

Birds of the Porcupine Mountains:

**A FIELD CHECKLIST**

\*\*\* Indicates birds known to nest in the area. **P=Permanent Residents**, present all year.

**S=Summer residents**, present all summer. **W=Winter visitors**, species that generally



reside year round in areas to the north of us. Individuals from these northern regions visit during winter months in search of food. Numbers vary widely from year to year. **M=Migrant**, these species reside seasonally in areas to our north and are not within our range. They are normally viewed in the park only during the spring and fall migrations. **V=Vagrant**, species outside its normal range, always irregular. **Abundance ratings**, consider these as a measure of the likelihood of your viewing or hearing each species in appropriate habitat. c=common, o=occasional, u=uncommon, r=rare.

**GAVIIFORMES**

**LOONS *Gaviidae***

- Common Loon S, u

**PODICEPEDIFORMES**

**GREBES *Podicipedidae***

- Horned Grebe M, u
- Pied-billed Grebe\*\*\* S, u

**PELECANIFORMES**

**CORMORANTS *Phalacrocoracidae***

- Dbl. Crested Cormorant\*\*\* S, c

**CICONIIFORMES**

**HERONS AND BITTERNS *Ardeidae***

- Great Blue Heron\*\*\* S, c
- Cattle Egret V
- American Bittern\*\*\* S, u

**ANSERIFORMES**

**GEESE *Anserinae***

- Canada Goose \*\*\* S, o / M, c

**MARSH DUCKS *Anatinae***

- Black Duck\*\*\* S, r / M, o
- Blue-winged Teal S, r / M, u
- Green-winged Teal\*\*\* S, r / M, u
- Mallard\*\*\* S, o / M, c
- Northern Shoveler\*\*\* S, r / M, u
- Wood Duck\*\*\* S, o / M, o

**DIVING DUCKS *Aythiinae***

- Bufflehead M, u
- Canvasback M, r
- Common Goldeneye M, c
- Lesser Scaup S, o / M, c
- Redhead M, r
- Ring-necked Duck\*\*\* S, u / M, u
- Oldsquaw V

**MERGANSERS *Merginae***

- Common Merganser\*\*\* S, c / M, c
- Hooded Merganser\*\*\* S, o / M, o
- Red-breasted Merganser\*\*\* S, o / M, o

**FALCONIFORMES**

**VULTURES *Cathartidae***

- Turkey Vulture\*\*\* S, o / M, c

**ACCIPITERS *Accipitrinae***

- Cooper's Hawk S, r / M, u
- Northern Goshawk\*\*\* P, r
- Sharp-shinned Hawk\*\*\* S, u / M, c

**BUTEOS *Buteoninae***

- Bald Eagle\*\*\* S, o / W, o
- Golden Eagle M, r
- Broad-winged Hawk\*\*\* S, c / M, c
- Red-tailed Hawk\*\*\* S, r / M, r
- Red-shouldered Hawk S, u
- Rough-legged Hawk V

**HARRIERS *Circinae***

- Northern Harrier S, u

**OSPREY *Pandionidae***

- Osprey S, r / M, u

**FALCONS *Falconinae***

- American Kestrel\*\*\* S, o / M, o
- Merlin\*\*\* S, o / M, o
- Peregrine Falcon\*\*\* S, r / M, r

**GALLIFORMES**

**GROUSE *Tetraonidae***

- Ruffed Grouse \*\*\* P, c

**GRUIFORMES**

**RAILS *Rallidae***

- Sora Rail\*\*\* S, r / M, o
- Virginia Rail\*\*\* S, u
- American Coot\*\*\* M, r

**CRANES *Gruidae***

- Sandhill Crane\*\*\* S, u / M, u

**CHARADRIIFORMES**

**PLOVERS *Charadriidae***

- Black-bellied Plover M, u
- Killdeer\*\*\* S, o / M, o

**SANDPIPERS *Scolopacidae***

- Greater Yellowlegs M, u
- Lesser Yellowlegs M, u
- Dunlin M, o
- Solitary Sandpiper M, r
- Upland Sandpiper M, u
- Least Sandpiper M, u
- Semipalmated Sandpiper M, u
- Spotted Sandpiper\*\*\* S, c / M, c
- American Woodcock\*\*\* S, c / M, c
- Common Snipe\*\*\* S, o / M, o

**GULLS *Larinae***

- Herring Gull\*\*\* P, c
- Ring-billed Gull\*\*\* S, c

**TERNs *Sterninae***

- Caspian Tern S, r / M, r
- Common Tern S, r / M, r

**COLUMBIFORMES**

**DOVES *Columbidae***

- Mourning Dove\*\*\* S, o / M, o

**CUCULIFORMES**

**CUCKOOS *Cuculidae***

- Black-billed Cuckoo\*\*\* S, u / M, r
- Yellow-billed Cuckoo S, u

**STRIGIFORMES**

**OWLS *Strigidae***

- Barred Owl\*\*\* P, o
- Boreal Owl W, r
- Great Horned Owl\*\*\* P, u
- Northern Saw-whet Owl\*\*\* S, o / M, o
- Snowy Owl W, r

**CAPRIMULGIFORMES**

**NIGHTJARS *Caprimulgidae***

- Common Nighthawk \*\*\* S, o / M, o
- Whip-poor-will\*\*\* S, o / M, c

**SWIFTS *Apodidae***

- Chimney Swift \*\*\* S, c / M, c

**HUMMINGBIRDS *Trochilidae***

- Ruby-thr. Hummingbird\*\*\* S, c

**CORACIIFORMES**

**KINGFISHERS *Alcedinidae***

- Belted Kingfisher\*\*\* S, c / M, c

**PICIFORMES**

**WOODPECKERS *Picidae***

- Black-backed Woodpecker\*\*\* P, u
- Downy Woodpecker \*\*\* P, c
- Hairy Woodpecker \*\*\* P, c
- Red-headed Woodpecker S, r / M, u
- Yellow-bellied Sapsucker\*\*\* S, c / M, c

<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Flicker***	S,c / M,c
<input type="checkbox"/> Pileated Woodpecker***	P,c
<b>PASSERIFORMES</b>	
<b>FLYCATCHERS <i>Tyrannidae</i></b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Wood-Pewee***	S,c / M,c
<input type="checkbox"/> Great-crested Flycatcher***	S,u / M,u
<input type="checkbox"/> Least Flycatcher***	S,c / M,c
<input type="checkbox"/> Alder Flycatcher***	S,o / M,o
<input type="checkbox"/> Olive-sided Flycatcher ***	S,r / M,r
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Phoebe***	S,c / M,c
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Kingbird***	S,c / M,c
<b>LARKS <i>Alaudidae</i></b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Horned Lark	M,r
<b>SWALLOWS <i>Hirundinidae</i></b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Purple Martin***	S,r / M,u
<input type="checkbox"/> Bank Swallow***	S,o / M,o
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn Swallow***	S,c / M,c
<input type="checkbox"/> Cliff Swallow***	S,o / M,o
<input type="checkbox"/> Rough-winged Swallow***	S,u / M,u
<input type="checkbox"/> Tree Swallow***	S,c / M,c
<b>JAYS &amp; CROWS <i>Corvidae</i></b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue Jay***	P,c
<input type="checkbox"/> Gray Jay	W,u
<input type="checkbox"/> American Crow***	S,c / M,c
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Raven***	P,c
<b>CHICKADEES <i>Paridae</i></b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-capped Chickadee***	P,c
<b>NUTHATCHS <i>Sittidae</i></b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-breasted Nuthatch***	P,c / M,c
<input type="checkbox"/> White-breasted Nuthatch***	P,o
<b>CREEPERS <i>Certhiidae</i></b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown Creeper***	S,c / M,c
<b>WRENS <i>Troglodytidae</i></b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> House Wren***	S,r / M,r
<input type="checkbox"/> Marsh Wren***	M,o
<input type="checkbox"/> Sedge Wren***	S,u / M,u
<input type="checkbox"/> Winter Wren***	S,c / M,c
<b>MIMIC THRUSHES <i>Mimidae</i></b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown Thrasher***	S,r / M,u
<input type="checkbox"/> Gray Catbird***	S,r / M,u
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Mockingbird	S,r / M,u
<b>THRUSHES <i>Turdidae</i></b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Robin***	S,c / M,c
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Bluebird***	S,u / M,u
<input type="checkbox"/> Hermit Thrush***	S,c / M,c
<input type="checkbox"/> Swainson's Thrush***	S,c / M,c
<input type="checkbox"/> Veery***	S,c / M,c
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Thrush***	S,o / M,o

<b>KINGLETS <i>Sylviidae</i></b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Golden-crowned Kinglet***	S,o / M,o
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-crowned Kinglet	M,o
<b>PIPITS <i>Motacillidae</i></b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Water Pipit	M,r
<b>WAXWINGS <i>Bombycillidae</i></b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bohemian Waxwing	W,u
<input type="checkbox"/> Cedar Waxwing***	S,c / M,c
<b>SHRIKES <i>Laniidae</i></b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Shrike	W,r
<b>STARLINGS <i>Sturnidae</i></b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> European Starling***	S,c / M,c
<b>VIREOS <i>Vireonidae</i></b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-eyed Vireo***	S,c / M,c
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue-headed Vireo***	S,u / M,u
<input type="checkbox"/> Warbling Vireo***	S,r / M,r
<b>WOOD WARBLERS <i>Parulidae</i></b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Redstart***	S,c / M,c
<input type="checkbox"/> Bay-breasted Warbler	S,c / M,r
<input type="checkbox"/> Black & White Warbler***	S,o / M,o
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-throated Bl. Warbler***	S,o / M,o
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-throated Gr. Warbler***	S,c / M,c
<input type="checkbox"/> Blackburnian Warbler ***	S,o / M,c
<input type="checkbox"/> Blackpoll Warbler	M,r
<input type="checkbox"/> Canada Warbler***	S,o / M,o
<input type="checkbox"/> Cape May Warbler***	S,r / M,o
<input type="checkbox"/> Chestnut-sided Warbler***	S,o / M,o
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Yellowthroat***	S,c / M,c
<input type="checkbox"/> Connecticut Warbler	S,r / M,r
<input type="checkbox"/> Magnolia Warbler***	S,o / M,o
<input type="checkbox"/> Mourning Warbler***	S,o / M,o
<input type="checkbox"/> Nashville Warbler***	S,o / M,o
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Parula Warbler***	S,u / M,u
<input type="checkbox"/> Orange-crowned Warbler	M,r
<input type="checkbox"/> Ovenbird***	S,c / M,c
<input type="checkbox"/> Palm Warbler	M,o
<input type="checkbox"/> Pine Warbler***	S,r / M,r
<input type="checkbox"/> Tennessee Warbler	S,r / M,o
<input type="checkbox"/> Wilson's Warbler	M,u
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow Warbler***	S,u / M,o
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-rumped Warbler***	S,c / M,c
<b>WEAVER FINCHES <i>Ploceidae</i></b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> House Sparrow***	M,r
<b>BLACKBIRDS <i>Icteridae</i></b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bobolink	M,r
<input type="checkbox"/> Brewer's Blackbird***	S,r / M,r
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown-headed Cowbird***	S,o / M,c
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Grackle***	S,r / M,o

<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Meadowlark	S,r / M,r
<input type="checkbox"/> Western Meadowlark	M,r
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-winged Blackbird***	S,c / M,c
<input type="checkbox"/> Rusty Blackbird	M,r
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-headed Blackbird	S,r / M,r
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Oriole***	S,r / M,u
<b>TANAGERS <i>Thraupidae</i></b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Scarlet Tanager***	S,r / M,o
<b>FINCHES &amp; SPARROWS <i>Fringillidae</i></b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Redpoll	W,u
<input type="checkbox"/> Evening Grosbeak***	S,o / M,o
<input type="checkbox"/> Indigo Bunting***	S,u / M,u
<input type="checkbox"/> Rufous-sided Towhee	M,r
<input type="checkbox"/> Rose-breasted Grosbeak***	S,o / M,o
<input type="checkbox"/> Snow Bunting	M,o
<input type="checkbox"/> American Goldfinch***	S,o / W,o
<input type="checkbox"/> Dark-eyed Junco***	S,c / M,c
<input type="checkbox"/> Pine Grosbeak	W,u
<input type="checkbox"/> Purple Finch***	S,o / M,o
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Cardinal ***	S,r / W,r
<input type="checkbox"/> Red Crossbill***	P,r
<input type="checkbox"/> White-winged Crossbill***	P,r
<input type="checkbox"/> Pine Siskin***	P,o
<input type="checkbox"/> American Tree Sparrow	M,o
<input type="checkbox"/> Chipping Sparrow***	S,c / M,c
<input type="checkbox"/> Clay-colored Sparrow***	S,r / M,r
<input type="checkbox"/> Fox Sparrow	M,o
<input type="checkbox"/> Harris' Sparrow	M,r
<input type="checkbox"/> Lincoln's Sparrow	M,r
<input type="checkbox"/> Savannah Sparrow***	S,u / M,u
<input type="checkbox"/> Song Sparrow***	S,o / M,o
<input type="checkbox"/> Swamp Sparrow***	S,o / M,o
<input type="checkbox"/> Vesper Sparrow	M,r
<input type="checkbox"/> White-crowned Sparrow	M,o
<input type="checkbox"/> White-throated Sparrow***	S,c / M,c
<input type="checkbox"/> Lapland Longspur	M,r

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