	a	c
	Trumpeter Swan	B, C, CH, E, R	●	W	c	c	c	c
	Tundra Swan	All	—	A,W	c	r	c	r
	Wood Duck	All	●	W	c	c	c	r
	Gadwall		—	W	r		r	
	Eurasian Wigeon		—				*	
	American Wigeon	All	—	W	c		c	
	American Black Duck	B, C, CR	—	W	r	r	u	r
	Mallard	All	●	W	a	a	a	c
	Blue-winged Teal	All	●	W	c	u	c	
	Cinnamon Teal		—		*			
	Northern Shoveler	C, H, R	●	W	u	r	u	
	Northern Pintail		—	W	r		r	
	Green-winged Teal		●	W	r		r	
	Canvasback		●	W	r		r	
	Redhead		●	W	r		r	
	Ring-necked Duck	All	—	W	c		c	
	Greater Scaup		—	W	r		r	
	Lesser Scaup	All	—	W	c		c	
	Long-tailed Duck		—				*	
	Bufflehead	All	●	W	c		c	
	Common Goldeneye	B, C, CR, R	—	W	u		u	u
	Hooded Merganser	All	●	W	u	u	u	
	Common Merganser	C, CR, F, H	—	W	u		u	
	Red-breasted Merganser	CR	—	W	u		r	
	Ruddy Duck	E, M	●	W	u	r	u	
Pheasants, Grouse, Turkeys								
	Gray Partridge (released)		—	O	r		r	r
	Ring-necked Pheasant	All	●	O,S	c	c	c	u
	Ruffed Grouse		e	F				
	Wild Turkey	All	●	F	c	c	c	c
	Northern Bobwhite (released)	CH	—	O	u	u	r	r

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Loons, Grebes								
	Common Loon	C, CH, E, M	●	W	u	u	u	
	Pied-billed Grebe	All	●	W	c	u	c	
	Horned Grebe		—	W	r		r	
	Red-necked Grebe		●	W	r			
	Eared Grebe		—				*	
	Western Grebe		—			*		
	Clark's Grebe	R	—			*		
Pelicans, Cormorants								
	American White Pelican	All	—	W	u	u	c	
	Double-crested Cormorant	All	—	W	c	u	u	
Bitterns, Herons, Egrets								
	American Bittern		●	W	r	r	r	
	Least Bittern	B, E	○	W	u	u	r	
	Great Blue Heron	All	●	W	c	c	c	
	Great Egret	All	—	W	c	c	c	
	Snowy Egret		—			*		
	Little Blue Heron		—			*		
	Cattle Egret		—	W	r	r		
	Green Heron	All	●	W	c	c	c	
	Black-crowned Night-Heron		—	W	r	r	r	
	Yellow-crowned Night-Heron		e	W	r	r		
American Vultures								
	Turkey Vulture	All	—	A	c	u	c	
Ospreys								
	Osprey	N,CL,B,C,CR,E	●	A,W	c	c	u	
Eagles, Harriers, Hawks								
	Bald Eagle	All	●	A,W	u	u	u	u
	Northern Harrier	CH,E	●	O	u	r	u	r
	Sharp-shinned Hawk	All	—	A,D	c		c	u
	Cooper's Hawk	All	●	F	u	u	u	r
	Northern Goshawk		—	F	r		r	r
	Red-shouldered Hawk	E,M	●	F	u	u	u	r
	Broad-winged Hawk	B,H,M,E	●	F	u	u	u	
	Swainson's Hawk		—		*			

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Eagles, Harriers, Hawks (continued)								
	Red-tailed Hawk	All	●	O,S,F	c	c	c	u
	Rough-legged Hawk		—	O	r			r
	Golden Eagle		—				*	
Falcons								
	American Kestrel	All	●	O	c	u	c	r
	Merlin		—	O	r		r	
	Peregrine Falcon		—	A,W	r	r	r	r
Rails, Coots, Cranes								
	Yellow Rail		—				*	
	Virginia Rail	All	○	W	u	u		
	Sora	All	●	W	u	u	r	
	Common Gallinule		—			*		
	American Coot	All	●	W	c	r	c	
	Sandhill Crane	B,C,CH,E,R	●	O,W	u	u	r	
Plovers								
	Black-bellied Plover		—	W	r		r	
	American Golden-Plover		—	W	r		r	
	Semipalmated Plover		—	W	r			
	Killdeer	All	●	O,D	u	u	u	
Sandpipers, Snipe, Woodcock								
	Greater Yellowlegs	C,CH	—	W	u	u	u	
	Lesser Yellowlegs	C,CH,R	—	W	u	u	u	
	Solitary Sandpiper	C,F,CH	—	W	u	u	r	
	Willet		—	W	r			
	Spotted Sandpiper		●	W	r	r	r	
	Upland Sandpiper		∅	O	r	r		
	Hudsonian Godwit		—		*			
	Marbled Godwit		—		*			
	Ruddy Turnstone		—	W	r		r	
	Red Knot		—				*	
	Sanderling		—	W	r	r	r	
	Semipalmated Sandpiper	C,E	—	W	u	u		
	Least Sandpiper	C	—	W				
	White-rumped Sandpiper		—		*	*		

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	Baird's Sandpiper		—	W	r	r	r	
	Pectoral Sandpiper	C	—	W	u	u	u	
	Dunlin		—	W	r		r	
	Stilt Sandpiper		—	W	r		r	
	Short-billed Dowitcher		—	W	r	r		
	Long-billed Dowitcher		—	W	r		r	
	Wilson's Snipe	B,C,CH,E,M	●	W	u	r	u	
	American Woodcock	All	●	S,F	u	r	r	
Phalaropes								
	Wilson's Phalarope		—	W	r	r		
Gulls, Terns								
	Franklin's Gull	All	—	A,W	u	r	c	
	Bonaparte's Gull		—	A,W	r	r	r	
	Ring-billed Gull	All	—	A,W,D	a	c	a	r
	Herring Gull	CR	—	A,W	u		u	r
	Thayer's Gull		—	W				r
	Iceland Gull		—					*
	Lesser Black-backed Gull		—					*
	Glaucous Gull		—	W				r
	Caspian Tern	C,F	—	W	u	r	r	
	Common Tern		—	W	r		r	
	Forster's Tern	C,F,H	∅	W	u	r	u	
	Black Tern	CH,E,M,R	●	W	u	r	r	
Pigeons, Doves								
	Rock Pigeon	CH,CR,E,G,S	●	A,D	u	u	u	u
	Mourning Dove	All	●	D,S	c	c	c	u
Cuckoos								
	Black-billed Cuckoo	CH,E,C,M,R	●	S	r	r	r	
	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	CH,E	●	S,F	r	r	r	
Typical Owls								
	Eastern Screech-Owl		○	F	r	r	r	r
	Great Horned Owl	All	●	O,S,F	u	u	u	u
	Snowy Owl		—	O				r
	Northern Hawk Owl		—					*
	Barred Owl	All	●	F	u	u	u	u

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	Great Gray Owl		—					r
	Long-eared Owl		●	F	r	r	r	r
	Short-eared Owl		—	O	r		r	r
	Boreal Owl		—					*
	Northern Saw-whet Owl		—	D,S,F			r	r
Goatsuckers, Swifts								
	Common Nighthawk	All	∅	A,D	u	r	u	
	Eastern Whip-poor-will		—	F	r			
	Chimney Swift	B,C,CH,N,E	●	A,D	u	u	u	
Hummingbirds								
	Ruby-throated Hummingbird	All	●	A,D	u	u	u	
	Rufous Hummingbird		—				*	
Kingfisher								
	Belted Kingfisher	All	●					
Woodpecker								
	Red-headed Woodpecker	CH,E,C,R	●	O,D	r	r	r	r
	Red-bellied Woodpecker	All	●	F,D	c	c	c	c
	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	All	●	F	u	r	u	
	Downy Woodpecker	All	●	D,O,F	c	c	c	c
	Hairy Woodpecker	All	●	D,F	c	c	c	c
	Northern Flicker	All	●	D,F	c	u	c	r
	Pileated Woodpecker	All	●	F,D	u	u	u	u
Tyrant Flycatchers								
	Olive-sided Flycatcher	C	—	S,F	u		u	
	Eastern Wood-Pewee	All	●	F	c	c	c	
	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher		—	S	r		r	
	Acadian Flycatcher	E,M	●	F	r	u		
	Alder Flycatcher	All	∅	W	u	r	u	
	Willow Flycatcher	B,C,E,M,R	●	W	u	u	u	
	Least Flycatcher	B,C,CH,M	●	S,F	u	u	u	
	Eastern Phoebe	All	●	D	u	u	u	
	Great Crested Flycatcher	All	●	F	c	c	u	
	Western Kingbird		—		*			
	Eastern Kingbird	All	●	O,S	c	c	u	

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	Scissor-tailed Flycatcher		—			*		
Shrikes								
	Loggerhead Shrike		e	O,S	r	r	r	
	Northern Shrike		—	D,O,S	r		r	r
Vireos								
	White-eyed Vireo		—		*		*	
	Bell's Vireo		—		*			
	Yellow-throated Vireo	All	●	F	u	u	u	
	Blue-headed Vireo	B,C,E,H,M	—	F	u		u	
	Warbling Vireo	C,CH,CL,E,F	●	W,F	u	u	u	
	Philadelphia Vireo		—	S	r		r	
	Red-eyed Vireo	All	●	F	c	c	c	
Jays, Magpies, Crows								
	Gray Jay		—	D				r
	Blue Jay	All	●	D,S,F	a	a	a	a
	Black-billed Magpie		—					*
	American Crow	All	●	All	a	a	a	a
Larks, Swallows								
	Horned Lark		∅	O	r	r	r	r
	Purple Martin	B,F,EL,E	●	A,W	c	c	r	
	Tree Swallow	All	●	A,O,W	a	c	c	
	Northern Rough-winged Swallow		●	A,W	r	r	r	
	Bank Swallow		●	A,W	r	r	r	
	Cliff Swallow	CR,H	●	A,W	u	u	u	
	Barn Swallow	All	●	A,D	u	u	u	
Chickadees, Titmouse								
	Black-capped Chickadee	All	●	D,O,F	a	a	a	a
	Tufted Titmouse		—		*			
Nuthatches								
	Red-breasted Nuthatch		—	D,F	r		r	r
	White-breasted Nuthatch	All	●	D,F	c	c	c	c
Creepers								
	Brown Creeper	E,H,M	●	D,F	u	r	u	u
Wrens								
	House Wren	All	●	D,S	c	a	c	

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Wrens (continued)								
	Winter Wren		—	S,W	r		r	
	Sedge Wren	All	●	O,W	u	u	u	
	Marsh Wren	B,C,E,R	●	W	u	u	u	
Kinglets, Gnatchers								
	Golden-crowned Kinglet	All	—	F	u		u	r
	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	All	—	D,S,F	u		u	
	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	All	●	F	c	c	c	
Bluebirds, Solitaires, Thrushes								
	Eastern Bluebird	All	●	D,O,S	c	c	c	r
	Mountain Bluebird		—		*	*		
	Townsend's Solitaire		—	F				r
	Veery	E,M	●	F	u	u	u	
	Gray-cheeked Thrush		—	S,F	r		r	
	Swainson's Thrush	All	—	S,F	u		u	
	Hermit Thrush	All	—	F	u		u	
	Wood Thrush	E,M,G	●	F	u	r	r	
	American Robin	All	●	D,S,F	a	a	a	u
Mockingbirds, Thrashers								
	Gray Catbird	All	●	D,S	c	c	c	
	Northern Mockingbird		—		*	*		
	Brown Thrasher	All	●	S	r	r	r	r
Starlings								
	European Starling	All	●	D,F	c	c	c	c
Pipits								
	American Pipit		—	W	r		r	
	Sprague's Pipit		—				*	
Waxwings								
	Bohemian Waxwing		—	D,S	r			r
	Cedar Waxwing	All	●	S,D	c	c	c	r
Wood Warblers								
	Blue-winged Warbler	B,C,CL,H,M,R	●	S,F	u	u	r	
	Golden-winged Warbler		●	S	r		r	
	Tennessee Warbler	All	—	F,S	c		c	
	Orange-crowned Warbler	All	—	S	u		u	

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	Nashville Warbler	All	—	S,F	c		c	
	Northern Parula		—	S,F	r		r	
	Yellow Warbler	All	●	S,W	a	a	c	
	Chestnut-sided Warbler	All	●	S	u	r	u	
	Magnolia Warbler	All	—	S,F	u		u	
	Cape May Warbler		—	F	r		r	
	Black-throated Blue Warbler		—	S	r		r	
	Yellow-rumped Warbler	All	—	S,F	a		a	r
	Black-throated Green Warbler	C,M,B,E	—	F	u		u	
	Blackburnian Warbler	B,C,M,N	—	F	u		u	
	Yellow-throated Warbler		—		*			
	Pine Warbler		—	F	r		r	
	Prairie Warbler		—		*			
	Palm Warbler	All	—	S,D	c		c	
	Bay-breasted Warbler		—	F	r		r	
	Blackpoll Warbler	All	—	F	u		u	
	Cerulean Warbler	C,M,R	●	F	u	u		
	Black-and-white Warbler	All	—	F	c	r	c	
	American Redstart	B,C,E,M	●	S,F	c	c	c	
	Prothonotary Warbler		●	W,F	r	r		
	Ovenbird	All	●	F	u	u	u	
	Northern Waterthrush		—	F,W	r		r	
	Louisiana Waterthrush		—		*			
	Kentucky Warbler		—	F	r	r		
	Connecticut Warbler		—	S,F	r		r	
	Mourning Warbler	M	●	S,W	u	r	u	
	Common Yellowthroat	All	●	S,W	a	a	c	
	Hooded Warbler	C,M	●	F	u	u		
	Wilson's Warbler	C,M	—	S,W	u		u	
	Canada Warbler	C,M	—	S,F	u		u	
	Yellow-breasted Chat	B,H	—		*			
Tanagers								
	Summer Tanager		—			*		
	Scarlet Tanager	B,C,CH,M,R,E	●	F	u	u	u	

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