	Species	Status		Species
-	Tree Swallow	fcM		Black-and-white Warbler
	Northern Rough-winged Swallow	fcM		American Redstart
	Bank Swallow	uM		Prothonotary Warbler
	Cliff Swallow	uM		Worm-eating Warbler
	Barn Swallow (b)	cS		Ovenbird
	Carolina Chickadee (b)	cR		Northern Waterthrush
	Black-capped Chickadee	uV		Louisiana Waterthrush
	Tufted Titmouse (b)	cR		Kentucky Warbler
	Red-breasted Nuthatch	uM,rW		Connecticut Warbler
	White-breasted Nuthatch (b)	fcR		Mourning Warbler
	Brown Creeper	uM,uW		Common Yellowthroat
	Carolina Wren (b)	fcR		Hooded Warbler
	Bewick's Wren	vrM		Wilson's Warbler
	House Wren (b)	fcS		Canada Warbler
_	Winter Wren	uM,?W		Yellow-breasted Chat
	Sedge Wren	vrM		Summer Tanager
	Marsh Wren	vrM		Scarlet Tanager
	Golden-crowned Kinglet	fcM,fcW		Spotted Towhee
	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	cM,rW		Eastern Townee
	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	fcM		Chipping Sparrow (b)
	Easter Bluebird (b)	rS		Clay-colored Sparrow
	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	fcM	_	Field Sparrow
	Veery Gray-cheeked Thrush	fcM		Vesper Sparrow
	Swainson's Thrush	cM		Savannah Sparrow
	Hermit Thrush	fcM		•
		fcM		Fox Sparrow Song Sparrow
	Wood Thrush (b)			
	American Robin (b)	cS oM foS		Lincoln's Sparrow
	Gray Cathird (b)	cM, fcS		Swamp Sparrow
	Northern Mockingbird (b)	fcR		White-throated Sparrow
	Brown Thrasher (b)	uR,cM		White-crowned Sparrow
	European Starling (b)	cR		Dark-eye Junco
	Cedar Waxwing (b?)	?R,fcM		Northern Cardinal (b)
	Blue-winged Warbler	fcM		Rose-breasted Grosbeak
	Golden-winged Warbler	fcM		Black-headed Grosbeak
	Tennessee Warbler	cM		Blue Grosbeak
	Orange-crowned Warbler	fcM		Lazuli Bunting
	Nashville Warbler	cM		Indigo Bunting
	Northern Parula	fcM		Dickcissel
	Yellow Warbler Chestnut-sided Warbler	uM		Bobolink
		cM		Red-winged Blackbird (b)
	Magnolia Warbler	cM		Eastern Meadowlark
	Cape May Warbler	uM		Rusty Blackbird
	Black-throated Blue Warbler	rM		Brewer's Blackbird
	Yellow-rumped Warbler	rW,cM		Common Grackle (b)
	Black-throated Green Warbler	cM		Brown-headed Cowbird (b)
	Blackburnian Warbler	fcM		Orchard Oriole (b?)
	Yellow-throated Warbler	rM		Baltimore Oriole (b)
	Pine Warbler	uM		Purple Finch
	Prairie Warbler	rM		House Finch (b)
	Palm Warbler	cM		Pine Siskin
	Bay-breasted Warbler	cM		American Goldfinch (b?)
	Blackpoll Warbler	cM		Evening Grosbeak
	Cerulean Warbler	uM		House Sparrow (b)
				Eurasian Tree Sparrow (b)



Status fcM cM rM fcM cM

cM uM fcM

иM

fcM

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fcM

fcM

fcM,?S fcS vrM

uM vrM

vrM иM rM,uS uМ rM fcW,cM ?W,fcM fcW cR cM vrM rM vrM cM vrM rM Cs uS

rM vrM rR,Cs Cs uM

cM fcM

fcR rM

cM,uS vrM cR uR

rM uM fcM rM

fcM,?S

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Checklist of the Birds of Forest Park



Wood Duck in Forest Park - Photo by Randy Korotev

I realized that if I had to choose
I would rather have birds than airplanes.

Charles Lindbergh (1902-1974)
from an interview shortly before his death in 1974

A bird does not sing because it has an answer. It sings because it has a song. ~ Chinese Proverb

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

Checklist of the Birds of Forest Park (In taxonomic order as of March 2008)

This list includes the 215 species of birds that have been seen in or flying over Forest Park in St. Louis since 1970, along with an estimate of their relative abundance and seasonal status.

Bird species and status Information in this brochure compiled by Randy Korotev and based on observations of Ken Cohen, Bob Hely, Randy Korotev and Chris Ferree between 1970 and 2007.

Status key:

- c = common
- fc = fairly common
- u = uncommon
- r = rare
- vr = very rare (<4 sightings)
- ? = status not known
- 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 = vear-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



Snowy Egret in Forest Park - photo by Randy Korotev.

Species	Status
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	иM
Northern Shoveler	uМ
Northern Pintail	rM
Canvasback	vrW
Ring-necked Duck	vrW
Lesser Scaup	uM
Bufflehead	rM
Common Goldeneye	vrW
Hooded Merganser	uM
Common Merganser	rM
Ruddy Duck	uM
Wild Turkey	uV
Northern Bobwhite	uV
Pied-billed Grebe	fcM,rS
American White Pelican	vrV
Double-crested Cormorant	uM
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
	rM
Turkey Vulture	
Osprey	rM
Mississippi Kite	uM vrW
Bald Eagle Northern Harrier	*****
	rM
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
Rough-legged Hawk	vrW
American Kestrel (b?)	fcR
Merlin	uM
Peregrine Falcon	uR
Sora	rM
American Coot	fcM
Semipalmated Plover	vrM
Killdeer (b)	uS
Spotted Sandpiper	uM
Solitary Sandpiper Greater Yellowlegs	uM vrM

Species	Status
Lesser Yellowlegs	иM
Upland Sandpiper	vrM
 Pectoral Sandpiper	rM
American Woodcock	rM
Common Snipe	rM
 Wilson's Phalarope	vrM
 Bonaparte's Gull	vrW
 Ring-Billed Gull	rW,rM
 Black Tern	vrM
 Forster's Tern	rM
	cR
 Rock Dove (b)	•
 Mourning Dove (b)	cR
 Yellow-billed Cuckoo	fcM,rS
 Black-billed Cuckoo	uM
 Eastern Screech-Owl (b)	uR
 Great Horned Owl (b)	cR
 Barred Owl (b?)	uR
 Long-eared Owl	vrW
 Short-eared Owl	vrW
 Northern Saw-whet Owl	vrW
 Common Nighthawk (b?)	cS
Chuck-will's-widow	vrM
 Whip-poor-will	rM
 Chimney Swift (b?)	cS
 Ruby-throated Hummingbird	uM,?S
 Belted Kingfisher (b?)	fcS
 Red-headed Woodpecker (b)	uR,fcS
 Red-bellied Woodpecker (b)	cR
 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	rW,uM
 Downy Woodpecker (b)	cR
 Hairy Woodpecker (b)	fcR
 Northern Flicker (b)	fcR,cM
 Pileated Woodpecker	uV
 Olive-sided Flycatcher	uM
 Eastern Wood-Pewee (b)	cM,uS
 Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	uM
 Acadian Flycatcher	uM
 Alder Flycatcher	rM
 Willow Flycatcher	rM
Least Flycatcher	fcM
Eastern Phoebe (b)	fcM,uS
Great Crested Flycatcher (b)	cM,fcS
 Eastern Kingbird (b)	fcS
 Loggerhead Shrike	vrM
 White-eyed Vireo	fcM
 Bell's Vireo	vrM
 Yellow-throated Vireo	
	fcM fcM
 Blue-headed Vireo	fcM
 Warbling Vireo (b)	fcS
 Philadelphia Vireo	fcM
 Red-eyed Vireo	сМ
 Blue Jay (b)	cR
 American Crow (b)	cR
Purple Martin (b)	fcS