

Birds of the Byway

This is a partial list of birds seen along the Paul Bunyan Scenic Byway. For a complete list of Minnesota's 312 regular species, print The Minnesota Ornithologists' Union Checklist at moumn.org.

species	Sp	S	F	W	species	Sp	S	F	W
<input type="checkbox"/> Swan, Trumpeter	U	U	U	R	<input type="checkbox"/> Kingbird, Eastern	C	C	C	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Heron, Great Blue	C	C	C	-	<input type="checkbox"/> Vireo, Red-eyed	C	C	C	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Green	C	C	C	-	<input type="checkbox"/> Solitary	U	U	U	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Duck, American Wigeon	O	-	O	-	<input type="checkbox"/> Warbling	C	C	C	-
<input type="checkbox"/> American Black	R	-	R	-	<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-throated	C	C	C	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue-winged Teal	C	C	C	-	<input type="checkbox"/> Swallow, Tree	C	C	C	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Gadwall	O	-	O	-	<input type="checkbox"/> Chickadee, Black-capped	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Mallard	C	C	C	-	<input type="checkbox"/> Nuthatch, Red-breasted	O	O	O	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Shoveler	O	-	O	-	<input type="checkbox"/> White-breasted	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood	C	C	C	-	<input type="checkbox"/> Wren, Marsh	O	O	O	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Merganser, Common	O	-	O	-	<input type="checkbox"/> Sedge	C	C	C	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Hooded	C	C	C	-	<input type="checkbox"/> Bluebird, Eastern	C	C	C	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-breasted	O	-	O	-	<input type="checkbox"/> Thrush, Gray-cheeked	R	-	R	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Grouse, Ruffed	C	C	C	C	<input type="checkbox"/> Hermit	U	U	U	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Loon, Common	C	C	C	-	<input type="checkbox"/> Swainson's	C	R	C	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Grebe, Eared	R	-	R	-	<input type="checkbox"/> Wood	R	R	R	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Horned	U	-	U	-	<input type="checkbox"/> Robin, American	C	C	C	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Pied-billed	C	C	C	-	<input type="checkbox"/> Ovenbird	C	C	C	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-necked	U	-	U	-	<input type="checkbox"/> Warbler, Chestnut-sided	C	C	C	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Bittern, American	U	U	U	-	<input type="checkbox"/> Common Yellowthroat	C	C	C	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Least	R	R	R	-	<input type="checkbox"/> Nashville	C	C	C	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Bald Eagle	C	C	C	C	<input type="checkbox"/> Pine	C	C	C	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Osprey	C	C	C	-	<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow	C	C	C	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Hawk, American Kestrel	C	C	C	-	<input type="checkbox"/> Redstart, American	C	C	C	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Cooper's	U	U	U	U	<input type="checkbox"/> Towhee, Eastern	O	O	O	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Broad-winged	C	C	C	-	<input type="checkbox"/> Sparrow, Chipping	C	C	C	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-tailed	C	C	C	-	<input type="checkbox"/> Savannah	C	C	C	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Rough-legged	R	R	R	U	<input type="checkbox"/> Song	C	C	C	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Coot, American	C	C	C	-	<input type="checkbox"/> Junco, Dark-eyed	C	-	C	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Crane, Sandhill	U	U	U	-	<input type="checkbox"/> Tanager, Scarlet	C	C	C	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Killdeer	C	C	C	-	<input type="checkbox"/> Cardinal, Northern	U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Tern, Black	O	O	O	-	<input type="checkbox"/> Bobolink	U	U	U	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Owl, Barred	C	C	C	C	<input type="checkbox"/> Blackbird, Red-winged	C	C	C	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Horned	C	C	C	C	<input type="checkbox"/> Meadowlark, Eastern	C	C	C	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Hawk	-	-	-	R	<input type="checkbox"/> Oriole, Baltimore	C	C	-	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Snowy	-	-	-	R	<input type="checkbox"/> Finch, House	U	U	U	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Nighthawk, Common	C	C	C	-	<input type="checkbox"/> Purple	U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Whip-poor-will	R	R	R	-	<input type="checkbox"/> Redpoll, Common	-	-	-	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Woodpecker, Black-backed	-	-	-	R	<input type="checkbox"/> Goldfinch, American	U	C	C	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Downy	C	C	C	C	<input type="checkbox"/> Grosbeak, Evening	-	-	-	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Hairy	C	C	C	C	<input type="checkbox"/> Pine	-	-	-	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Pileated	C	C	C	C	<input type="checkbox"/> Rose-breasted	C	C	C	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-bellied	U	U	U	U					
<input type="checkbox"/> Flycatcher, Alder	C	C	C	-					
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Crested	C	C	C	-					
<input type="checkbox"/> Least	C	C	C	-					

Season and abundance status codes

C = Common; U = Uncommon; O = Occasional; R = Rare

Sp = Mar. to May; S = June to Aug.;

F = Sept. to Nov.; W = Dec. to Feb.



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Tour Guide & Checklist

A self-guided tour of bird watching
along the Paul Bunyan Scenic Byway

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Nestled among the lakes of Central Minnesota's
Lake Country, the Paul Bunyan Scenic Byway offers
many opportunities to enjoy nature's beauty.



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All mileage shown in miles. CSAH = County State Aid Highway.

On CSAH 11 - From Jct. Hwy. 371 & CSAH 11 in Pequot Lakes.

miles site

- 1) 1.9 On South side **Rice Lake Lowell Wildlife Management Area** - marsh on North side
Spring: Osprey, Common Loon, Grebe, Blue-winged Teal, Mallard, Wood duck, nesting bald eagle, American Bittern, Red-winged Blackbird, Song Sparrow
Summer & Fall: same as spring plus; Common Yellowthroat, Yellow Warbler, Pine Warbler, Nashville Warbler, Green Heron, Trumpeter Swan
- 2) 3.1 Marsh on South side
Spring: Red-winged Blackbird, Great Blue Heron, Song Sparrow
Summer: same as spring plus; Black Tern, Rail, Common Yellowthroat, Yellow Warbler
- 3) 7.2 **Shaffer Lake** on South side - **Chiarella FMA** on North side (Timberlane Rd.)
Spring & Fall: Loon, Grebe, ducks, Great Blue Heron, Eastern Bluebird, Red-winged Blackbird
Summer: same as spring & fall plus; Marsh Wren, Chestnut-sided Warbler, American Redstart, Red-eyed Vireo
- 4) 7.6 Marsh on North & South sides
Spring, Summer & Fall: rails, Osprey, warblers, Scarlet Tanager, Black Tern
In pines - Great Crested Flycatcher, Least Flycatcher

On CSAH 3 - Start point of mileage reference remains at the stoplights in Pequot Lakes.

miles site

- 5) 12.5 All along this portion
Spring, Summer, Fall: Common Loon, Grebe, ducks, herons

On CSAH 66 - Start point of mileage reference remains at the stoplights in Pequot Lakes.

miles site

- 6) 14.8 **Crosslake Recreation Area**
Spring & Fall: variety of waterfowl
Summer: waterfowl plus; flycatchers, warblers
- 7) 17.7 Osprey platform on West side
Spring, Summer & Fall: Osprey
- 8) 19.5 Residential yards
Spring & Summer: bluebirds, Tree Swallow (boxes)
- 9) 20.1 Large field at junction of CSAH 66 and CSAH 1
Spring & Summer: Meadowlark, Bobolink, Killdeer, Savannah Sparrow, bluebirds, American Kestrel, Red-tailed Hawk, swallows, Eastern Kingbird

On CSAH 1 - From Jct. CSAH 66 & CSAH 1 to Jct. CSAH 1 & CSAH 15.

miles site

- 10) 2.1 Large marsh on both sides
Spring, Summer & Fall: American Bittern, ducks, Rail, Alder Flycatcher, Marsh Wren, Sedge Wren, Common Yellowthroat, Yellow Warblers, Red-winged Blackbirds,
- 11) 3.1 Beaver lodge on West side
Spring & Fall: Wood Duck, Grebe
Summer: same as Spring & Fall plus; Common Yellowthroat, Yellow Warbler
- 12) 2.8 In the pines along CSAH 1 on either side of site #11
to **All year:** woodpeckers, nuthatches
8.4 **Summer:** same as above plus; warblers, vireos

On CSAH 1 - From Jct. CSAH 1 & CSAH 15 West to Pine River.

miles site

- 12) .1 Ash trees South side - warblers, vireos, thrushes, flycatchers
.2 Bluebird trail
.4 Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Tree Swallow
.5 Creek & swamp - Green Heron, American Bittern
1.0 Pasture on South - Bobolink
1.2 Pasture on South, willow swamp on North
warblers, vireos, Sedge Wren, Red-winged Blackbird
2.0 Pastures on North & South - Bobolink, Red-winged Blackbird, Sedge Wren, Savannah & Song Sparrow
2.6 Cass County Line - Pasture on North - Red-winged Blackbird, Bobolink, Sedge Wren, Savannah & Song Sparrow.
2.8 Pines on North & South - Indigo Bunting
3.1 Marsh on North - Red-winged Blackbird, Common Yellowthroat, Yellow Warbler, Swamp Sparrow
- 13) 3.2 At **Arvig Creek** on North & South
Spring, Summer, Fall: American Bittern, herons, Wood Duck, Hooded Merganser, Sedge Wrens, Swamp Sparrow
3.3 Pines - Pine Warbler, American Redstart
3.8 Spruce plantation on North, fields on South - Ovenbird, Scarlet Tanager
4.2 Creek & fields North & South - American Bittern, herons
- 14) 5.4 At **Pine River Dam**
Spring, Summer, Fall: ducks, geese, Ringbill Gull, swallows

On CSAH 15 - From Jct. CSAH 1 & CSAH 15 to Jenkins.

miles site

- 15) 2.3 At the **Pine River Bridge**
Spring & Fall: ducks, Hooded Merganser
Summer: same as Spring & Fall plus; Clay-colored Sparrow (in small pines)
- 16) 3.9 **Deer Lake** on North side
Spring, Summer & Fall: Common Loon, ducks, Grebe, herons
- Large Fields along CSAH 15
Spring, Summer & Fall: Meadowlark, Bobolink, Savannah Sparrow, bluebirds, swallows, Eastern Kingbird, American Kestrel

On CSAH 16 - Beginning at the intersection of Hwy. 371 & CSAH 16.

miles site

- 17) - At the intersection along the **Paul Bunyan Trail**
Spring, Summer & Fall: American Goldfinch, Song Sparrow, Clay-colored Sparrow, towhees, vireos, Nashville Warbler (in pines)
- 18) 2.6 **Veterans Memorial Walking Trail** - a must see location
Spring: Pine Warbler, Black & White Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Least Flycatcher, Yellow-throated Vireo
Summer: Ovenbird, Red-eyed Vireo, Scarlet Tanager, Barred Owl, Song Sparrow
Fall: Red-breasted Nuthatch, Ruffed Grouse, Wood Duck, Purple Finch
- 19) 9.3 **Uppgaard Wildlife Management Area** - another must see location
Spring & Fall: annual migrations - view almost anything! Most likely - warblers, vireos, thrushes, flycatchers, bluebirds, orioles, tanagers, sparrows
Summer: same as Spring & Fall plus; wrens, woodpeckers, grouse, water birds of all varieties
- 20) 10.9 Marsh on South side
Spring, Summer & Fall: Grebe, herons, rails, Osprey