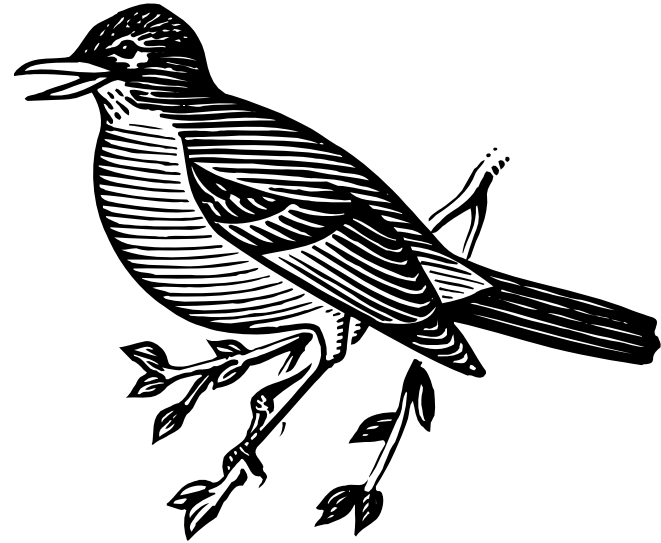


Intermittent, continued

<u>Intermittent, continued</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>FIELD NOTES</u>
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<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Pewee	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Crested Flycatcher	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Least Flycatcher	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Horned Owl	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Barred Owl	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Screech Owl	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Turkey Vulture	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Pileated Woodpecker	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-Headed Woodpecker	_____	_____

Other Sightings

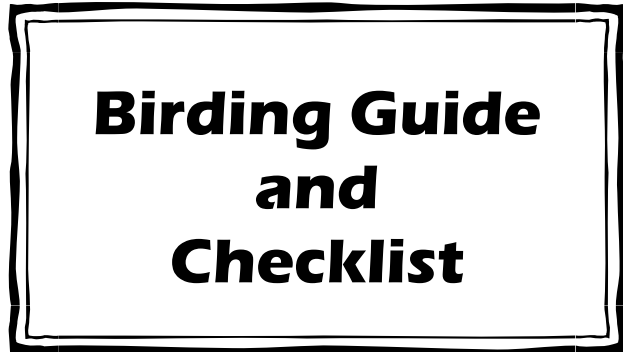
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Wisconsin's conservation history and leadership has a long tradition. Cave of the Mounds National Natural Landmark is proud to continue this tradition of environmental stewardship as a charter member of Travel Green Wisconsin. Through this certification program, we work to continuously improve our environmental footprint by reducing energy, water and waste consumption, encouraging recycling, providing environmental education opportunities and restoring native ecosystems. Among these projects are our Prairie and Oak Savannah Restoration projects, our large Rain Gardens near the upper parking lot, and our Butterfly Gardens throughout the grounds. In addition we have taken steps to reduce our consumption of energy and water. We have a high efficiency wood burner to heat our visitor center, we avoid watering by planting drought tolerant plants, and we do not water or use any weed killers on our lawn, so please understand if it looks a bit brown in the heat of the summer.

While visiting us today, please help us to care for this special place so that future generations may also appreciate it as we do today.

If you would like more information about Travel Green Wisconsin, please visit www.travelgreenwisconsin.com.



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Blue Mounds Area Birds

Our woodland trails, Prairie and Oak Savanna Restoration Project, Rain & Butterfly Gardens, dry grassland and upland terrain provide a variety of ecosystem habitat options for many species of birds. Many different species can be considered year round residents. American Crow, Blue Jay, Northern Cardinal, nuthatches, and woodpeckers are frequently sent into a frenzy by a hungry, soaring Red-tailed Hawk. Even on the coldest of winter mornings, an enjoyable impromptu melody of our feathered friends can be heard!

During spring and fall migration periods, the prairie, savanna, and woodland are often jubilantly alive with the sounds and activities of birds and other wildlife. In late April, a bird enthusiast could venture to see or hear anywhere from 30-60 species of birds over the course of just a couple of hours! American Woodcock, Ruffed Grouse and Bobolinks have all been sighted or heard during the springtime. Throughout the course of an entire year, it is likely that as many as 150 different species of birds come to visit, nest in, or migrate through the grounds at Cave of the Mounds National Natural Landmark!

Summertime offers the peak of the flowering season to birds such as the Ruby-throated hummingbird, and also a variety of butterflies. Barn Swallows, American Robins, Gray Catbirds, Eastern Bluebirds, and Red-winged Blackbirds are often busily moving about, gathering food, swooping for insects, building and protecting nests. Sunny days provide views of soaring Turkey Vulture and various hawks. Occasionally, a Bald Eagle can be seen gliding on air currents, also called thermals, high above the Blue Mounds.

Several winter visitor birds bring potential winter sightings on the grounds to 25 or more species. Late winter provides a unique variety of birds and their varied chorus' - happily singing along to the rhythm of water dripping from newly thawed icicles.

While trails are not groomed during the winter months, bird enthusiasts are welcomed to hike or snowshoe the trails during regular business hours—all year 'round.

Bird Sighting Checklist

<u>Common</u>	<u>Date</u>	FIELD NOTES
<input type="checkbox"/> House Wren	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-capped Chickadee	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wild Turkey	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn Swallow	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue Jay	_____	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Red-tailed Hawk	_____	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Hairy Woodpecker	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Downy Woodpecker	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Cardinal	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> White-breasted Nuthatch	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-breasted Nuthatch	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Flicker	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown Creeper	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Gray Catbird	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Cardinal	_____	
<u>Frequent</u>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Bluebird	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Indigo Bunting	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Rufous-sided Towhee	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown Thrasher	_____	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Chestnut-sided Warbler	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Redstart	_____	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Song Sparrow	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Vesper Sparrow	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Chipping Sparrow	_____	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Cooper's Hawk	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Woodcock	_____	
<u>Intermittent</u>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Thrush	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ovenbird	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-throated Hummingbird	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bald Eagle (flyover)	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Blue Heron (flyover)	_____	