

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, pick up The Minnesota's Ornithologists' Union Checklist.

species	Sp	S	F	W	species	Sp	S	F	W
<input type="checkbox"/> Loon, common.....	C	C	C	-	<input type="checkbox"/> Kingbird.....	C	C	C	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Grebe, eared.....	R	-	R	-	<input type="checkbox"/> Swallow, tree.....	C	C	C	-
<input type="checkbox"/> horned.....	U	-	U	-	<input type="checkbox"/> Chickadee, black-capped.....	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> pied-billed.....	C	C	C	-	<input type="checkbox"/> Nuthatch, red-breasted.....	O	O	O	O
<input type="checkbox"/> red-necked.....	U	-	U	-	<input type="checkbox"/> white-breasted.....	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Bittern, American.....	U	U	U	-	<input type="checkbox"/> Wren, marsh.....	O	O	O	-
<input type="checkbox"/> least.....	R	R	R	-	<input type="checkbox"/> sedge.....	C	C	C	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Heron, great blue.....	C	C	C	-	<input type="checkbox"/> Bluebird, eastern.....	C	C	C	-
<input type="checkbox"/> green.....	C	C	C	-	<input type="checkbox"/> Thrush, gray-cheeked.....	R	-	R	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Duck, American Wigeon.....	O	-	O	-	<input type="checkbox"/> hermit.....	U	U	U	-
<input type="checkbox"/> American black.....	R	-	R	-	<input type="checkbox"/> Swainson's.....	C	R	C	-
<input type="checkbox"/> blue-winged teal.....	C	C	C	-	<input type="checkbox"/> wood.....	R	R	R	-
<input type="checkbox"/> gadwall.....	O	-	O	-	<input type="checkbox"/> Robin, American.....	C	C	C	-
<input type="checkbox"/> mallard.....	C	C	C	-	<input type="checkbox"/> Vireo, red-eyed.....	C	C	C	-
<input type="checkbox"/> northern shoveler.....	O	-	O	-	<input type="checkbox"/> solitary.....	U	U	U	-
<input type="checkbox"/> wood.....	C	C	C	-	<input type="checkbox"/> warbling.....	C	C	C	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Merganser, common.....	O	-	O	-	<input type="checkbox"/> yellow-throated.....	C	C	C	-
<input type="checkbox"/> hooded.....	C	C	C	-	<input type="checkbox"/> Warbler, chestnut-sided.....	C	C	C	-
<input type="checkbox"/> red-breasted.....	O	-	O	-	<input type="checkbox"/> common yellowthroat.....	C	C	C	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Bald eagle.....	C	C	C	C	<input type="checkbox"/> Nashville.....	C	C	C	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Osprey.....	C	C	C	-	<input type="checkbox"/> pine.....	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"/> Tanager, scarlet.....	C	C	C	-
<input type="checkbox"/> broad-winged.....	C	C	C	-	<input type="checkbox"/> Cardinal, Northern.....	R	R	R	-
<input type="checkbox"/> red-tailed.....	C	C	C	-	<input type="checkbox"/> Grosbeak, rose-breasted.....	C	C	C	-
<input type="checkbox"/> rough-legged.....	R	R	R	-	<input type="checkbox"/> Towhee, eastern.....	O	O	O	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Grouse.....	C	C	C	C	<input type="checkbox"/> Sparrow, Savannah.....	C	C	C	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Rail, coot.....	C	C	C	-	<input type="checkbox"/> song.....	C	C	C	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Crane, sandhill.....	U	U	U	-	<input type="checkbox"/> Junco, dark-eyed.....	C	-	C	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Killdeer.....	C	C	C	-	<input type="checkbox"/> Bobolink.....	U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Tern, black.....	O	O	O	-	<input type="checkbox"/> Red-winged blackbird.....	C	C	C	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Owl, barred.....	C	C	C	C	<input type="checkbox"/> Meadowlark, eastern.....	C	C	C	-
<input type="checkbox"/> eastern screech.....	R	R	R	R	<input type="checkbox"/> Oriole, Baltimore.....	C	C	-	-
<input type="checkbox"/> great horned.....	C	C	C	C	<input type="checkbox"/> Finch, gold, American.....	U	C	C	U
<input type="checkbox"/> northern hawk.....	-	-	-	R	<input type="checkbox"/> house.....	U	U	U	-
<input type="checkbox"/> snowy.....	-	-	-	R	<input type="checkbox"/> purple.....	U	U	U	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Whip-poor-will.....	R	R	R	-	<input type="checkbox"/> Crossbill.....	-	-	-	R
<input type="checkbox"/> Woodpecker, black-backed.....	-	-	-	R	<input type="checkbox"/> Redpoll, common.....	-	-	-	O
<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"/> 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	-					
<input type="checkbox"/> olive-sided.....	R	R	R	-					
<input type="checkbox"/> yellow-bellied.....	R	-	R	-					

Season and abundance status codes	
C - Common	Sp - March to May
U - Uncommon	S - June to August
O - Occasional	F - Sept. to Nov.
R - Rare	W - Dec. to Feb.



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Tour Guide

A self-guided tour of bird watching along the Paul Bunyan Scenic Byway
www.paulbunyan scenicbyway.org

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



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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 lake on South side - marsh on North side
Spring: osprey, 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
- 2) 3.1 marsh on South side
Spring: red-winged blackbird, great blue heron, song sparrow
Summer: same as spring plus; black tern, rails, common yellowthroat, yellow warbler
- 3) 7.2 Shaffer Lake on South side
Spring & Fall: loon, grebe, ducks, great blue heron, 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: 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 swallows (boxes)
- 9) 20.1 large field at junction of CSAH 66 and CSAH 1
Spring & Summer: meadowlarks, bobolinks, killdeer, Savannah sparrows, bluebirds, kestrels, red-tailed hawks, swallows, kingbirds

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: bittern, ducks, rails, alder flycatcher, marsh wren, sedge wren, common yellowthroat and yellow warblers, red-winged blackbirds,
- 11) 3.1 beaver lodge on West side
Spring & Fall: wood ducks, grebes
Summer: same as Spring & Fall plus; common yellowthroat and yellow warblers
- 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 swallows
- .5 creek & swamp - green herons, bitterns
- 1.0 pasture on South, bobolinks
- 1.2 pasture on South, willow swamp on North
warblers, vireos, sedge wrens, red-winged blackbirds
- 2.0 pastures on North & South - bobolinks, red-winged blackbirds, sedge wrens, savannah & song sparrows
- 2.6 Cass County Line - Pasture on North - red-winged blackbirds, bobolinks, sedge wrens, savannah & song sparrow.
- 2.8 pines on North & South - indigo bunting
- 3.1 marsh on North - red-winged blackbird, yellowthroat & yellow warblers, swamp sparrow
- 13) 3.2 at Arvig Creek on North & South
Spring, Summer, Fall: bitterns, herons, wood ducks, hooded mergansers, sedge wrens, swamp sparrow
- 3.3 pines - pine & redstart warblers
- 3.8 spruce plantation on North, fields on South - ovenbird, scarlet tanager
- 4.2 creek & fields North & South - bitterns, herons
- 14) 5.4 at Pine River Dam
Spring, Summer, Fall: ducks, geese, ringbill gulls, 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 mergansers
Summer: same as Spring & Fall plus; clay-colored sparrows (in small pines)
- 16) 3.9 Deer Lake on North side
Spring, Summer & Fall: loons, ducks, grebes, herons
- Large Fields along CSAH 15
Spring, Summer & Fall: meadowlarks, bobolinks, Savannah sparrows, bluebirds, swallows, kingbirds, kestrels

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: goldfinches, song sparrows, clay-colored sparrows, towhees, vireos, Nashville warblers (in pines)
- 18) 9.3 Uppgaard Wildlife Management Area - a must see location
Spring & Fall: annual migrations - view almost anything! Most likely viewing - warblers, vireos, thrushes, flycatchers, bluebirds, orioles, tanagers, sparrows
Summer: same as Spring & Fall plus; wrens, woodpeckers, grouse, water birds of all varieties
- 19) 10.9 marsh on South side
Spring, Summer & Fall: grebes, herons, rails, osprey

Over Entire Route

During winter look for these species: bald eagles, hawks, owls, woodpeckers (hairy, downy, red-bellied, pileated), nuthatches (white breasted, red breasted), finches (grosbeaks, redpolls, crossbills, tree sparrows, juncos). Large fields offer likely viewing of meadowlarks, killdeer, bluebirds. Power lines near fields offer likely viewing of kestrels.