



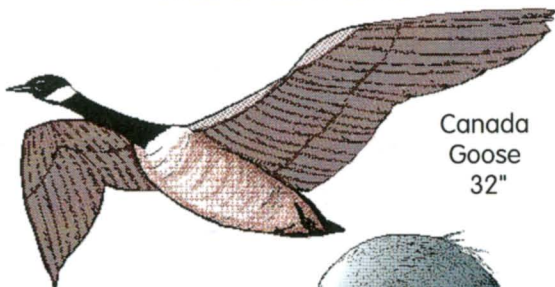
The Birding Boat Field Guide

to the Birds of the Mississippi National River & Recreation Area

Water and Shore Birds



Gull - 25"



Canada Goose - 32"



Great Egret - 38"



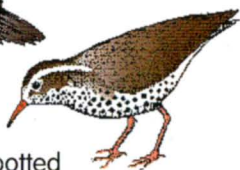
Great Blue Heron - 46"



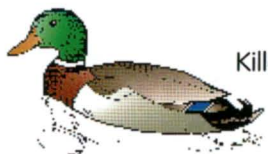
Belted Kingfisher - 13"



Double-crested Cormorant - 33"



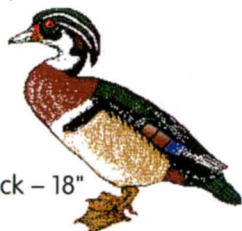
Spotted Sandpiper - 8"



Mallard - 24"

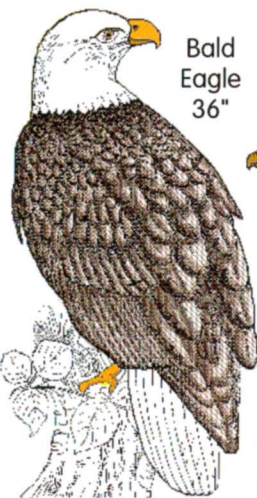


Killdeer - 10"



Wood Duck - 18"

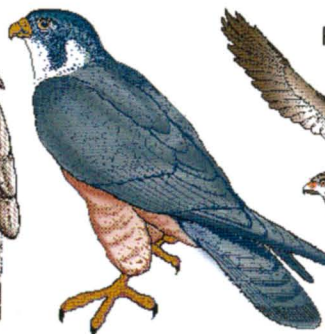
Birds in the Treetops and Sky



Bald Eagle - 36"



Turkey Vulture - 29"



Peregrine Falcon - 17"



Red-tailed Hawk - 22"



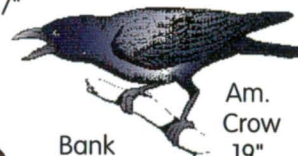
Barn Swallow - 7"



Tree Swallow - 6"



Bank Swallow - 5"

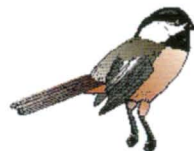


Am. Crow - 19"

Birds of the Undergrowth



Blue Jay - 12"



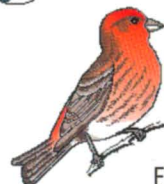
Black-capped Chickadee - 5"



Common Grackle - 12"



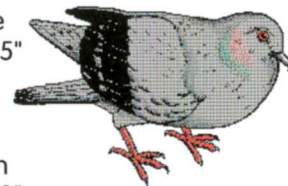
Red-winged Blackbird - 8"



House Finch - 5"



European Starling - 9"



Rock Dove - 13"



Mourning Dove - 12"



Am. Robin - 10"

Birding by Boat

The Birding Boat Song

Words and Music by Charlie Maguire

Here it comes around the bend!
The Birding Boat is back again!
Way up the river and down
The Birding Boat has come to town!

-chorus-

On the Birding Boat, on the Mississippi
On the Birding Boat, on the Mississippi
On the Birding Boat on the Mississippi
Let's go on the Birding Boat!

Mississippi River and a birder's-eye-view
From the second deck of a paddle wheeler too
Bring your binoculars and take a ride
And mark it all down in your "Birding Boat Field Guide"

Using this Field Guide

Locate the proper river map inside the Guide. As the Birding Boat moves along, use the Guide to help identify the distinctive bird species. Using landmarks to identify the area, write the species name on the section of the river map where you saw the bird. See how many different species you can find, identify, and locate on the river map!

Learn more about the birds in this guide by visiting
www.nps.gov/miss/features/birding/

The Birding Boat Partners

Saint Paul Audubon Society (www.saintpaulaudubon.org),
Audubon Chapter of Minneapolis
(www.geocities.com/RainForest/5835),
Minnesota Audubon (www.audubon.org/chapter/mn/mn),
Padelford Packet Boat Company (www.riverrides.com),
Xcel Energy Riverside & High Bridge (www.xcelenergy.com)

and

Mississippi National River and Recreation Area
111 E. Kellogg Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55101-1288
Phone: 651-290-4160
www.nps.gov/miss



Call Padelford Packet Boat Company at 651-227-1100 for reservations.

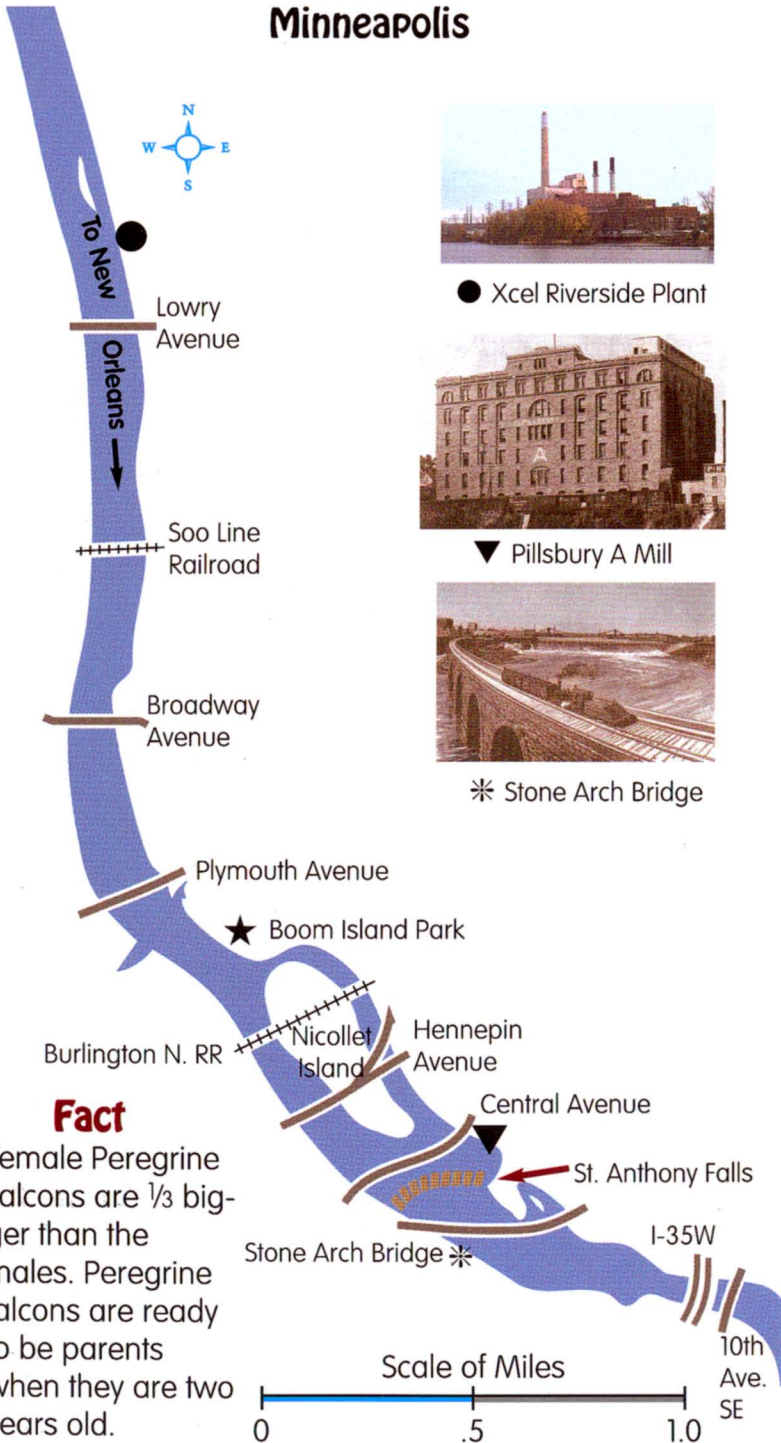
Draw Like Audubon!



Great Blue Heron
*painting by John
James Audubon*

Draw a bird **you saw** here • Make your birds **colorful!**

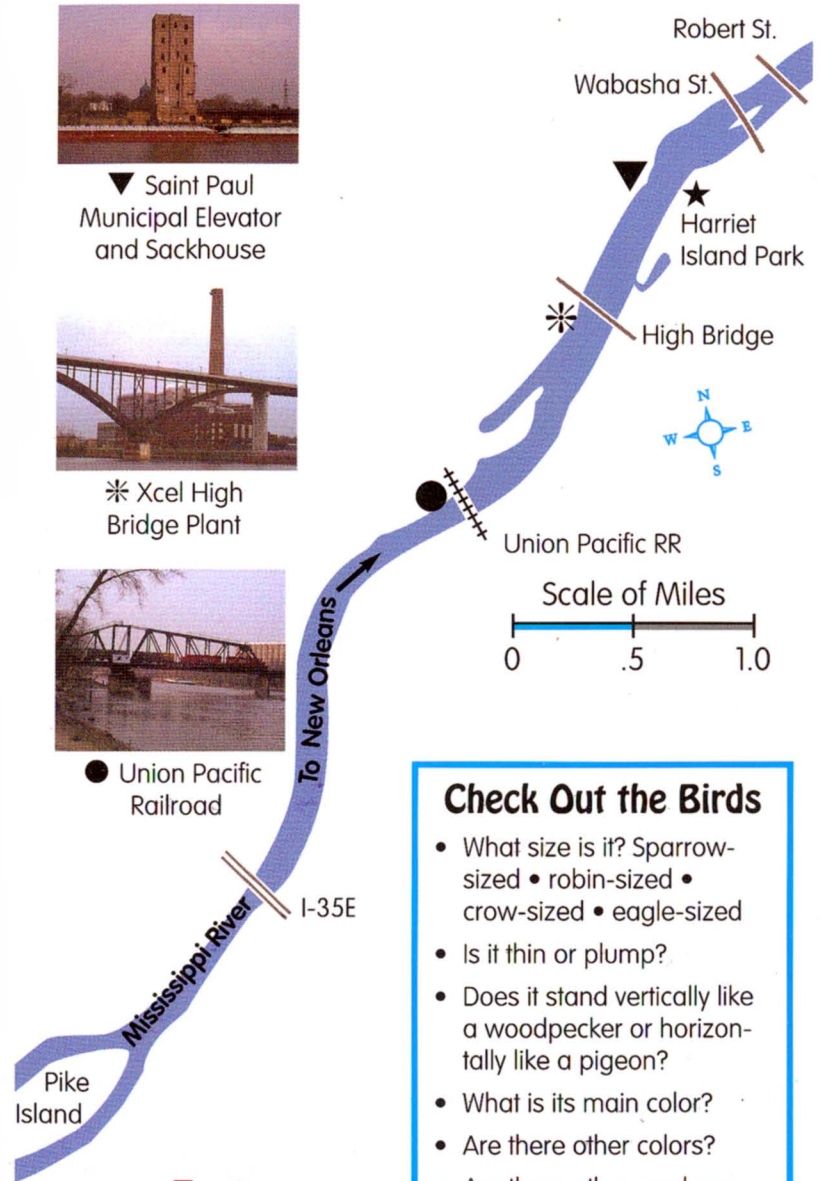
Minneapolis



Fact

Female Peregrine Falcons are $\frac{1}{3}$ bigger than the males. Peregrine falcons are ready to be parents when they are two years old.

Saint Paul



Fact

The Upper Mississippi River is an important flyway for 326 bird species (60% of all species in North America).

Check Out the Birds

- What size is it? Sparrow-sized • robin-sized • crow-sized • eagle-sized
- Is it thin or plump?
- Does it stand vertically like a woodpecker or horizontally like a pigeon?
- What is its main color?
- Are there other colors?
- Are there other marks or spots? Bars or patches? Where are they?
- What is it doing?
- Can you hear its song?