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Birds of the Mississippi River Gorge Area¹

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Key to Status Symbols

- p = permanent resident
- s = summer resident or visitor (June-July)
- w = winter resident or visitor (December-February)
- m = spring and/or fall migrant (March-May and/or August-November)
- * = breeding confirmed (nest found, or adults seen feeding young)
- + = breeding likely (adult pair or one or more singing males present through June or later in at least one of the past 20 breeding seasons)

Note: Status refers to **the Mississippi River gorge area only**. A number of species listed exclusively as migrants, for example, breed in adjacent or nearby areas, but not in the gorge area. This list includes 168 species of birds, of which 54 are confirmed or likely breeding species within the past 20 years. Species observed only once or twice are noted as rare.

<u>Species</u>	<u>Status</u>
Canada Goose	m,s*
Tundra Swan	m
Wood Duck	m,s* (bred 2006)
American Black Duck	m (rare)
Mallard	p*

¹ The geographic area covered by this list includes the surface waters of the Mississippi River and adjacent park land **on the west side of the river only** from the Army Corps of Engineers Lock & Dam #1 immediately south of the Ford Bridge north to the Soo Line Railroad bridge near 26th Street. The disjunct oval park located between 34th and 35th Streets is included, as is the residential neighborhood between 47th Avenue South on the west, 32nd Street on the north, and 36th Street on the south. This list was compiled from observations made by Dave Zumeta between May, 1988 and April, 2008. Several supplemental observations made by Lee Pfannmuller, Joan Galli and Bud Tordoff are gratefully acknowledged.

Blue-winged Teal	m,s+(not present most summers)
Northern Shoveler	m (rare)
Ring-necked Duck	m (rare)
Lesser Scaup	m
Bufflehead	m
Common Goldeneye	m,w
Hooded Merganser	m
Common Merganser	m,w (injured female summered below Ford Dam 2006)
Red-breasted Merganser	m (rare)
Ruddy Duck	m (rare)
Ring-necked Pheasant	s (rare)
Wild Turkey	m (rare)
Common Loon	m
Pied-billed Grebe	m, s (not present most summers)
Horned Grebe	m (rare)
Red-necked Grebe	m (rare)
Eared Grebe	m (rare)
American White Pelican	m (rare)
Double-crested Cormorant	m,s
Great Blue Heron	m,s
Great Egret	m,s
Green Heron	m (rare)
Black-crowned Night-Heron	m,s
Turkey Vulture	m,s
Osprey	m (rare)
Bald Eagle	p (rare in summer)
Sharp-shinned Hawk	m
Cooper's Hawk	m,s* (bred 2006)
Broad-winged Hawk	m,s* (bred 2006)
Red-tailed Hawk	p (bred nearby 1996)
American Kestrel	p (probably breeds nearby)
Peregrine Falcon	m,s* (bred on cliff below Ford Dam 2006)
American Coot	m (rare)
Killdeer	m,s+
Spotted Sandpiper	m,s+
Semipalmated Sandpiper	m (rare)
American Woodcock	m
Franklin's Gull	m (rare)
Ring-billed Gull	m,s
Herring Gull	m,s (rare in summer)
Caspian Tern	m
Forster's Tern	m,s
Black Tern	m (rare)
Rock Pigeon	p+
Mourning Dove	p+(not present every winter)
Black-billed Cuckoo	m

Yellow-billed Cuckoo	m (rare)
Eastern Screech-Owl	p+
Great Horned Owl	p (rare in summer)
Barred Owl	s,w (not present every summer; rare in winter)
Common Nighthawk	m,s+
Whip-poor-will	m (2004)
Chimney Swift	m,s+
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	m, s* (bred 2002)
Belted Kingfisher	m,s+
Red-headed Woodpecker	m (rare)
Red-bellied Woodpecker	p*
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	m
Downy Woodpecker	p*
Hairy Woodpecker	p*
Northern Flicker	m,s+
Pileated Woodpecker	m,s* (bred 2005)
Olive-sided Flycatcher	m
Eastern Wood-Pewee	m,s+
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	m
Alder Flycatcher	m (rare)
Willow Flycatcher	m (rare)
Least Flycatcher	m
Eastern Phoebe	m,s+
Great Crested Flycatcher	m,s+
Eastern Kingbird	m (breeds nearby)
Northern Shrike	w (rare)
Yellow-throated Vireo	m,s+ (not present most summers)
Blue-headed Vireo	m
Warbling Vireo	m,s+ (not present most summers)
Philadelphia Vireo	m
Red-eyed Vireo	m,s* (bred 2006)
Blue Jay	p*
American Crow	p*
Purple Martin	m (probably breeds nearby)
Tree Swallow	m,s* (bred 2003)
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	m,s+
Bank Swallow	m,s+(breeds on east side of river)
Cliff Swallow	m,s* (bred 2006)
Barn Swallow	m,s (probably breeds nearby)
Black-capped Chickadee	p*
Red-breasted Nuthatch	p (not present most summers)
White-breasted Nuthatch	p*
Brown Creeper	m,w
House Wren	m,s*
Winter Wren	m
Golden-crowned Kinglet	m

Ruby-crowned Kinglet	m
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	m,s+
Eastern Bluebird	m
Veery	m
Gray-cheeked Thrush	m
Swainson's Thrush	m
Hermit Thrush	m
Wood Thrush	m
American Robin	p*
Gray Catbird	m,s*
Brown Thrasher	m
European Starling	p*
Cedar Waxwing	p (rare in winter)
Blue-winged Warbler	m (rare)
Golden-winged Warbler	m
Tennessee Warbler	m
Orange-crowned Warbler	m
Nashville Warbler	m
Northern Parula	m
Yellow Warbler	m
Chestnut-sided Warbler	m
Magnolia Warbler	m
Cape May Warbler	m
Yellow-rumped Warbler	m
Black-throated Green Warbler	m
Blackburnian Warbler	m
Palm Warbler	m
Bay-breasted Warbler	m
Blackpoll Warbler	m
Black-and-White Warbler	m
American Redstart	m (probably breeds nearby)
Ovenbird	m
Northern Waterthrush	m
Connecticut Warbler	m
Mourning Warbler	m
Common Yellowthroat	m,s+
Hooded Warbler	m (rare)
Wilson's Warbler	m
Canada Warbler	m
Scarlet Tanager	m
Eastern Towhee	m
American Tree Sparrow	m,w
Chipping Sparrow	m,s*
Clay-colored Sparrow	m (rare)
Field Sparrow	m (rare)
Fox Sparrow	m

Song Sparrow	m,s+
Lincoln's Sparrow	m
Swamp Sparrow	m
White-throated Sparrow	m,w (not present every winter)
Harris' Sparrow	m (rare)
White-crowned Sparrow	m (rare)
Dark-eyed Junco	m,w
Northern Cardinal	p*
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	m,s+(not present most summers)
Indigo Bunting	m,s* (female built nest 2004)
Bobolink	m (rare)
Red-winged Blackbird	m,s+ (not present every summer)
Yellow-headed Blackbird	m (rare)
Common Grackle	m,s*
Brown-headed Cowbird	m,s*
Orchard Oriole	m (rare)
Baltimore Oriole	m,s*
Purple Finch	m,w (not present every winter)
House Finch	p*
Red Crossbill	m,w (not present every year)
White-winged Crossbill	m (rare)
Common Redpoll	m,w (not present every year)
Pine Siskin	p+(not present most summers)
American Goldfinch	p+(not present some winters)
House Sparrow	p*

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