

BIRD CHECKLIST

Malmberg Prairie SNA

MINNESOTA SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREAS



Natural places worth knowing



	Sp	S	F	W
DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS				
__ Mallard	X	X		
GROUSE, TURKEYS, AND PHEASANTS				
__ Gray Partridge		X		
PIGEONS AND DOVES				
__ Mourning Dove	X	X		
CUCKOOS				
__ Black-billed Cuckoo		X		
RAILS, GALLINULES, AND COOTS				
__ Sora	X	X		
__ Yellow Rail		X		
PLOVERS				
__ Killdeer	X			
SANDPIPERS				
__ Wilson's Snipe	X			
HERONS AND EGRETS				
__ American Bittern	X			
HAWKS AND EAGLES				
__ Northern Harrier	X	X		
OWLS				
__ Short-eared Owl		X		
TYRANT FLYCATCHERS				
__ Willow Flycatcher		X		
__ Eastern Kingbird		X		
JAYS, CROWS, AND MAGPIES				
__ Black-billed Magpie				X
__ American Crow	X	X		
LARKS				
__ Horned Lark	X	X		
SWALLOWS				
__ Tree Swallow		X		
__ Barn Swallow	X	X		
WRENS				
__ Sedge Wren		X		
MIMIDS				
__ Brown Thrasher		X		
THRUSHES				
__ American Robin		X		

	Sp	S	F	W
OLD WORLD SPARROWS				
__ House Sparrow	X	X		
FINCHES				
__ House Finch		X		
__ American Goldfinch		X		
SPARROWS				
__ Clay-colored Sparrow		X		
__ LeConte's Sparrow		X		
__ Nelson's Sparrow		X		
__ Savannah Sparrow	X	X		
__ Song Sparrow		X		
__ Swamp Sparrow	X			
BLACKBIRDS				
__ Bobolink	X	X		
__ Western Meadowlark	X	X		
__ Orchard Oriole		X		
__ Baltimore Oriole		X		
__ Red-winged Blackbird	X	X		
__ Brown-headed Cowbird	X	X		
__ Brewer's Blackbird		X		
__ Common Grackle		X		
WARBLERS				
__ Common Yellowthroat	X	X		
__ Yellow Warbler	X	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.)?

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