

Sleeping Bear Dunes

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National Lakeshore



Bird Checklist



SEASONAL ABUNDANCE

- **Sp**=Mar-May, **Su**=Jun-Aug, **Fa**=Sep-Nov, **Wi**=Dec-Feb
- **Common (C)** – Likely to be seen in appropriate habitat.
- **Uncommon (U)** – Not usually seen even in appropriate habitat.
- **Rare (R)** – Present annually in very small numbers.
- **Occasional (O)** – Not usually present in this area but there are records of occurrence. (* – Less than 3 records.)
- **Irruptive (I)** – Irregularly present, sometimes in large numbers.

STATUS

- **Endangered (E)** – Population in immediate danger of extinction or extirpation (total loss from a particular area).
- **Threatened (T)** – Numbers low and declining. Likely to become endangered if there is no intervention.
- **Special Concern (SC)** – Numbers declining.
- **Exotic (Ex)** – Not native to this area.
- **Breeding (B)** – Breeds at Sleeping Bear Dunes. (? – May breed at Sleeping Bear Dunes but not confirmed)

Species	✓	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi	Status
LOONS AND GREBES						
Common Loon		C	U	C	O	T, B
Red-throated Loon					O*	
Pied-billed Grebe		U	R	U		B
Horned Grebe		U		U	U	
Red-necked Grebe		O		R	R	
Eared Grebe			O*			
PELICANS AND CORMORANTS						
American White Pelican		O	O*			
Double-crested Cormorant		C	C	C		B
HERONS, EGRETS AND BITTERNS						
American Bittern		R	R			SC
Least Bittern			R			T, B
Great Blue Heron		C	C	C	R	
Great Egret		R	R			
Snowy Egret		O*				
Cattle Egret		O*		O*		
Green Heron		U	C	U		B
Black-crowned Night Heron			O*	O*		SC
Yellow-crowned Night Heron			O*			
Wood Stork		O*				
SWANS, GEESE AND DUCKS						
Tundra Swan		U		O		
Mute Swan		C	C	C	C	Ex, B
Snow Goose		O*		R		
Canada Goose		C	C	C	R	B
Wood Duck		C	C	C	R	B
Green-winged Teal		U	O*	U		
American Black Duck		U	R	U	U	B
Mallard		C	C	C	C	B
Northern Pintail		R	O*	R		
Blue-winged Teal		C	U	C		B
Northern Shoveler		R				
American Widgeon		U		U		
Gadwall		R		R		
Canvasback		U	O*		O*	
Redhead		U	O*			
Ring-necked Duck		U	O*	U		
Lesser Scaup		U	R	U		
Greater Scaup		C		C	C	
Long-tailed Duck		U		U	U	
Black Scoter					O*	
Surf Scoter		O		O	O	
White-winged Scoter		U		U	U	
Common Goldeneye		C		C	C	
Bufflehead		C	O*	C	C	
Hooded Merganser		U	U	U	R	B

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SWANS, GEESE AND DUCKS (CONTINUED)						
Common Merganser		C	C	C	U	B
Red-breasted Merganser		C	R	U	O	B
Ruddy Duck		O*				
DIURNAL RAPTORS						
Black Vulture		O*				
Turkey Vulture		C	C	U		B
Swallow-tailed Kite			O*			
Osprey		R	O	O*		T
Bald Eagle		U	U	U	U	T, B
Northern Harrier		U	R	R		SC, B
Sharp-shinned Hawk		C	R	U	R	B
Cooper's Hawk		R	R	R	R	SC, B
Northern Goshawk		R	R	R	R	SC, B
Red-shouldered Hawk		U	R	U	O	T, B
Broad-winged Hawk		C	R	C		B
Red-tailed Hawk		C	U	C	R	B
Rough-legged Hawk		U		U	R	
Golden Eagle		R	O*			
American Kestrel		U	U	U	O	B
Merlin		U	R	R	O*	T, B
Peregrine Falcon		O		O		E
GALLINACEOUS BIRDS						
Ring-necked Pheasant		R	R	R	R	Ex, B
Ruffed Grouse		U	U	U	U	B
Wild Turkey		C	C	C	C	B
Northern Bobwhite		R	R	R	R	B?
CRANES, RAILS AND COOTS						
Virginia Rail		R	R	R		B
Sora		U	U			B
Common Moorhen		O*				SC
American Coot		R	O*			
Sandhill Crane		U	R			B
SHOREBIRDS						
Black-bellied Plover		R		R		
American Golden Plover				O*		
Semipalmated Plover		U		U		
Piping Plover		R	R			E, B
Killdeer		C	C	C	O	B
American Avocet		O*				
Greater Yellowlegs		R		R		
Lesser Yellowlegs		U		U		
Solitary Sandpiper		C		C		
Willet		O*	O*			
Spotted Sandpiper		C	C			B
Upland Sandpiper		U	U			B
Whimbrel		O				

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SHOREBIRDS (CONTINUED)						
Ruddy Turnstone		R	O*	R		
Sanderling		C	R	C		
Semipalmated Sandpiper		U	R	U		
Western Sandpiper			O*			
Least Sandpiper		U	R	U		
White-rumped Sandpiper			O*			
Baird's Sandpiper		O*	O	R		
Pectoral Sandpiper			R	R		
Dunlin		R				
Stilt Sandpiper				R		
Buff-breasted Sandpiper			O*			
Short-billed Dowitcher		R	R	O		
Wilson's Snipe		U	R	U	O*	B?
American Woodcock		C	U	U		B
Wilson's Phalarope		O*	O*			SC
GULLS AND TERNS						
Bonaparte's Gull		U	O*	U	O	
Ring-billed Gull		C	C	C	C	B
Herring Gull		C	C	C	C	B
Lesser Black-backed Gull					O*	
Glaucous Gull		R			R	
Great Black-backed Gull		R	O*		R	
Caspian Tern		U	U	U		T, B?
Forster's Tern		O*	O*			SC
Common Tern		R	R	R		T
Black Tern		O*	O*			SC
PIGEONS AND DOVES						
Rock Pigeon		U	U	U	U	Ex, B
Mourning Dove		C	C	C	C	B
CUCKOOS						
Black-billed Cuckoo		U	U	U		B
Yellow-billed Cuckoo		U	U			B
OWLS						
Eastern Screech Owl		R	R	R	R	B?
Great Horned Owl		U	U	U	U	B
Snowy Owl		I			I	
Barred Owl		U	U	U	U	B
Northern Hawk Owl					O*	
Long-eared Owl		O	O	O	O	T, B?
Short-eared Owl		O*				E
Northern Saw-whet Owl		R	R	R	R	B
NIGHTHAWKS AND SWIFTS						
Common Nighthawk		R	R	R		B
Whip-Poor-Will		O	O			B?
Chimney Swift		U	U	R		B

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HUMMINGBIRDS AND KINGFISHERS						
Ruby-throated Hummingbird		C	C	C		B
Belted Kingfisher		C	C	U	O	B
WOODPECKERS						
Red-headed Woodpecker		R	R	R	O	B
Red-bellied Woodpecker		U	U	U	U	B
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		U	R	U	O	B?
Downy Woodpecker		C	C	C	C	B
Hairy Woodpecker		C	C	C	C	B
Black-backed Woodpecker				O*		SC
Three-toed Woodpecker			O*			
Northern Flicker		C	C	C	O	B
Pileated Woodpecker		U	U	U	U	B
FLYCATCHERS						
Olive-sided Flycatcher		O	R	R		B
Eastern Wood Pewee		C	C	U		B?
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher		O	O	O		B?
Acadian Flycatcher		O	O	O		B?
Alder Flycatcher		U	U			B?
Willow Flycatcher		R	R			B?
Least Flycatcher		C	C	U		B
Eastern Phoebe		C	C	C		B
Great-crested Flycatcher		C	C	U		B
Eastern Kingbird		C	C	U		B
Western Kingbird		O*		O*		
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher		O*				
SHRIKES AND VIREOS						
Northern Shrike		U		U	U	
Loggerhead Shrike		O	O		O*	E, B?
White-eyed Vireo		O*		O*		
Yellow-throated Vireo		R	R			B?
Blue-headed Vireo		U	U	U		B
Warbling Vireo		U	U			B
Philadelphia Vireo		R	O*	O*		B?
Red-eyed Vireo		C	C	C		B
JAYS AND CROWS						
Blue Jay		C	C	C	C	B
American Crow		C	C	C	C	B
Common Raven		U	U	U	U	B
LARKS						
Horned Lark		C	U	U	O*	B
SWALLOWS						
Purple Martin		R	R			B
Tree Swallow		C	C	R		B
N. Rough-winged Swallow		U	U			B
Bank Swallow		C	C	R		B
Cliff Swallow		R	R			B
Barn Swallow		C	C	C		B
CHICKADEES, TITMICE, NUTHATCHES AND CREEPERS						
Black-capped Chickadee		C	C	C	C	B
Tufted Titmouse		C	C	C	C	B
Red-breasted Nuthatch		C	C	C	C	B
White-breasted Nuthatch		C	C	C	C	B
Brown Creeper		U	R	U	O	B
WRENS						
Carolina Wren		O	O	O	O	B?
House Wren		U	U	U		B
Winter Wren		U	U	U	O	B
Sedge Wren		R	R	R		B?
Marsh Wren		R	R	R		SC, B?

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KINGLETS AND GNATCATCHERS						
Golden-crowned Kinglet		U		U	U	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet		C	O	C		B?
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher		R	R	R		B
THRUSHES						
Eastern Bluebird		C	C	C		B
Townsend's Solitaire					O*	
Veery		U	U	U		B
Gray-cheeked Thrush		R		R		
Swainson's Thrush		U	R	U		B?
Hermit Thrush		C	U	C		B
Wood Thrush		U	U	U		B?
American Robin		C	C	C	R	B
Varied Thrush			O*		O*	
CATBIRDS AND THRASHERS						
Gray Catbird		C	C	C	O*	B
Northern Mockingbird		R	R	R	R	B
Brown Thrasher		U	U	U		B
STARLINGS, PIPITS AND WAXWINGS						
European Starling		C	C	C	U	Ex, B
American Pipit		R		R		
Bohemian Waxwing		I		I	I	
Cedar Waxwing		C	C	C	C	B
WOOD WARBLERS						
Blue-winged Warbler		O	O*			B?
Golden-winged Warbler		R	R			B?
Tennessee Warbler		U		U		
Orange-crowned Warbler		R		O*		
Nashville Warbler		C	U	U		B
Northern Parula		U	R	O		B?
Yellow Warbler		C	C	C		B
Chestnut-sided Warbler		U	R	R		B
Magnolia Warbler		U	R	R		B
Cape May Warbler		U		R		
Blk-throated Blue Warbler		U	U	R		B
Yellow-rumped Warbler		C	U	C	O*	B
Black-throated Green		C	C	C		B
Blackburnian Warbler		U	R	R		B
Yellow-throated Warbler		O*				T
Pine Warbler		C	C	U		B
Prairie Warbler		R	R			E, B
Palm Warbler		C		C		
Bay-breasted Warbler		R		R		
Blackpoll Warbler		R		R		
Cerulean Warbler		O*	O*			SC
Black and White Warbler		C	U	C		B
American Redstart		C	C	C		B
Prothonotary Warbler		O*				SC
Ovenbird		C	C	C		B
Worm-eating Warbler		O*				
Northern Waterthrush		U	U	U		B
Kentucky Warbler		O*				
Connecticut Warbler		O				
Mourning Warbler		U	U	R		B
Common Yellowthroat		C	C	C		B
Hooded Warbler		O*	O*			SC, B?
Wilson's Warbler		U		R		
Canada Warbler		U	R	R		B?
Yellow-breasted Chat		O				

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TANAGERS, CARDINALS AND ALLIES						
Scarlet Tanager		C	U	U		B
Northern Cardinal		U	U	U	U	B
Rose-breasted Grosbeak		C	C	C		B
Indigo Bunting		C	C	C		B
Dickcissel		I	I			SC, B?
SPARROWS AND ALLIES						
Eastern Towhee		U	U	U	O	B?
American Tree Sparrow		C		C	I	
Chipping Sparrow		C	C	C		B
Clay-colored Sparrow		R	R	R		B
Field Sparrow		U	U	U		B
Vesper Sparrow		C	C	C		B
Lark Sparrow				O*		
Savannah Sparrow		U	U	U		B
Grasshopper Sparrow		U	U	U		SC, B
LeConte's Sparrow				O*		
Fox Sparrow		U		U		
Song Sparrow		C	C	C	R	B
Lincoln's Sparrow		U	O*	U		B?
Swamp Sparrow		C	C	U		B
White-throated Sparrow		C	U	C	R	B
White-crowned Sparrow		C		C	O*	
Harris's Sparrow		O*	O*	O*	O*	
Dark-eyed Junco		C	O	C	U	B?
Lapland Longspur		R		R		
Snow Bunting		U		U	I	
BLACKBIRDS						
Bobolink		U	U			B
Eastern Meadowlark		C	C	C		B
Western Meadowlark		O	O			SC, B
Yellow-headed Blackbird		O*	O*			SC
Red-winged Blackbird		C	C	C	R	B
Rusty Blackbird		R		R		
Brewer's Blackbird		O	O	O	O*	B
Brown-headed Cowbird		C	C	C		B
Common Grackle		C	C	C	R	B
Baltimore Oriole		C	C			B
Orchard Oriole		O*	O			B
FINCHES AND OLD WORLD SPARROWS						
Evening Grosbeak		R	O	R	I	B?
Pine Grosbeak		I			I	
Purple Finch		U	U	U	U	B
House Finch		C	C	C	C	Ex, B
Common Redpoll		I		I	I	
Pine Siskin		U	O	U	I	B
American Goldfinch		C	C	C	C	B
Red Crossbill		O*	O*		O*	B?
White-winged Crossbill					I	
House Sparrow		U	U	U	U	Ex, B

References: "Birds of Leelanau County and Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore: An Annotated Checklist" by Chip Francke and Leonard Graf
Local experts