

This brochure is the joint effort of a number of people. Gordon & Jaye Grief (Nature Manitoba members) have diligently kept records of their bird sightings in the park for numerous years. Their records provided the back bone for this list. Linda Pearn (another Nature Manitoba member), compiled the bird sightings from various credible sources and prepared the list. Marilyn Latta, (Henteleff Park Foundation), oversaw the brochure project along with Karen Ilchena who did the layout and design. Marilyn also provided some images while Wes Braun, Dennis Fast, Claude Garand, and Wade Munro provided the rest.

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**1964 St. Mary's Rd.**  
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Further information on the park along with a downloadable bird list and this brochure can be found at [www.henteleffpark.org](http://www.henteleffpark.org)



# A Guide to Bird Watching at Henteleff Park



**Henteleff Park**  
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With the addition of 4 hectares (10 acres) of land in 2020, Henteleff Park now encompasses 20 ha (50 ac) of diverse habitat in which a variety of bird species can be found. The park is bordered on the north and west by the Red River. Considerable plantings have been made to increase the riparian habitat along the river's edge as it is an important corridor for the migration of birds and other wildlife. Normand Creek, that bisects the park, is a good spot to observe frogs, snapping turtles and ducks at various times during the warmer months. Although the creek is no longer free flowing, its bed continues to provide an important backwater area for fish to spawn in the spring and is a spot favoured by warblers during spring migration.

A 0.6 ha (1.5 ac) tall grass prairie restoration provides habitat for a variety of plants and butterflies not found in other areas of the park. The 4 ha (10 ac) open grassy area added to the west end of the park provides many patches of milkweed, essential in Monarch butterfly reproduction. It provides an open vista of grass and sky and excellent views of the river flowing by. As hawks tend to follow the river's course during spring migration, it is a good spot to watch for hawks in March and April.

The path through this area connects with the path through Van Hull Park and continues on through Normand Park, a distance of over 2 km from the parking lot on St. Mary's Rd.

**An updated list of birds observed at Henteleff Park and this brochure can be downloaded from [www.henteleffpark.org](http://www.henteleffpark.org)**

For those new to bird lists, the status column on the list might seem a little confusing at first. An explanation with examples follows which may be of benefit.



Black-capped Chickadee

Dennis Fast



Northern Flicker

Marilyn Latta



American Goldfinch

Wes Braun



Indigo Bunting

Claude Garand

**Resident birds (R)** are birds that can regularly be found in the park throughout the year. Birds such as the Black-capped Chickadee, Blue Jay, White-breasted Nuthatch, and both Downy and Hairy Woodpeckers are often spotted during a summer stroll or a winter snowshoe through the park.

Spring is always an exciting time in the park and the best time to see the greatest variety of bird species. Many **migrant birds (M)** pass through or over the park during migration in both spring and fall, and these are usually the only times you will find such species as the Northern Flicker and some species of thrushes, sparrows and warblers.

**Summer birds (S)** can usually be found in the park in all seasons except winter. The American Robin, American Goldfinch, Canada Goose, Wood Duck, Mallard, Song Sparrow and Clay-colored Sparrow are often seen while the Red-eyed Vireo and Great-crested Flycatcher are often heard but harder to spot.

Finally, there are the **uncommon birds (U)** which are rare or irregular in the park. Although Lark Sparrows once nested in the park and are on the list, they have not been seen for a number of years as the terrain in the park has changed. Indigo Buntings can be reliably found in the park some years but not at all in other years.