LAKE MICHIGAN, INDIANA · USA

Indiana Dunes National Park

Fifteen miles of Lake Michigan shore where sand dunes, bogs and oak savanna meet: sandhill cranes over the Great Marsh, hawks streaming along the lake in spring and monarchs gathering on the shore in autumn.

129 animals 21 mammals, 75 birds, 10 reptiles, 11 amphibians, 6 butterflies and 6 dragonflies

Best time: Apr to May, Sept to Oct

Seen _____ of 129

01 Mammals 13

ANIMAL	DATE AND PLACE
☐ White-tailed Deer	
☐ Coyote	
☐ Red Fox	
☐ Raccoon	
☐ Virginia Opossum	
☐ Striped Skunk	
☐ North American Beaver	
☐ Muskrat	
☐ American Mink Rare	
☐ River Otter Rare	
☐ Grey Fox Rare	
☐ Badger (American) Rare	
☐ Bobcat Rare	

02 Small mammals 8

ANIMAL	DATE AND PLACE
☐ Eastern Chipmunk	
☐ Grey Squirrel	
☐ Fox Squirrel	
☐ Red Squirrel (American)	
☐ Thirteen-lined Ground Squirrel	
☐ Groundhog (Woodchuck)	
☐ Eastern Cottontail	
☐ Southern Flying Squirrel Rare	

03 Cranes and marsh birds 19

ANIMAL	DATE AND PLACE
☐ Sandhill Crane	
☐ Great Blue Heron	
☐ Great Egret	
☐ Green Heron	
☐ Black-crowned Night Heron Rare	
☐ American Bittern Rare	
☐ Least Bittern Rare	
☐ Trumpeter Swan	
☐ Wood Duck	
☐ Mallard	
☐ Blue-winged Teal	
☐ Canada Goose	
☐ Sora	
☐ Virginia Rail	
☐ Marsh Wren	
☐ Belted Kingfisher	
☐ Prothonotary Warbler	
☐ Red-winged Blackbird	
☐ Swamp Sparrow	

04 Lake Michigan birds 15

ANIMAL	DATE AND PLACE
☐ Ring-billed Gull	
☐ Herring Gull	
☐ Bonaparte's Gull	
☐ Caspian Tern	

Tick them off in Wilder

ANIMAL | DATE AND PLACE

04 Lake Michigan birds continued

- [ ] Common Tern
- [ ] Double-crested Cormorant
- [ ] Common Loon
- [ ] Red-breasted Merganser
- [ ] Common Goldeneye
- [ ] Long-tailed Duck Rare
- [ ] White-winged Scoter Rare
- [ ] Horned Grebe
- [ ] Parasitic Jaeger Rare
- [ ] Sanderling
- [ ] Piping Plover Rare

05 Birds of prey 14

- [ ] Turkey Vulture
- [ ] Red-tailed Hawk
- [ ] Cooper's Hawk
- [ ] Sharp-shinned Hawk
- [ ] Broad-winged Hawk
- [ ] Northern Harrier
- [ ] Bald Eagle
- [ ] Osprey
- [ ] American Kestrel
- [ ] Merlin
- [ ] Peregrine Falcon
- [ ] Great Horned Owl
- [ ] Barred Owl
- [ ] Eastern Screech-Owl Rare

06 Woodland and dune birds 27

- [ ] Red-headed Woodpecker
- [ ] Red-bellied Woodpecker
- [ ] Pileated Woodpecker
- [ ] Downy Woodpecker
- [ ] Northern Flicker
- [ ] Blue Jay
- [ ] Black-capped Chickadee

ANIMAL | DATE AND PLACE

06 Woodland and dune birds continued

- [ ] Tufted Titmouse
- [ ] White-breasted Nuthatch
- [ ] Eastern Bluebird
- [ ] American Robin
- [ ] Grey Catbird
- [ ] Cedar Waxwing
- [ ] Eastern Towhee
- [ ] Field Sparrow
- [ ] Indigo Bunting
- [ ] Northern Cardinal
- [ ] Scarlet Tanager
- [ ] Baltimore Oriole
- [ ] American Goldfinch
- [ ] Yellow Warbler
- [ ] Common Yellowthroat
- [ ] Black-and-white Warbler
- [ ] Magnolia Warbler
- [ ] Ruby-throated Hummingbird
- [ ] Snow Bunting
- [ ] Eastern Whip-poor-will Rare

07 Reptiles 10

- [ ] Snapping Turtle
- [ ] Painted Turtle
- [ ] Spiny Softshell Turtle
- [ ] Blanding's Turtle Rare
- [ ] Six-lined Racerunner
- [ ] Common Garter Snake
- [ ] Northern Water Snake
- [ ] Eastern Hog-nosed Snake
- [ ] Eastern Fox Snake
- [ ] North American Racer

ANIMAL	DATE AND PLACE

08 Amphibians 11

- [ ] Fowler's Toad
- [ ] American Toad
- [ ] Spring Peeper
- [ ] Western Chorus Frog
- [ ] Grey Treefrog
- [ ] Leopard Frog
- [ ] Green Frog
- [ ] American Bullfrog
- [ ] Red-backed Salamander
- [ ] Blue-spotted Salamander Rare
- [ ] Tiger Salamander Rare

ANIMAL	DATE AND PLACE

09 Butterflies and dragonflies 12

- [ ] Monarch
- [ ] Eastern Tiger Swallowtail
- [ ] Black Swallowtail
- [ ] Red Admiral
- [ ] Viceroy
- [ ] Pearl Crescent
- [ ] Common Green Darner
- [ ] Twelve-spotted Skimmer
- [ ] Widow Skimmer
- [ ] Eastern Pondhawk
- [ ] Halloween Pennant
- [ ] Ebony Jewelwing

My trip

FROM _____ TO _____

TRAVELLING WITH _____

STAYING AT _____ SEEN _____ OF 129

FIRST ANIMAL WE SAW _____

BEST MOMENT _____

FIELD NOTES AND SKETCHES

ALSO SEEN, NOT ON THIS LIST

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KEEP IT IN WILDER

Tick them off in the app

Scan to open this checklist in Wilder. Add your photos, see your whole trip, earn badges and the Indiana Dunes passport stamp, and watch your life list grow.

BEST TIME

Apr to May, Sept to Oct

Spring and autumn are the highlights at Indiana Dunes.

A guide, not a guarantee: what you see depends on season, luck and patience. Give wildlife space and never feed it. Follow the local rules on distance.