

BIRD CHECKLIST

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Natural places worth knowing



	Sp	S	F	W
DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS				
___ Canada Goose	X			
___ Northern Shoveler	X			
___ Mallard	X	X		
___ Northern Pintail		X		
GROUSE, TURKEYS, AND PHEASANTS				
___ Greater Prairie-Chicken	X			X
___ Ring-necked Pheasant	X		X	X
PIGEONS AND DOVES				
___ Rock Pigeon				X
___ Mourning Dove	X	X		
PLOVERS				
___ Killdeer	X			
SANDPIPERS				
___ Upland Sandpiper	X	X		
___ Marbled Godwit	X	X		
___ Wilson's Snipe	X			
___ Wilson's Phalarope	X	X		
PELICANS				
___ American White Pelican	X			
HERONS AND EGRETS				
___ Great Blue Heron			X	
NEW WORLD VULTURES				
___ Turkey Vulture		X		
HAWKS AND EAGLES				
___ Northern Harrier		X	X	
___ Red-tailed Hawk		X	X	
OWLS				
___ Short-eared Owl	X	X	X	
WOODPECKERS				
___ Downy Woodpecker			X	
TYRANT FLYCATCHERS				
___ Eastern Wood-Pewee			X	
___ Willow Flycatcher		X		
___ Least Flycatcher	X			
___ Western Kingbird	X			
___ Eastern Kingbird	X	X		
VIREOS				
___ Warbling Vireo	X			

	Sp	S	F	W
SHRIKES				
___ Loggerhead Shrike		X		
___ Northern Shrike			X	
JAYS, CROWS, AND MAGPIES				
___ Blue Jay			X	
___ American Crow		X		X
LARKS				
___ Horned Lark			X	
SWALLOWS				
___ Barn Swallow		X		
WRENS				
___ House Wren	X			
___ Sedge Wren	X	X		
STARLINGS				
___ European Starling	X			X
MIMIDS				
___ Brown Thrasher		X		
THRUSHES				
___ Eastern Bluebird			X	
___ American Robin	X			
WAXWINGS				
___ Cedar Waxwing			X	
PIPITS				
___ American Pipit			X	
FINCHES				
___ American Goldfinch	X	X		
LONGSPURS AND SNOW BUNTINGS				
___ Lapland Longspur			X	
___ Snow Bunting			X	
SPARROWS				
___ Chipping Sparrow			X	
___ Clay-colored Sparrow	X	X		
___ Fox Sparrow			X	
___ Dark-eyed Junco			X	
___ White-throated Sparrow			X	
___ LeConte's Sparrow	X	X		
___ Savannah Sparrow	X	X	X	
___ Song Sparrow	X	X	X	
___ Swamp Sparrow	X	X		

Sp S F W

BLACKBIRDS

___ Bobolink	X	X	
___ Western Meadowlark	X	X	X
___ Red-winged Blackbird	X	X	X
___ Brown-headed Cowbird	X		
___ Common Grackle	X	X	

WARBLERS

___ Common Yellowthroat	X	X	
___ Yellow Warbler	X		
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler			X

CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, AND BUNTINGS

___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	X		
___ Dickcissel		X	

Seasonal Occurrence Key

Sp - Spring (March through May)

S - Summer (June through July)

F - Fall (August through November)

W - Winter (December through February)

C - Common (seen every year/season)

U - Uncommon (seen every 2-3 years/season)

O - Occasional (seen every 4-9 years/season)

R - Rare (seen less than once every 10 years/season)

X - Observed during season, data insufficient for calculating occurrence

Bird Identification Tips

When you observe a bird, make note of at least **three** characteristics:

Location - Where did you see the bird (water, forest, feeder, lower branch, tree trunk)?

Body size and shape - Compare it to a known bird (smaller than a... bigger than a... plump like a... slender like a...). Looks at its tail, legs, and bill (long, short, thick, thin, curved, straight).

Colors and markings - Look on wings, tail, back, belly, rump, and head (stripe above eye, white spot on tail, etc.).

Sounds and movements - How does it act and sound (traveling alone or in groups, soaring, flapping, flap and glide, etc.)?

Data for this checklist were sourced from eBird as well as MNDNR staff and contractor observations. Checklist organization follows the most current Clements checklist and eBird taxonomy.

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