

FOREST PARK Bird Checklist

Species	Status
Starlings & Waxwings	
___ European Starling (b)	cR
___ Cedar Waxwing (b?)	?R, fcM

Wood-Warblers	
___ Blackburnian Warbler	fcM
___ Yellow-throated Warbler	rM
___ Pine Warbler	uM
___ Prairie Warbler	rM
___ Palm Warbler	cM
___ Bay-breasted Warbler	cM
___ Blackpoll Warbler	cM
___ Cerulean Warbler	uM
___ Black-and-white Warbler	fcM
___ American Redstart	cM
___ Prothonotary Warbler	rM
___ Worm-eating Warbler	fcM
___ Ovenbird	cM
___ Northern Waterthrush	cM
___ Louisiana Waterthrush	uM
___ Kentucky Warbler	fcM
___ Connecticut Warbler	uM
___ Mourning Warbler	fcM
___ Common Yellowthroat (b)	fcM
___ Hooded Warbler	uM
___ Wilson's Warbler	fcM
___ Canada Warbler	fcM
___ Yellow-breasted Chat	rM

Tanagers	
___ Summer Tanager	uM
___ Scarlet Tanager	fcM

New World Sparrows & Allies	
___ Spotted Towhee	rM
___ Eastern Towhee	fcM,?S
___ American Tree Sparrow	uW
___ Chipping Sparrow (b)	fcS
___ Clay-colored Sparrow	vrM
___ Field Sparrow	uM
___ Vesper Sparrow	vrM
___ Savannah Sparrow	vrM
___ Fox Sparrow	uM
___ Song Sparrow (b)	rM,uS
___ Lincoln's Sparrow	uM
___ Swamp Sparrow	rM
___ White-throated Sparrow	fcW,cM
___ White-crowned Sparrow	?W,fcM
___ Dark-eye Junco	fcW

Species	Status
Cardinals & Allies	
___ Northern Cardinal (b)	cR
___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	cM
___ Black-headed Grosbeak	vrM
___ Blue Grosbeak	rM
___ Lazuli Bunting	vrM
___ Indigo Bunting (b)	cM
___ Dickcissel	vrM

Blackbirds & Allies	
___ Bobolink	rM
___ Red-winged Blackbird (b)	cS
___ Eastern Meadowlark	uS
___ Rusty Blackbird	uM
___ Brewer's Blackbird	vrM
___ Common Grackle (b)	rR,Cs
___ Brown-headed Cowbird (b)	Cs
___ Orchard Oriole (b?)	uM
___ Baltimore Oriole (b)	cM

Finches & Allies	
___ Purple Finch	fcM
___ House Finch (b)	fcR
___ Common Redpoll	vrM
___ Pine Siskin	rM
___ American Goldfinch (b?)	cM,uS
___ Evening Grosbeak	vrM

Old World Sparrows	
___ House Sparrow (b)	cR
___ Eurasian Tree Sparrow (b)	uR



This checklist includes the 216 species of birds that have been seen in or flying over Forest Park in St. Louis since 1979, along with an estimate of their relative abundance and seasonal status. Bird species and status information in this brochure was compiled by Randy Korotev and based on observations of Ken Cohen, Randy Korotev, Chris Ferree, and Eliot Miller between 1970 and 2013.

The species names and taxonomic order in this checklist are based on the ABA Checklist and American Ornithologist's Union Check-list of North American Birds, Seventh Edition (51st Supplement).



Snowy Egret & Wood Duck in Forest Park – Photos by Randy Korotev



Indigo Bunting Chicks in Forest Park – Photo by Amy Witt



Use what talents you possess:
the woods would be very silent
if no birds sang there
except those that sang best.

Henry Van Dyke



Status Key

Abundance Codes

c – common, occurs regularly in at least moderate numbers
fc – fairly common, occurs regularly in small to moderate numbers
u – uncommon, occurs regularly but in small numbers
r – rare, seldom recorded
vr – very rare, less than 4 sightings recorded
? – status unknown

Distribution Codes

M = migrant: all or most birds pass through in spring or fall
S = summer resident: arrives in spring, departs in fall
W = winter resident: arrives in fall, departs in spring
R = year-round resident
V = visitor: resident in St. Louis area, but not usually found in Forest Park
(b) = has bred, is strongly suspected to have bred, or has attempted to nest in Forest Park

Species	Status
Ducks, Geese, & Swans	
___ Snow Goose	uM,rV
___ Canada Goose (b)	cR
___ Wood Duck (b)	cS
___ Gadwall	rM
___ American Wigeon	rM
___ American Black Duck	rM
___ Mallard (b)	cR
___ Blue-winged Teal	uM
___ Northern Shoveler	uM
___ Northern Pintail	rM
___ Green-winged Teal	uM
___ Canvasback	vrW
___ Redhead	vrM
___ Ring-necked Duck	vrW
___ Greater Scaup	vrM
___ Lesser Scaup	uM
___ Bufflehead	rM
___ Common Goldeneye	vrW
___ Hooded Merganser	uM
___ Common Merganser	rM
___ Ruddy Duck	uM

Turkeys & Quails	
___ Wild Turkey	uV
___ Northern Bobwhite	uV

Grebes, Pelicans, & Cormorants	
___ Pied-billed Grebe	fcM,rS
___ American White Pelican	vrV
___ Double-crested Cormorant	uM

Species	Status
Bitterns & Herons	
___ American Bittern	vrM
___ Great Blue Heron	fcS
___ Great Egret	cS
___ Snowy Egret	uS
___ Little Blue Heron	uS
___ Cattle Egret	uM
___ Green Heron (b)	cS
___ Black-crowned Night-Heron	cS
___ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	uS

Hawks, Falcons, Vultures, & Allies	
___ Turkey Vulture	rM
___ Osprey	rM
___ Mississippi Kite	uM
___ Bald Eagle	vrW
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk (b)	fcM
___ Cooper's Hawk (b)	fcM
___ Northern Goshawk	vrW
___ Red-shouldered Hawk	rM
___ Broad-winged Hawk	uM
___ Red-tailed Hawk (b)	fcW,uM
___ American Kestrel (b?)	fcR
___ Merlin	uM
___ Peregrine Falcon	uR

Rails, Coots, & Plovers	
___ Sora	rM
___ Common Gallinule	rM
___ American Coot	fcM
___ Semipalmated Plover	vrM
___ Killdeer (b)	uS

Sandpipers & Allies	
___ Spotted Sandpiper	uM
___ Solitary Sandpiper	uM
___ Greater Yellowlegs	vrM
___ Lesser Yellowlegs	uM
___ Upland Sandpiper	vrM
___ Least Sandpiper	rM
___ Pectoral Sandpiper	rM
___ Common Snipe	rM
___ American Woodcock	rM
___ Wilson's Phalarope	vrM

Gulls & Terns	
___ Bonaparte's Gull	vrW
___ Ring-Billed Gull	rW,rM
___ Black Tern	vrM
___ Forster's Tern	rM

Species	Status
Doves & Cuckoos	
___ Rock Pigeon (b)	cR
___ Eurasian Collared -Dove	rV
___ Mourning Dove (b)	cR
___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo	fcM,rS
___ Black-billed Cuckoo	uM

Owls & Goatsuckers	
___ Eastern Screech-Owl (b)	uR
___ Great Horned Owl (b)	cR
___ Barred Owl (b?)	uR
___ Common Nighthawk (b?)	cS
___ Chuck-will's-widow	vrM
___ Eastern Whip-poor-will	rM

Swifts, Hummingbirds, & Kingfishers	
___ Chimney Swift (b?)	cS
___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird	uM,uS
___ Belted Kingfisher (b?)	fcS

Woodpeckers & Allies	
___ Red-headed Woodpecker(b)	uR,fcS
___ Red-bellied Woodpecker (b)	cR
___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	rW,uM
___ Downy Woodpecker (b)	cR
___ Hairy Woodpecker (b)	uR
___ Northern Flicker (b)	fcR,cM
___ Pileated Woodpecker	uV

Tyrant Flycatchers	
___ Olive-sided Flycatcher	uM
___ Eastern Wood-Pewee (b)	cM,uS
___ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	uM
___ Acadian Flycatcher (b)	uM, uS
___ Alder Flycatcher	rM
___ Willow Flycatcher	rM
___ Least Flycatcher	fcM
___ Eastern Phoebe (b)	fcM,uS
___ Great Crested Flycatcher (b)	cM,fcS
___ Eastern Kingbird (b)	fcS

Vireos	
___ White-eyed Vireo	fcM
___ Bell's Vireo	vrM
___ Yellow-throated Vireo	fcM
___ Blue-headed Vireo	fcM
___ Warbling Vireo (b)	fcS
___ Philadelphia Vireo	fcM
___ Red-eyed Vireo (b?)	cM

Species	Status
Jays & Crows	
___ Blue Jay (b)	cR
___ American Crow (b)	cR
___ Fish Crow	rV

Swallows	
___ Purple Martin (b)	fcS
___ Tree Swallow	fcM
___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow	fcM
___ Bank Swallow	uM
___ Cliff Swallow	uM
___ Barn Swallow (b)	cS

Chickadees and Titmouse	
___ Carolina Chickadee (b)	cR
___ Black-capped Chickadee	uV
___ Tufted Titmouse (b)	cR

Nuthatches & Creepers	
___ Red-breasted Nuthatch	uM,rW
___ White-breasted Nuthatch (b)	fcR
___ Brown Creeper	uM,uW

Wrens	
___ Carolina Wren (b)	fcR
___ Bewick's Wren	vrM
___ House Wren (b)	fcS
___ Winter Wren	uM,?W
___ Sedge Wren	vrM
___ Marsh Wren	vrM

Kinglets, Gnatcatchers, & Thrushes	
___ Golden-crowned Kinglet	fcM,fcW
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	cM,rW
___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (b)	fcM, uS
___ Eastern Bluebird (b)	rS
___ Veery	fcM
___ Gray-cheeked Thrush	fcM
___ Swainson's Thrush	cM
___ Hermit Thrush	fcM
___ Wood Thrush (b)	fcM
___ American Robin (b)	cS

Mockingbirds, Thrashers, & Allies	
___ Gray Catbird (b)	cM, fcS
___ Northern Mockingbird (b)	fcR
___ Brown Thrasher (b)	uR,cM