

CRITTERS OF PROSPECT PARK EAST RIVER ROAD

Seen Within Last Few Years

Informal Survey (December 2010)

More non-human critters are seen around 4th St. and East River Road than elsewhere—they, travel along the railroad tracks and the Mississippi River. Increasing numbers of non-resident humans are regularly seen cluttering our streets with their cars then taking the #16 bus.

No one reported species in Bridal Veil Creek.

It would be a good project to write an illustrated booklet of *Prospect Park East River Road Fauna*, and one with recipes of *PPERR Edible Plants* (there are many). It could involve the kids at Pratt. (Some of the mammals are edible as well, but most PPERR folks do not seem to partake.)

MAMMALS

Probably a fairly complete list

Bat, Little Brown
Beaver
Cats, Domestic (many colors)
 Long Hair
 Medium Hair
 Short Hair
Chipmunk
Coyote (stalking cat 4th Street; eating rabbit ER Terrace)
Deer, White-Tailed
Dogs, Domestic
 Well trained
 Allowed by owners to be disruptive
Fisher (see *Wolverine* below)
Foxes
 Red
 Grey
Groundhog (see Woodchuck)
Humans
 PPERRIA Members
 Other Residents
 Resident Children
 Well behaved
 Other
Visitors
 Wanted
 Unwanted
Mice
 Common House
 Western Meadow
 White Footed
Moles, Eastern (*are Star-Nosed here?*)
Voles
 Meadow
 Prairie (occasional)

Muskrat (not reported but must be at river)

Opossum

Otter (by bridge)

Rabbit, Cottontail

Raccoon

Rat (not reported but they must be here)

Skunk

Squirrels

 Grey (previously albinos near bridge)

Flying (not reported but they must be here)

 Red

Wolverine (one unconfirmed report, sighting; MN

DNR says highly unlikely, but Fishers sometimes come into the Metro area.)

Woodchuck

REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS

There are probably more

Frog, Leopard

Salamander, Spotted

Skink, Five-Lined

Snakes

 Common Garter

(Many other species in Minneapolis)

Toad, American

Turtle

 Painted

 Soft Shell (spiny or smooth?)

MOLLUSKS & FISH

Slugs (they feast on our Hosta)

Snails (terrestrial & aquatic)

Not reported, but there are mussels & clams & many species of fish in the river

BIRDS

*There must be many more, including water
& shore birds by the Mississippi River.*

Bunting, Indigo	Junco
Cardinal	Nighthawk
Cedar Waxwing (flocks during fall migration)	Nuthatch
Chickadee, Black-Capped	Oriole, Baltimore
Chicken, Domestic	Owls
Dove, Mourning	Great Horned
Ducks	<i>(I'd be surprised if there were not more)</i>
Wood	Pigeon
<i>(More species must be at the river)</i>	Robin (occasionally winter here)
Crow	Sparrow (several kinds)
Eagle, Bald (flying over river)	Starling
Falcon, Peregrine (occasional)	Swallow (Barn, Cliff, or Bank?)
Finches	Turkey, Wild
Gold	Vireos (several kinds)
House	Warblers (several kinds)
Goose, Canada	Woodpecker
Goshawk, Northern	Downy
Hawks	Hairy
Coopers	Flicker
Sparrow	Pileated
Red Tail	Red Breasted
Jay, Blue	Wren, House

INSECTS, SPIDERS & TICKS

No attempt has been made to list.

INVERTEBRATES—AQUATIC & TERRESTRIAL

Earthworms (various types)
Roundworms (a common parasitic worm in, e.g., birds & rodents, and hence in cats & dogs)
Tapeworm (another parasitic worm, intermediate hosts include rodents & rabbits)
Crayfish have been reported by others in Bridal Veil Creek
—*there must be many others*—

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