

St. Louis Area Checklist

The St. Louis area "circle" consists of the City of St. Louis and all points within 50 miles of its city limits, stretched a bit on the east to include the entire Carlyle Lake, IL area. To the north it includes Scottville, IL; to the south, Farmington, MO; and to the west, New Haven, MO.

The seasons are defined as follows

Spring (March - May)

Summer (June - July)¹

Fall (August - November)

Winter (December - February)

¹ Some shorebirds and other spring migrant species may be found into June; these are not listed in the "Su" column. Similarly, southbound shorebirds and terns often appear in July; these are fall migrants and, again, are not listed for "Su."

C: Common to abundant; should be found on most trips in proper habitat.

U: Uncommon; present in proper habitat, but more local and/or less numerous.

O: Occasional; occurrence usually annual, but in very low numbers.

R: Rare; found at intervals of 1 to 5 years. Species that are not rare on an annual basis, but found out of season at a frequency of 4 or more times, are marked "R" for that season.

*: Nests or has nested in area.

The rarest species are found in the Accidentals section at the end of the main list.

Ducks, Geese, and Swans	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
___ G. White-fronted Goose	C	R	C	C
___ Snow Goose	C	O	C	C
___ Ross's Goose	U		U	U
___ Cackling Goose	U		U	U
___ Canada Goose*	C	C	C	C
___ Mute Swan	U		U	U
___ Trumpeter Swan	U		C	C
___ Tundra Swan	U		U	U
___ Wood Duck*	C	C	C	O
___ Gadwall	C	O	C	C
___ American Wigeon	C		C	O
___ American Black Duck	U		U	U
___ Mallard*	C	C	C	C
___ Mottled Duck	R	R	R	
___ Blue-winged Teal	C	R	C	R
___ Cinnamon Teal	O		R	
___ Northern Shoveler	C	O	C	U
___ Northern Pintail	C		C	U
___ Green-winged Teal	C	R	C	U
___ Canvasback	C	R	C	C
___ Redhead	U		U	O
___ Ring-necked Duck	C		C	U
___ Greater Scaup	U		U	U
___ Lesser Scaup	C		C	U
___ Surf Scoter	O		O	O
___ White-winged Scoter	O		O	O
___ Black Scoter	O		O	R
___ Long-tailed Duck	O		O	O
___ Bufflehead	C		C	U
___ Common Goldeneye	C	R	C	C
___ Hooded Merganser*	C	O	C	U
___ Common Merganser	U		U	C
___ Red-breasted Merganser	C		C	U
___ Ruddy Duck*	C	R	C	U

Game Birds, Loons and Grebes	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
___ Northern Bobwhite*	U	U	U	U
___ Ring-necked Pheasant*	O	O	O	O
___ Wild Turkey*	C	C	C	C
___ Red-throated Loon	R		O	R
___ Pacific Loon			R	R
___ Common Loon	U		C	O
___ Pied-billed Grebe*	C	U	C	U
___ Horned Grebe	U		C	O
___ Red-necked Grebe	R		R	R
___ Eared Grebe	R		R	R
___ Western Grebe	R		R	R

Cormorants, Pelicans, and Bitterns	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
___ Neotropic Cormorant	R	R	R	
___ Double-crested Cormorant*	C	U	C	U
___ American White Pelican	C	U	C	U
___ American Bittern	U	R	U	
___ Least Bittern*	U	U	U	

Bitterns, Herons, and Allies	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
___ Great Blue Heron*	C	C	C	U
___ Great Egret*	C	C	C	R
___ Snowy Egret*	C	C	C	
___ Little Blue Heron*	C	C	C	
___ Tricolored Heron	R	R	R	
___ Cattle Egret*	U	U	U	
___ Green Heron*	C	C	C	
___ Black-crowned Night-Heron*	U	U	U	O
___ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron*	U	U	U	
___ White Ibis		R	R	
___ Glossy Ibis	R	R		
___ White-faced Ibis	O	R	O	

Vultures, Osprey, Kite, Harrier, Hawks, and Eagles	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
___ Black Vulture*	U	U	U	U
___ Turkey Vulture*	C	C	C	U
___ Osprey*	U	O	U	
___ Mississippi Kite*	U	U	U	
___ Bald Eagle*	U	U	U	C
___ Northern Harrier	C	R	C	C
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk	U		U	U
___ Cooper's Hawk*	U	U	U	U
___ Northern Goshawk	R		R	R
___ Red-shouldered Hawk*	C	C	C	C
___ Broad-winged Hawk*	U	U	C	
___ Swainson's Hawk	R		R	
___ Red-tailed Hawk*	C	C	C	C
___ Rough-legged Hawk	U		U	U
___ Golden Eagle	R		R	R

Rails, Coots, and Cranes	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
___ Yellow Rail	R		R	
___ King Rail*	O	O	O	
___ Virginia Rail	U		U	
___ Sora	C	R	C	
___ Common Gallinule*	U	U	U	
___ American Coot*	C	U	C	U
___ Sandhill Crane	O	O	O	O

Shorebirds	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
Black-bellied Plover	U		U	
Am. Golden-Plover	C		U	
Semipalmated Plover	C		C	
Piping Plover	O		O	
Killdeer*	C	C	C	U
Black-necked Stilt*	U	U	U	
American Avocet	U		O	
Spotted Sandpiper*	C	U	C	
Solitary Sandpiper	C		C	
Greater Yellowlegs	C		C	R
Willet	U		U	
Lesser Yellowlegs	C		C	
Upland Sandpiper	O		O	
Whimbrel	R		R	
Hudsonian Godwit	O		R	
Marbled Godwit	O		O	
Ruddy Turnstone	O		O	
Red Knot	R		R	
Sanderling	O		O	
Semipalmated Sandpiper	C		C	
Western Sandpiper	R		U	
Least Sandpiper	C		C	R
White-rumped Sandpiper	C		R	
Baird's Sandpiper	O		U	
Pectoral Sandpiper	C		C	
Dunlin	C		C	R
Stilt Sandpiper	U		C	
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	R		U	
Ruff	R		R	
Short-billed Dowitcher	C		C	
Long-billed Dowitcher	C		C	R
Wilson's Snipe	C		C	O
American Woodcock*	C	U	O	
Wilson's Phalarope	U		U	
Red-necked Phalarope	O		O	
Red Phalarope			R	

Gulls, Terns, and Jaegers	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
Black-legged Kittiwake	R		R	R
Sabine's Gull			O	
Bonaparte's Gull	C		C	R
Little Gull	R		R	
Laughing Gull	O	O	O	R
Franklin's Gull	U	R	U	R
Ring-billed Gull	C	U	C	C
California Gull	R		R	R
Herring Gull	C	O	C	C
Thayer's Gull	O		O	U
Iceland Gull	O		R	O
Lesser Black-backed Gull	O		O	U
Glaucous Gull	O		O	U
Great Black-backed Gull	O		R	O
Least Tern*	U	U	U	
Caspian Tern	C		C	

Black Tern	C		C	
Common Tern	U		U	
Forster's Tern	C		C	
Pomarine Jaeger		R	R	
Parasitic Jaeger			R	
Long-tailed Jaeger			R	

Pigeons, Doves and Cuckoos	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
Rock Pigeon*	C	C	C	C
Eurasian Collared-Dove*	U	U	U	U
Mourning Dove*	C	C	C	C
Yellow-billed Cuckoo*	C	C	C	
Black-billed Cuckoo*	U	O	O	

Owls and Goatsuckers	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
Barn Owl*	R	R	R	R
Eastern Screech-Owl*	C	C	C	C
Great Horned Owl*	C	C	C	C
Snowy Owl				R
Barred Owl*	C	C	C	C
Long-eared Owl	O		O	O
Short-eared Owl	U		U	U
Northern Saw-whet Owl	O		O	O
Common Nighthawk*	C	C	C	
Chuck-will's-widow*	U	U		
Eastern Whip-poor-will*	U	U		

Swifts, Hummingbirds, and Woodpeckers	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
Chimney Swift*	C	C	C	
Ruby-throated Hummingbird*	C	C	C	
Rufous Hummingbird		R	R	R
Belted Kingfisher*	U	U	U	U
Red-headed Woodpecker*	U	U	U	U
Red-bellied Woodpecker*	C	C	C	C
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	U		U	U
Downy Woodpecker*	C	C	C	C
Hairy Woodpecker*	U	U	U	U
Northern Flicker*	C	C	C	C
Pileated Woodpecker*	U	U	U	U

Falcons	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
American Kestrel*	C	U	C	C
Merlin	U		U	U
Peregrine Falcon*	U	U	U	U
Prairie Falcon	R		R	R

Flycatchers, Shrikes and Vireos	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
Olive-sided Flycatcher	U		U	
Eastern Wood-Pewee*	C	C	C	
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	U		U	
Acadian Flycatcher*	C	C	U	
Alder Flycatcher	U		U	
Willow Flycatcher*	U	U	U	

Least Flycatcher	C		U	
Eastern Phoebe*	C	C	C	R
Great Crested Flycatcher*	C	C	C	
Western Kingbird*	U	U	U	
Eastern Kingbird*	C	C	C	
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher*	O	O	R	
Loggerhead Shrike*	O	O	O	R
Northern Shrike	R		R	R
White-eyed Vireo*	C	C	C	
Bell's Vireo*	U	U	O	
Yellow-throated Vireo*	U	U	U	
Blue-headed Vireo	U		U	
Warbling Vireo*	C	C	C	
Philadelphia Vireo	U		U	
Red-eyed Vireo*	C	C	C	

Jays, Crows, Larks and Swallows	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
Blue Jay*	C	C	C	C
American Crow*	C	C	C	C
Fish Crow*?	C	C	U	
Horned Lark*	C	C	C	C
Purple Martin*	C	C	C	
Tree Swallow*	C	C	C	
N. Rough-winged Swallow*	C	C	C	
Bank Swallow*	U	U	C	
Cliff Swallow*	C	C	C	
Barn Swallow*	C	C	C	

Chickadees, Titmice, and Nuthatches	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
Carolina Chickadee*	C	C	C	C
Black-capped Chickadee*	C	C	C	C
Tufted Titmouse*	C	C	C	C
Red-breasted Nuthatch	U	U	U	U
White-breasted Nuthatch*	C	C	C	C

Brown Creeper, Wrens, and Kinglets	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
Brown Creeper	U		U	U
House Wren*	C	C	C	R
Winter Wren	U		U	U
Sedge Wren*	U	U	C	
Marsh Wren*	U	O	C	R
Carolina Wren*	C	C	C	C
Bewick's Wren*	O	O	O	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*	C	C	C	
Golden-crowned Kinglet	C		C	U
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C		C	O

Thrushes, Longspurs, and Snow Bunting	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
Eastern Bluebird*	C	C	C	C
Veery	U		O	
Gray-cheeked Thrush	U		U	

___ Swainson's Thrush	C		C	
___ Hermit Thrush	C		C	U
___ Wood Thrush*	C	C	C	
___ American Robin*	C	C	C	C
___ Gray Catbird*	C	C	C	R
___ Northern Mockingbird*	C	C	C	U
___ Brown Thrasher*	C	C	C	R
___ European Starling*	C	C	C	C
___ American Pipit	U		U	R
___ Cedar Waxwing*	U	U	U	U
___ Lapland Longspur	U		U	U
___ Smith's Longspur	R		R	
___ Snow Bunting			O	O

___ American Tree Sparrow	U		U	C
___ Chipping Sparrow*	C	C	C	R
___ Clay-colored Sparrow	O		O	
___ Field Sparrow*	U	C	C	O
___ Vesper Sparrow	C		U	
___ Lark Sparrow*	U	U	U	
___ Savannah Sparrow	C		C	U
___ Grasshopper Sparrow*	U	U	U	
___ Henslow's Sparrow*	U	U	U	
___ Le Conte's Sparrow	U		U	O
___ Nelson's Sparrow	O		U	
___ Fox Sparrow	U		U	U
___ Song Sparrow*	C	C	C	C
___ Lincoln's Sparrow	U		U	R
___ Swamp Sparrow	C		C	U
___ White-throated Sparrow	C		C	C
___ Harris's Sparrow	O		O	O
___ White-crowned Sparrow	C		C	C
___ Dark-eyed Junco	C		C	C

Old World Sparrows				Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
___ House Sparrow*	C	C	C	C			
___ Eurasian Tree Sparrow*	C	C	C	C			

Wood Warblers	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
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___ Ovenbird*	C	C	C	
___ Worm-eating Warbler*	U	U	U	
___ Louisiana Waterthrush*	C	C	U	
___ Northern Waterthrush	C		C	
___ Golden-winged Warbler	U		U	
___ Blue-winged Warbler*	C	C	C	
___ Black-and-white Warbler*	C	U	C	
___ Prothonotary Warbler*	C	C	C	
___ Tennessee Warbler	C		C	
___ Orange-crowned Warbler	U		U	R
___ Nashville Warbler	C		C	
___ Connecticut Warbler	O		R	
___ Mourning Warbler	U		U	
___ Kentucky Warbler*	C	C	C	
___ Common Yellowthroat*	C	C	C	R
___ Hooded Warbler*	U	O	O	
___ American Redstart*	C	U	C	
___ Cape May Warbler	U		U	R
___ Cerulean Warbler*	U	U	U	
___ Northern Parula*	C	C	C	
___ Magnolia Warbler	C		C	
___ Bay-breasted Warbler	U		U	
___ Blackburnian Warbler	U		U	
___ Yellow Warbler*	C	C	O	
___ Chestnut-sided Warbler	C		C	
___ Blackpoll Warbler	C		R	
___ Black-throated Blue Warbler	O		O	
___ Palm Warbler	C		C	
___ Pine Warbler*	U	U	U	R
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler	C		C	U
___ Yellow-throated Warbler*	U	U	U	
___ Prairie Warbler*	U	U	U	
___ Black-throated Green Warbler	C		C	
___ Canada Warbler	U		U	
___ Wilson's Warbler	C		C	
___ Yellow-breasted Chat*	C	C	C	

Towhees and Sparrows	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
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___ Spotted Towhee	O		O	O
___ Eastern Towhee*	C	C	C	U

Tanagers, Grosbeaks, Buntings and Blackbirds	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
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___ Summer Tanager*	C	C	C	
___ Scarlet Tanager*	U	U	U	
___ Northern Cardinal*	C	C	C	C
___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak*	C	U	C	
___ Blue Grosbeak*	U	U	U	
___ Indigo Bunting*	C	C	C	R
___ Painted Bunting*	R	R	R	
___ Dickcissel*	C	C	C	R
___ Bobolink	U		U	
___ Red-winged Blackbird*	C	C	C	U
___ Eastern Meadowlark*	C	C	C	U
___ Western Meadowlark	O		O	U
___ Yellow-headed Blackbird	O		O	
___ Rusty Blackbird	U		U	U
___ Brewer's Blackbird	U		U	O
___ Common Grackle*	C	C	C	U
___ Great-tailed Grackle	O		O	O
___ Brown-headed Cowbird*	C	C	C	U
___ Orchard Oriole*	C	C	U	
___ Baltimore Oriole*	C	C	U	R

Finches and Allies	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
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___ Purple Finch	U		U	U
___ House Finch*	C	C	C	C
___ Red Crossbill	R		R	R
___ White-winged Crossbill	R		R	R
___ Common Redpoll				R
___ Pine Siskin*	U	R	U	U
___ American Goldfinch*	C	C	C	C
___ Evening Grosbeak	R		R	R

Extirpated/Extinct

___ Ruffed Grouse	___ Ivory-billed Woodpecker
___ Greater Prairie-Chicken	___ Common Raven
___ Eskimo Curlew	___ Brown-headed Nuthatch
___ Passenger Pigeon	___ Bachman's Warbler
___ Carolina Parakeet	___ Bachman's Sparrow
___ Red-cockaded Woodpecker	

Accidentals

Species that have occurred less than 10 times in the area. See Checklist Supplement for Specific Records(Coming Soon)

___ Black-bellied Whistling-Duck	___ Inca Dove
___ Fulvous Whistling-Duck	___ Common Ground-Dove
___ Brant	___ Burrowing Owl
___ Eurasian Wigeon	___ Green Violetear
___ Garganey	___ Black-chinned Hummingbird
___ Harlequin Duck	___ Anna's Hummingbird
___ Smew	___ Broad-tailed Hummingbird
___ Barrow's Goldeneye	___ Allen's Hummingbird
___ Clark's Grebe	___ Say's Phoebe
___ Band-rumped Storm Petrel	___ Vermilion Flycatcher
___ Wood Stork	___ Tropical Kingbird
___ Magnificent Frigatebird	___ Gray Kingbird
___ Anhinga	___ Clark's Nutcracker
___ Brown Pelican	___ Black-billed Magpie
___ Roseate Spoonbill	___ Cave Swallow
___ Swallow-tailed Kite	___ Rock Wren
___ White-tailed Kite	___ Mountain Bluebird
___ Purple Gallinule	___ Townsend's Solitaire
___ Black Rail	___ Varied Thrush
___ Snowy Plover	___ Sprague's Pipit
___ Wilson's Plover	___ Bohemian Waxwing
___ Long-billed Curlew	___ Chestnut-collared Longspur
___ Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	___ McCown's Longspur
___ Black-headed Gull	___ Swainson's Warbler
___ Ross's Gull	___ Kirtland's Warbler
___ Mew Gull	___ Golden-cheeked Warbler
___ Slaty-backed Gull	___ Green-tailed Towhee
___ Glaucous-winged Gull	___ Lark Bunting
___ Sooty Tern	___ Western Tanager
___ Arctic Tern	___ Black-headed Grosbeak
___ Royal Tern	___ Lazuli Bunting
___ Black Skimmer	___ Pine Grosbeak
___ Ancient Murrelet	___ Hoary Redpoll
___ White-winged Dove	

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