

# Birds from Pershing State Park and Vicinity

Compiled by Tom Nagel, 1989 Breeding Bird Atlas

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## KEY

### Park

- Y found within the park  
N found outside the park boundaries

### Status

Possible, Probable and Confirmed match the codes used for the Breeding Bird Atlas

Open species that could be nesting but were not found within their "safe dates" for nesting or are colonial nesters and were not listed as nesting in the atlas

Migrant species that do not nest in Missouri but migrate through the state

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Species	Park	Status	Abundance and Habitat
Great Blue Heron	Y	Open	One seen at lake near entrance
Green-backed Heron	Y	Possible	Wooded sloughs near entrance
Wood Duck	Y	Possible	Flying over near office
Mallard	Y	Confirmed	Reported by Park Supt. from lake near campground
Turkey Vulture	Y	Open	Several seen soaring over park
Red-tailed Hawk	Y	Probable	Seen in park, and pair north of Hwy. 36
Wild Turkey	Y	Probable	Seen at far side of prairie and heard gobbling by campground
Northern Bobwhite	Y	Probable	Heard calling by entrance, picnic area and south of office
Killdeer	N	Possible	In cornfield on other side of levee from wet prairie
Solitary Sandpiper	Y	Migrant	By lake at entrance
Rock Dove	Y	Possible	Hwy. 36 Bridge over Muddy Creek
Mourning Dove	Y	Possible	All along Hwy. 130
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Y	Confirmed	Several heard throughout the woods
Barred Owl	Y	Probable	Heard in woods below campground and picnic area
Chuck-will's-widow	Y	Possible	Heard from near the enclosed shelter
Whip-poor-will	Y	Probable	A number heard in woods around campground and picnic area
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	Y	Possible	A couple seen in woods along creek
Belted Kingfisher	Y	Possible	One at lake across from campground
Red-headed Woodpecker	Y	Confirmed	All through wooded areas
Red-bellied Woodpecker	Y	Possible	Woods near campground
Downy Woodpecker	Y	Probable	Several in upland and bottomland woods
Hairy Woodpecker	Y	Possible	A couple seen in bottomland woods

Northern Flicker	Y	Possible	Bottomland prairie
Pileated Woodpecker	Y	Possible	One seen in bottomland woods
Eastern Wood-Pewee	Y	Probable	In several places in woods around campground and picnic area
Acadian Flycatcher	Y	Possible	One our two along creek between campground and picnic area
Willow Flycatcher	Y	Confirmed	Several in thickets at base of levee across prairie from tower
Eastern Phoebe	Y	Possible	Under Hwy. 36 bridge over Muddy Creek
Great Crested Flycatcher	Y	Possible	Edge of woods by campground
Eastern Kingbird	Y	Confirmed	Confirmed by overlook tower, others were also seen
Horned Lark	Y	Possible	One in wet prairie, several in fields next to prairie and entrance
Rough-winged Swallow	N	Open	Creek by RR bridge north of Hwy. 36 (bridge now gone)
Barn Swallow	Y	Confirmed	Nest on Supt. Residence
Blue Jay	Y	Possible	Throughout
American Crow	Y	Open	Flying over
Black-capped Chickadee	Y	Probable	All through wooded areas
Tufted Titmouse	Y	Confirmed	All through wooded areas
White-breasted Nuthatch	Y	Possible	Upland and bottomland woods
Carolina Wren	Y	Probable	Several in bottomland woods
House Wren	Y	Probable	Many in swampy woods near entrance
Marsh Wren	Y	Open	One in beaver marsh at park entrance
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Y	Probable	Upland and bottomland woods
Eastern Bluebird	Y	Confirmed	Picnic area and wet prairie near tower
Wood Thrush	Y	Possible	One heard in woods near old barn
American Robin	Y	Confirmed	Abundant in woods and developed areas
Gray Catbird	Y	Probable	A couple around picnic area and near entrance
Northern Mockingbird	N	Probable	Along gravel road a little east of the park
Brown Thrasher	Y	Probable	Along Hwy. 130 near entrance
Cedar Waxwing	Y	Possible	A couple in campground and picnic area
Loggerhead Shrike	N	Possible	Along gravel road a little east of the park
European Starling	Y	Possible	In developed areas
Yellow-throated Vireo	Y	Possible	In campground
Red-eyed Vireo	Y	Possible	Several in upland and bottomland woods
Solitary Vireo	Y	Migrant	Edge of woods by campground
Northern Parula	Y	Probable	Several along creek and below old barn
Yellow Warbler	Y	Probable	Several in wet prairie, mostly close to levee
Black-and-white Warbler	Y	Open	Heard on in bottomland woods
American Redstart	Y	Open	Saw one at edge of woods by campground
Prothonotary Warbler	Y	Probable	A number in swampy wooded areas and sloughs
Ovenbird	Y	Open	Several heard in upland and bottomland woods

Kentucky Warbler	Y	Probable	Several in upland and bottomland woods
Common Yellowthroat	Y	Confirmed	Abundant throughout wet prairie, and in open areas
Yellow-breasted Chat	Y	Probable	One at edge of prairie by tower
Tennessee Warbler	Y	Migrant	Woods
Nashville Warbler	Y	Migrant	Woods
Chestnut-sided Warbler	Y	Migrant	Bottomland woods by bridge over creek
Summer Tanager	Y	Probable	Several in upland woods
Northern Cardinal	Y	Confirmed	Throughout?
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	N	Probable	Along gravel road just east of park
Indigo Bunting	Y	Probable	Throughout
Dickcissel	Y	Probable	Abundant in wet prairie
Rufous-sided Towhee	Y	Probable	A few at edge of wet prairie by tower
Chipping Sparrow	Y	Probable	Common around campground and office
Field Sparrow	Y	Confirmed	A few by upland prairie and wet prairie by tower
Lark Sparrow	Y	Probable	In road by entrance (flew to pasture next to park)
Grasshopper Sparrow	N	Probable	In pasture at entrance (could hear from park)
Red-winged Blackbird	Y	Confirmed	Abundant in wet prairie and around lakes
Eastern Meadowlark	Y	Probable	Open areas around entrance and office
Common Grackle	Y	Possible	Developed areas
Brown-headed Cowbird	Y	Probable	Developed areas
Northern Oriole	Y	Confirmed	Campground, picnic area and wet prairie by tower
American Goldfinch	Y	Confirmed	Developed areas