

St. Louis Circle Checklist

The St. Louis "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, Hawn SP; and to the west, New Haven, MO.

- 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 in the Accidentals section at end of main list.

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 migrants may be found into June; these species 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."

Waterfowl	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck*	R	R	R	
Snow Goose	C	O	C	C
Ross's Goose	U		U	U
G. White-fronted Goose	C	R	C	C
Cackling Goose	U		U	U
Canada Goose*	C	C	C	C
Mute Swan	O		O	O
Trumpeter Swan	U		C	C
Tundra Swan	U		U	U
Wood Duck*	C	C	C	O
Blue-winged Teal	C	R	C	R
Cinnamon Teal	O		R	
Northern Shoveler	C	O	C	U
Gadwall	C	O	C	C
American Wigeon	U		U	O
Mallard*	C	C	C	C
American Black Duck	U		U	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	R	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, Grebes, Pigeons and Doves	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
Northern Bobwhite*	U	U	U	U
Wild Turkey*	C	C	C	C
Ring-necked Pheasant*	O	O	O	O
Pied-billed Grebe*	C	U	C	U
Horned Grebe	U		C	O
Red-necked Grebe	R		R	
Eared Grebe	O		O	
Western Grebe	R		R	R
Rock Pigeon*	C	C	C	C
Eurasian Collared-Dove*	U	U	U	U
White-winged Dove	R	R	R	R
Mourning Dove*	C	C	C	C

Cuckoos, Goatsuckers, Hummingbirds, Rails, and Cranes	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
Yellow-billed Cuckoo*	C	C	C	
Black-billed Cuckoo*	U	O	O	
Common Nighthawk*	C	C	C	
Chuck-will's-widow*	U	U		
Eastern Whip-poor-will*	U	U		
Chimney Swift*	C	C	C	
Ruby-throated Hummingbird*	C	C	C	
Rufous Hummingbird		R	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
Yellow Rail	R		R	
Sandhill Crane	O	O	O	O

Shorebirds	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
Black-necked Stilt*	U	U	U	
American Avocet	U		O	
Black-bellied Plover	U		U	

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

Jaegers, Gulls, and Terns	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
Pomarine Jaeger			R	
Parasitic Jaeger			R	
Long-tailed Jaeger			R	
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
Iceland Gull	O		R	O
Lesser Black-backed Gull	O		O	O
Glaucous Gull	O		R	O
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

Loons, Cormorants, Pelicans, Bitterns, Herons, and Ibis				
	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
Red-throated Loon	R		O	R
Pacific Loon			R	R
Common Loon	U		C	O
Double-crested Cormorant*	C	U	C	U
Neotropic Cormorant	R	R	R	
American White Pelican	C	U	C	U
American Bittern	U	R	U	U
Least Bittern*	U	U	U	
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, Eagles, Kite, Harriers, and Hawks				
	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
Black Vulture*	U	U	U	U
Turkey Vulture*	C	C	C	U
Osprey*	U	O	U	
Golden Eagle	R		R	R
Northern Harrier	C	R	C	C
Sharp-shinned Hawk	U	U	U	U
Cooper's Hawk*	U	U	U	U
Northern Goshawk	R		R	R
Bald Eagle*	U	U	U	C
Mississippi Kite*	U	U	U	
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	O		O	O

Owls				
	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
Barn Owl*	R	R	R	R
Eastern Screech-Owl*	U	U	U	U
Great Horned Owl*	C	C	C	C
Snowy Owl			R	R
Barred Owl*	C	C	C	C
Long-eared Owl	R		R	R
Short-eared Owl	U		U	U
Northern Saw-whet Owl	R		R	R

Kingfishers, Woodpeckers, and Falcons				
	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
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
American Kestrel*	C	U	C	C
Merlin	U		U	U
Peregrine Falcon*	U	U	U	U
Prairie Falcon	R		R	R

Flycatchers, Vireos, and Shrikes				
	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
Great Crested Flycatcher*	C	C	C	
Western Kingbird*	U	U	U	
Eastern Kingbird*	C	C	C	
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher*	O	O	R	
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
White-eyed Vireo*	C	C	C	
Bell's Vireo*	U	U	O	
Yellow-throated Vireo*	U	U	U	
Blue-headed Vireo	U		U	
Philadelphia Vireo	U		U	
Warbling Vireo*	C	C	C	
Red-eyed Vireo*	C	C	C	
Loggerhead Shrike*	O	R	O	R
Northern Shrike	R		R	R

Jays, Crows, Chickadees, Titmice, Larks and Swallows				
	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
Blue Jay*	C	C	C	C
American Crow*	C	C	C	C
Fish Crow*	C	C	C	U
Carolina Chickadee*	C	C	C	C
Black-capped Chickadee*	C	C	C	C
Tufted Titmouse*	C	C	C	C
Horned Lark*	C	C	C	C
Bank Swallow*	U	U	C	
Tree Swallow*	C	C	C	
N. Rough-winged Swallow*	C	C	C	
Purple Martin*	C	C	C	
Barn Swallow*	C	C	C	
Cliff Swallow*	C	C	C	

Kinglets, Waxwings, Nuthatches, Creepers, Gnatcatchers				
	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C		C	O
Golden-crowned Kinglet	C		C	U
Cedar Waxwing*	U	U	U	U
Red-breasted Nuthatch	U		U	U
White-breasted Nuthatch*	C	C	C	C
Brown Creeper	U		U	U
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*	C	C	C	

Wrens, Mimids, Starlings, and Thrushes				
	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
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	
Gray Catbird*	C	C	C	R
Brown Thrasher*	C	C	C	R
Northern Mockingbird*	C	C	C	U
European Starling*	C	C	C	C
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

Old World Sparrows and Pipits				
	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
House Sparrow*	C	C	C	C
Eurasian Tree Sparrow*	C	C	C	C
American Pipit	U		U	R

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

Longspurs, Sparrows, and Chats				
	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
Lapland Longspur	U		U	U
Smith's Longspur	R		R	
Snow Bunting			O	O
Grasshopper Sparrow*	U	U	U	
Lark Sparrow*	U	U	U	
Chipping Sparrow*	C	C	C	R
Clay-colored Sparrow	O		O	
Field Sparrow*	C	C	C	O

___ Fox Sparrow	U		U	U
___ American Tree Sparrow	U		U	C
___ Dark-eyed Junco	C		C	C
___ White-crowned Sparrow	C		C	C
___ Harris's Sparrow	O		O	O
___ White-throated Sparrow	C	R	C	C
___ Vesper Sparrow	U		U	U
___ Le Conte's Sparrow	U		U	O
___ Nelson's Sparrow	O		U	
___ Henslow's Sparrow*	U	U	U	
___ Savannah Sparrow	C		C	U
___ Song Sparrow*	C	C	C	C
___ Lincoln's Sparrow	U		U	R
___ Swamp Sparrow	C		C	U
___ Spotted Towhee	O		O	O
___ Eastern Towhee*	C	C	C	U
___ Yellow-breasted Chat*	C	C	C	

Blackbirds and Orioles	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
___ Yellow-headed Blackbird	O		O	
___ Bobolink	U		U	
___ Eastern Meadowlark*	C	C	C	U
___ Western Meadowlark	O		O	O
___ Orchard Oriole*	C	C	U	
___ Baltimore Oriole*	C	C	U	R
___ Red-winged Blackbird*	C	C	C	U
___ Brown-headed Cowbird*	C	C	C	U
___ Rusty Blackbird	U		U	U
___ Brewer's Blackbird	O		O	R
___ Common Grackle*	C	C	C	U
___ Great-tailed Grackle	O		O	O

Wood Warblers	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
___ 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	U	U	
___ 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*	O	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	U	U	U	R
___ Pine Warbler*	U	U	U	U
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler	C		C	R
___ 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	

Tanagers, Grosbeaks, Buntings and Dickcissel	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
___ 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

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Accidentals	
<i>Species that have occurred less than 10 times in the area. See Checklist Supplement for Specific Records (Coming Soon)</i>	
___ Fulvous Whistling-Duck	___ Anhinga
___ Brant	___ Brown Pelican
___ Garganey	___ Reddish Egret
___ Eurasian Wigeon	___ Roseate Spoonbill
___ Mottled Duck	___ White-tailed Kite
___ Harlequin Duck	___ Swallow-tailed Kite
___ Barrow's Goldeneye	___ Burrowing Owl
___ Smew	___ Gyrfalcon
___ Inca Dove	___ Say's Phoebe
___ Common Ground-Dove	___ Vermilion Flycatcher
___ Mexican Violetear	___ Tropical Kingbird
___ Anna's Hummingbird	___ Gray Kingbird
___ Allen's Hummingbird	___ Black-billed Magpie
___ Purple Gallinule	___ Clark's Nutcracker
___ Black Rail	___ Cave Swallow
___ Whooping Crane	___ Rock Wren
___ Wilson's Plover	___ Mountain Bluebird
___ Snowy Plover	___ Townsend's Solitaire
___ Long-billed Curlew	___ Varied Thrush
___ Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	___ Bohemian Waxwing
___ Ancient Murrelet	___ Brown-headed Nuthatch
___ Black-headed Gull	___ Sprague's Pipit
___ Ross's Gull	___ Pine Grosbeak
___ Black-tailed Gull	___ Hoary Redpoll
___ Short-billed Gull	___ Chestnut-collared Longspur
___ Slaty-backed Gull	___ Thick-billed Longspur
___ Glaucous-winged Gull	___ Green-tailed Towhee
___ Sooty Tern	___ Lark Bunting
___ Arctic Tern	___ Swainson's Warbler
___ Royal Tern	___ Kirtland's Warbler
___ Black Skimmer	___ Golden-cheeked Warbler
___ Band-rumped Storm-Petrel	___ Western Tanager
___ Wood Stork	___ Black-headed Grosbeak
___ Magnificent Frigatebird	___ Lazuli Bunting

Extirpated	
Ruffed Grouse	Common Raven
Greater Prairie-Chicken	Bachman's Sparrow

Extinct	
Eskimo Curlew	Carolina Parakeet
Passenger Pigeon	Ivory-billed Woodpecker