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BIRDS  
OF THE  
CHIPPEWA NATIONAL  
FOREST

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## BIRDS OF THE CHIPPEWA NATIONAL FOREST

The Chippewa National Forest occupies about 1.5 million acres in north central Minnesota. Located in the transition zone, between the boreal forest, hard-wood forest, and the prairie, the birds of the Chippewa are as varied as the habitats that support them.

Over 700 lakes, extensive marshes, open areas, and the deciduous and conifer forest, provide habitat for at least 239 species of birds. Waterfowl, wading birds, and others associated with the aquatic environment are especially abundant. Your chances of seeing a bald eagle on the Chippewa are excellent as over 100 pairs are known to breed here. Ospreys and other raptors are also common.

This bird list is provided to make your visit to the Chippewa more enjoyable. If you observe a bird not listed here, we would be interested in your observation.

### DEFINITIONS

#### SEASONS

**Spring** - March through May

**Summer** - June through August

**Fall** - September through November

**Winter** - December through February

#### STATUS

**R** - Year-round resident

**M** - Spring and or fall migrant

**SV** - Summer visitor (does not breed)

**I** - Irregular visitor

**B** - Breeds but does not winter

**U** - Unusual or rare at any time

**W** - Winter visitor

#### HABITAT FREQUENTED

**H** - Hardwoods (elm, ash, maple)

**C** - Conifers (spruce, fir, pine, cedar)

**A** - Brush (alder, bog birch, willow, hazelnut, and sapling regeneration)

**O** - Openings (upland openings, old fields, sedge meadows, & leather-leaf bogs)

**W** - Water (lakes, rivers, streams, shallow water marshes with emergent vegetation and shoreline)

#### ABUNDANCE

**a** - Abundant

**c** - Common

**u** - Uncommon

**r** - Rare

**i** - Irregular

**o** - Occasional

## BIRDS OF THE CHIPPEWA

\*Threatened or sensitive species and need special protection and management attention.

<u>Observed</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Habitat</u>	<u>Spring</u>	<u>Summer</u>	<u>Fall</u>	<u>Winter</u>
	<b>LOON:</b>						
_____	*Common Loon	B	W	c	c	c	-
_____	Red-throated Loon	M	W	u	-	u	-
	<b>GREBES:</b>						
_____	Red-necked Grebe	B	W	-	r	-	-
_____	Horned Grebe	B	W	r	r	u	-
_____	Pied-billed Grebe	B	W	c	c	u	-
_____	Eared Grebe	B	W	c	c	c	-
	<b>PELICANS:</b>						
_____	White Pelican	M	W	u	-	u	-
	<b>CORMORANTS:</b>						
_____	*Double Crested	SV	W	r	r	r	-
_____	Cormorant						
	<b>HERONS AND THEIR ALLIES:</b>						
_____	Common Egret	SV	W	-	r	-	-
_____	*Great Blue Heron	B	W	c	c	c	-
_____	Black-crowned Night	U	W	o	o	-	-
_____	Heron						-
_____	Green Heron	B	W	r	r	r	-
_____	American Bittern	B	W	c	c	c	-
_____	Least Bittern	B	W	r	r	r	-
	<b>SWANS:</b>						
_____	Tundra Swan	M	W	r	-	r	-
_____	Trumpeter Swan	B	W	r	r	r	-
	<b>GEESE:</b>						
_____	Canada Goose	B	W	c	o	c	-
_____	Snow Goose	M	W	c	-	c	-
	<b>DUCKS:</b>						
	(SURFACE FEEDING)						
_____	Mallard	B	W	a	a	a	-
_____	Black Duck	B	W	r	r	r	-
_____	Pintail	M	W	u	-	u	-
_____	Gadwall	M	W	u	-	u	-
_____	American Widgeon	B	W	c	c	c	-
_____	Shoveller	M	W	c	r	u	-
_____	Blue-winged Teal	B	W	a	a	a	-
_____	Green-winged Teal	B	W	c	r	c	-
_____	Wood Duck	B	W	c	c	c	-
	<b>DUCKS:</b>						
	(DIVING)						

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	Redhead	B	W	c	r	c	-
	Canvasback	M	W	u		u	-
	Ring-necked Duck	B	W	c	c	c	-
	Greater Scaup Duck	M	W	c	-	c	-
	Lesser Scaup Duck	M	W	c	r	c	-
	Common Goldeneye	B	W	c	c	c	-
	Rufflehead	M	W	c	-	c	-
	Ruddy Duck	M	W	r	-	r	-
	Old Squaw	M	W	-	-	u	-
	Surf Scoter	M	W	r	-	r	-
<b>MERGANSER:</b>							
	Common Merganser	M	W	c	-	c	-
	Red-breasted Mergan.	M	W	c	-	c	-
	Hooded Merganser	B	W	c	c	c	-
<b>VULTURES:</b>							
	Turkey Vulture	B	O	c	c	c	-
<b>ACCIPITERS:</b>							
	Goshawk	R	H	u	u	u	u
	Cooper's Hawk	B	H	o	o	o	-
	Sharp-shinned Hawk	B	C	u	u	u	-
<b>HARRIERS:</b>							
	Northern Harrier	B	W	c	c	c	-
<b>FALCONS:</b>							
	*Peregrine Falcon	M	O	r	-	r	-
	Sparrow Hawk-Kestrel	B	O	c	c	c	-
	Pigeon Hawk-Merlin	B	C	u	u	u	-
<b>OSPREY:</b>							
	*Osprey	B	W	c	c	c	-
<b>BUTEOS:</b>							
	American Rough-legged Hawk	M	O	u	-	u	-
	Red-tailed Hawk	B	O	c	c	c	-
	Broad-winged Hawk	B	A	a	a	a	-
	*Bald Eagle	R	W	c	c	c	u
	Golden Eagle	U	O	r	-	r	r
	Red-shouldered Hawk						
<b>GALLINACEOUS BIRDS:</b>							
	Spruce Grouse	R	C	u	u	u	u

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	Ruffed Grouse	R	A	c	c	c	c
	Sharp-tailed Grouse	R	O	u	u	u	u
<b>CRANES AND THEIR ALLIES:</b>							
	Sandhill Crane	U	O	r	r	r	-
	Virginia Rail	B	W	r	r	-	-
	Sora Rail	B	W	c	c	c	-
	Yellow Rail	M	W	r	-	r	-
	Common Moorhen	U	W	r	r	-	-
	American Coot	B	W	a	r	a	-
<b>PLOVERS:</b>							
	Black-bellied Plover	M	O	o	-	o	-
	Semi-palmated Plover	M	O	o	-	o	-
	Golden Plover	M	O	o	-	o	-
	Killdeer	B	O	c	c	c	-
	Piping Plover	M	W	r	-	r	-
<b>WOODCOCK AND SNIPE:</b>							
	American Woodcock	B	B	c	-	c	-
	Common Snipe	B	W	a	a	c	-
<b>GULLS:</b>							
	Herring Gull	B	W	a	a	a	-
	Ringed-billed Gull	M	W	c	a	a	-
	Franklin's Gull	B	W	u	u	u	-
	Bonaparte's Gull	M	W	u	-	u	-
<b>UPLAND SANDPIPERS:</b>							
	Solitary Sandpiper	M	W	u	u	u	-
	Spotted Sandpiper	B	W	c	c	c	-
	Greater Yellow-legs	M	W	c	r	u	-
	Lesser Yellow-legs	M	W	u	r	u	-
	Ruddy Turnstone	M	O	o	-	o	-
	Willet	M	O	o	-	o	-
	Pectoral Sandpiper	M	O	u	-	u	-
	Least Sandpiper	M	O	u	-	u	-
	Dunlin	M	O	o	-	o	-
	Semi-palmated Sandpiper	M	O	o	-	o	-
	Western Sandpiper	M	O	o	-	o	-
	Wilson's Phalarope	M	O	o	-	o	-
<b>OWLS:</b>							
	Great Horned Owl	R	O	u	u	u	u
	Long-eared Owl	B	C	r	r	r	-
	Short-eared Owl	U	O	o	o	o	-
	Snowy Owl	W	O	-	-	-	r

Observed	Species	Status	Habitat	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
_____	Hawk Owl	W	O	-	-	-	r
_____	Barred Owl	R	H	c	c	c	c
_____	Boreal Owl	W	C	-	-	-	r
_____	Great Gray Owl	R	C	r	r	r	r
_____	Saw-whet Owl	B	C	u	u	u	r
<b>TERNES:</b>							
_____	Black Tern	B	W	c	c	-	-
_____	Common Tern	SV	W	r	r	-	-
_____	Forster's Tern	B	W	u	u	u	-
_____	Caspian Tern	M	W	u	-	u	-
<b>PIDGEONS AND DOVES:</b>							
_____	Rock Dove	R	-	u	u	u	u
_____	Mourning Dove	B	O	r	r	r	-
<b>CUCKOOS:</b>							
_____	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	B	B	r	r	-	-
_____	Black-billed Cuckoo	B	B	c	c	-	-
<b>GOAT SUCKERS:</b>							
_____	Whip-poor-Will	B	H	r	r	-	-
_____	Common Nighthawk	B	H	c	c	-	-
<b>SWIFTS:</b>							
_____	Chimney Swift	B	-	c	c	-	-
<b>HUMMINGBIRDS:</b>							
_____	Ruby-throated Hummingbird	B	O	c	c	-	-
<b>KINGFISHERS:</b>							
_____	Belted Kingfisher	B	W	c	c	r	-
<b>WOODPECKERS:</b>							
_____	Yellow-shafted Flicker	B	H	a	c	a	-
_____	Pileated Woodpecker	R	H	c	c	c	c
_____	Red-headed Woodpecker	B	H	r	r	r	-
_____	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	B	H	c	c	u	-
_____	Hairy Woodpecker	R	H	c	c	c	c
_____	Downy Woodpecker	R	H	c	c	c	c
_____	Black-backed Three-toed Woodpecker	B	C	r	r	u	r
_____	American Three-toed Woodpecker	U	C	r	o	r	r
<b>KING BIRDS AND FLY CATCHERS:</b>							

Observed	Species	Status	Habitat	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
_____	Eastern Kingbird	B	O	c	c	-	-
_____	Western Kingbird	B	O	c	c	-	-
_____	Great Crested Fly-catcher	B	H	c	c	-	-
_____	Eastern Phoebe	B	O	u	u	-	-
_____	Yellow-bellied Fly-catcher	B	C	c	c	-	-
_____	Traill's Flycatcher	B	B	c	c	-	-
_____	Least Flycatcher	B	B	a	a	-	-
_____	Eastern Wood Pewee	B	H	a	a	-	-
_____	Olive-sided Fly-catcher	B	C	c	c	-	-
<b>JAYS:</b>							
_____	Blue Jay	R	H	c	c	c	c
_____	Gray Jay	R	C	c	c	c	c
<b>LARKS:</b>							
_____	Horned Lark	B	O	c	o	c	-
<b>SWALLOWS:</b>							
_____	Barn Swallow	B	O	c	c	-	-
_____	Cliff Swallow	B	O	c	c	-	-
_____	Bank Swallow	B	O	u	u	-	-
_____	Rough-winged Swallow	B	W	r	r	-	-
_____	Tree Swallow	B	O	a	a	-	-
_____	Purple Martin	B	O	u	u	-	-
<b>RAVENS AND CROWS</b>							
_____	Common Raven	R	H	c	c	c	c
_____	Common Crow	R	H	c	c	c	u
_____	American Magpie	U	O	u	u	u	u
<b>CHICKADEES:</b>							
_____	Black-capped Chickadee	R	H	c	c	c	c
_____	Boreal Chickadee	R	C	u	u	u	u
<b>NUTHATCHES AND CREEPERS:</b>							
_____	White-breasted Nuthatch	R	H	u	r	u	r
_____	Red-breasted Nuthatch	R	C	c	c	c	c
_____	Brown Creeper	R	H	c	r	c	r
<b>WRENS:</b>							
_____	House Wren	B	B	u	u	-	-
_____	Winter Wren	B	B	r	r	-	-
_____	Marsh Wren	B	O	c	c	-	-

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_____	Sedge Wren	B	O	u	u	-	-
<b>MOCKING BIRDS &amp; THRASHERS:</b>							
_____	Catbird	B	B	u	u	-	-
_____	Brown Thrasher	B	B	c	c	-	-
<b>KINGLETS:</b>							
_____	Golden-crowned Kinglet	B	C	c	u	c	o
_____	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	B	C	c	u	c	-
<b>PIPITS:</b>							
_____	Water Pipit	M	W	u	-	u	-
<b>THRUSHES AND BLUE BIRDS:</b>							
_____	Robin	B	A	c	c	c	-
_____	Wood Thrush	B	H	r	r	-	-
_____	Hermit Thrush	M	C	c	c	-	-
_____	Gray-cheeked Thrush	M	H	c	-	c	-
_____	Swainson's Thrush	B	C	c	c	-	-
_____	Veery	B	H	c	c	-	-
_____	Eastern Bluebird	B	O	r	r	-	-
<b>WAXWINGS:</b>							
_____	Cedar Waxwing	B	B	c	c	o	-
_____	Bohemian Waxwing	W	C	-	-	-	u
<b>SHRIKES:</b>							
_____	Northern Shrike	U	O	-	-	r	r
_____	Loggerhead Shrike	U	O	-	-	r	r
<b>STARLINGS:</b>							
_____	Starling	R	-	c	c	c	o
<b>VIREOS:</b>							
_____	Solitary Vireo	B	H	u	u	u	-
_____	Red-eyed Vireo	B	H	c	c	c	-
_____	Philadelphia Vireo	B	B	u	u	u	-
_____	Warbling Vireo	B	H	c	c	c	-
_____	Yellow-throated Vireo	B	h	c	c	c	-
<b>BLACK BIRDS AND ORIOLES:</b>							
_____	Bobolink	B	O	r	r	r	-
_____	Eastern Meadowlark	B	O	c	c	c	-
_____	Western Meadowlark	U	O	u	u	u	-

_____	Yellow-headed Blackbird	U	W	r	r	r	-
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_____	Red-winged Blackbird	B	W	a	a	a	-
_____	Rusty Blackbird	M	H	c	-	c	-
_____	Brewer's Blackbird	B	O	c	c	c	-
_____	Common Grackle	B	O	c	c	c	-
_____	Brown-headed Cowbird	B	O	c	c	c	-
_____	Baltimore Oriole	B	H	c	c	c	-
	<b>WARBLERS:</b>						
_____	Black and White Warbler	B	H	c	c	c	-
_____	Tennessee Warbler	B	B	c	u	c	-
_____	Orange Crowned Warbler	M	B	u	-	u	-
_____	Nashville Warbler	B	B	c	c	c	-
_____	Parula Warbler	B	C	c	c	c	-
_____	Yellow Warbler	B	B	a	a	a	-
_____	Magnolia Warbler	B	C	c	c	c	-
_____	Cape May Warbler	B	C	c	r	r	-
_____	Yellow-rumped Warbler	B	C	c	c	c	-
_____	Black-throated Green Warbler	B	C	a	a	a	-
_____	Black-throated Blue Warbler	B	H	u	u	u	-
_____	Blackburnian Warbler	B	C	c	c	c	-
_____	Chestnut-sided Warbler	B	A	a	a	a	-
_____	Bay-breasted Warbler	B	C	c	r	c	-
_____	Blackpoll Warbler	M	C	c	-	c	-
_____	Pine Warbler	B	C	r	r	r	-
_____	Palm Warbler	B	O	c	r	c	-
_____	Ovenbird	B	A	a	a	a	-
_____	Northern Waterthrush	B	W	c	u	c	-
_____	Yellowthroat	B	B	a	a	a	-
_____	Mourning Warbler	B	B	a	a	a	-
_____	Connecticut Warbler	B	O	u	u	r	-
_____	Prothonotary Warbler	U	H	u	-	-	-
_____	Wilson's Warbler	M	B	c	-	c	-
_____	Canada Warbler	B	A	c	c	c	-
_____	American Redstart	B	H	a	a	a	-
	<b>WEAVER</b>						
	<b>FINCHES:</b>						
_____	House Sparrow	R	O	r	r	r	r
	<b>TANAGERS:</b>						

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	GROSBEAKS AND FINCHES						
_____	Evening Grosbeak	R	C	c	c	c	a
_____	Pine Grosbeak	W	C	u	-	u	c
_____	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	B	H	c	c	c	-
_____	Cardinal	U	C	-	-	-	c
_____	Common Redpoll	W	O	-	-	-	c
_____	Hoary Redpoll	W	O	-	-	-	r
_____	Pine Siskin	R	C	c	u	c	c
_____	Red Crossbill	I	C	i	i	i	i
_____	White-winged Crossbill	I	C	i	i	i	i
_____	Rufous-sided Towhee	B	C	c	c	c	-
_____	Slate-colored Junco	M	O	c	u	c	r
_____	Lapland Longspur	W	O	-	-	-	u
	SPARROWS & BUNTINGS						
_____	Savannah Sparrow	U	O	r	r	r	-
_____	Grasshopper Sparrow	B	O	o	o	o	-
_____	Le Conte's Sparrow	B	O	r	r	r	-
_____	Sharp-tailed Sparrow	M	O	r	-	r	-
_____	Vesper Sparrow	B	O	r	r	r	-
_____	Tree Sparrow	W	O	u	-	u	u
_____	Chipping Sparrow	B	O	c	c	c	-
_____	Clay-colored Sparrow	B	O	u	r	u	-
_____	Harris' Sparrow	M	B	u	-	u	-
_____	White-crowned Sparrow	M	O	u	-	u	-
_____	White-throated Sparrow	B	A	a	a	a	-
_____	Fox Sparrow	M	C	c	-	c	-
_____	Lincoln's Sparrow	B	O	u	r	u	-
_____	Swamp Sparrow	B	B	c	c	c	-
_____	Song Sparrow	B	O	a	a	a	-
_____	Lark Sparrow	B	O	u	u	u	-
_____	Indigo Bunting	B	A	u	u	u	-
_____	Snow Bunting	W	O	-	-	-	o

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## YOUR CHIPPEWA NATIONAL FOREST...

The Chippewa is one of 156 National Forests managed for you by the U.S. Forest Service. National Forests are managed for a variety of uses. While birding on the Chippewa, you may use one of the many recreation facilities. You may also see land managed for wildlife, such as cavity nesting birds, white-tailed deer or water-fowl. Timber is harvested and, along with tourism, is the major industry in the area.

There is a wide spectrum of "places to call home." You are welcome to camp almost anywhere on Forest Service land. Maps showing National Forest System land are available at District Offices. Also, on the primitive end, the Forest manages undeveloped (dispersed) campsites. These sites range from drive-in lake access to a scenic island campsite. If you are looking for a developed campground, the Chippewa has 26, some with flush toilets and most have running water. If a more civilized setting is what you are after, numerous resorts are located within the Forest.

Where ever you stay, you can use the Forest's 160 miles of trails, 9 canoe routes, or visit a "unique area." The Forest has a rich history and a number of points of interest ranging from historic log buildings, magnificent stands of old growth pine, and wetlands with special plants.

We hope you enjoy your Chippewa National Forest!

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