

BIRD CHECKLIST

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MINNESOTA  
SCIENTIFIC AND  
NATURAL  
AREAS



Natural places worth knowing



	Sp	S	F	W
DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS				
__ Canada Goose	X	X	X	
__ Trumpeter Swan	X			
__ Wood Duck		X		
__ Blue-winged Teal		X		
__ Northern Shoveler		X		
__ Gadwall		X		
__ Mallard		X	X	
__ Northern Pintail		X		
__ Green-winged Teal		X		
__ Canvasback		X		
__ Redhead		X		
__ Ring-necked Duck		X		
__ Ruddy Duck		X		
GROUSE, TURKEYS, AND PHEASANTS				
__ Wild Turkey		X		X
__ Ruffed Grouse	X	X		
__ Sharp-tailed Grouse		X	X	
__ Greater Prairie-Chicken	X			
__ Gray Partridge		X		
__ Ring-necked Pheasant	X			
PIGEONS AND DOVES				
__ Rock Pigeon				X
__ Mourning Dove	X	X	X	
CUCKOOS				
__ Yellow-billed Cuckoo		X		
__ Black-billed Cuckoo		X		
NIGHTJARS				
__ Common Nighthawk	X	X	X	
SWIFTS				
__ Chimney Swift		X		
HUMMINGBIRDS				
__ Ruby-throated Hummingbird		X		
RAILS, GALLINULES, AND COOTS				
__ Sora		X		
CRANES				
__ Sandhill Crane	X	X		
PLOVERS				
__ Killdeer	X	X		

	Sp	S	F	W
SANDPIPERS				
__ Upland Sandpiper	X	X		
__ Marbled Godwit		X		
__ Spotted Sandpiper		X		
__ Solitary Sandpiper		X		
GULLS AND TERNS				
__ Franklin's Gull	X			
LOONS				
__ Common Loon		X		
CORMORANTS				
__ Double-crested Cormorant		X		
PELICANS				
__ American White Pelican		X		
HERONS AND EGRETS				
__ American Bittern		X		
__ Great Blue Heron		X		
NEW WORLD VULTURES				
__ Turkey Vulture	X	X	X	
HAWKS AND EAGLES				
__ Northern Harrier	X	X	X	
__ Bald Eagle		X	X	X
__ Broad-winged Hawk			X	
__ Swainson's Hawk		X		
__ Red-tailed Hawk	X	X	X	
__ Rough-legged Hawk				X
OWLS				
__ Great Horned Owl		X		
__ Short-eared Owl		X		
WOODPECKERS				
__ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	X	X	X	
__ Red-headed Woodpecker		X	X	
__ Downy Woodpecker	X	X	X	
__ Hairy Woodpecker	X	X	X	X
__ Pileated Woodpecker		X	X	
__ Northern Flicker	X	X	X	
FALCONS				
__ American Kestrel	X	X	X	
TYRANT FLYCATCHERS				
__ Olive-sided Flycatcher			X	

	Sp	S	F	W
VIREOS				
__ Eastern Wood-Pewee		X	X	
__ Alder Flycatcher		X		
__ Least Flycatcher	X	X		
__ Eastern Phoebe		X		
__ Great Crested Flycatcher	X	X		
__ Western Kingbird		X	X	
__ Eastern Kingbird	X	X	X	
SHRIKES				
__ Northern Shrike			X	
JAYS, CROWS, AND MAGPIES				
__ Blue Jay	X	X	X	X
__ Black-billed Magpie		X		
__ American Crow	X	X	X	X
__ Common Raven		X		X
CHICKADEES AND TITMICE				
__ Black-capped Chickadee	X	X	X	X
LARKS				
__ Horned Lark		X		
SWALLOWS				
__ Northern Rough-winged Swallow		X		
__ Purple Martin		X		
__ Tree Swallow	X	X		
__ Bank Swallow		X		
__ Barn Swallow	X	X		
__ Cliff Swallow		X		
NUTHATCHES				
__ Red-breasted Nuthatch	X			
__ White-breasted Nuthatch	X	X	X	
WRENS				
__ House Wren	X	X		
__ Sedge Wren		X		
__ Marsh Wren		X		
STARLINGS				
__ European Starling		X		

	Sp	S	F	W
<b>MIMIDS</b>				
__ Gray Catbird	X	X		
__ Brown Thrasher	X	X		
<b>THRUSHES</b>				
__ Eastern Bluebird	X	X	X	
__ Veery		X		
__ Swainson's Thrush		X		
__ Hermit Thrush	X			
__ American Robin	X	X	X	
<b>WAXWINGS</b>				
__ Bohemian Waxwing	X			
__ Cedar Waxwing		X	X	
<b>OLD WORLD SPARROWS</b>				
__ House Sparrow		X		
<b>PIPITS</b>				
__ American Pipit			X	
<b>FINCHES</b>				
__ Pine Siskin		X		
__ American Goldfinch	X	X	X	
<b>LONGSPURS AND SNOW BUNTINGS</b>				
__ Lapland Longspur			X	
__ Snow Bunting				X
<b>SPARROWS</b>				
__ Grasshopper Sparrow	X	X		
__ Chipping Sparrow	X	X	X	
__ Clay-colored Sparrow	X	X	X	
__ Field Sparrow	X	X		
__ Lark Sparrow	X	X		
__ American Tree Sparrow			X	
__ Dark-eyed Junco	X		X	
__ White-crowned Sparrow	X		X	
__ Harris's Sparrow			X	
__ White-throated Sparrow	X	X	X	
__ Vesper Sparrow	X	X		
__ LeConte's Sparrow	X	X		
__ Nelson's Sparrow		X		
__ Savannah Sparrow	X	X	X	
__ Song Sparrow	X	X		
__ Lincoln's Sparrow			X	

	Sp	S	F	W
__ Swamp Sparrow		X		
<b>BLACKBIRDS</b>				
__ Yellow-headed Blackbird		X		
__ Bobolink	X	X		
__ Western Meadowlark	X	X	X	
__ Orchard Oriole		X	X	
__ Baltimore Oriole	X	X		
__ Red-winged Blackbird	X	X	X	
__ Brown-headed Cowbird	X	X		
__ Common Grackle	X	X		
<b>WARBLERS</b>				
__ Ovenbird	X	X		
__ Black-and-white Warbler	X			
__ Tennessee Warbler	X	X		
__ Nashville Warbler	X	X		
__ Common Yellowthroat		X		
__ American Redstart		X		
__ Blackburnian Warbler	X			
__ Yellow Warbler	X	X		
__ Chestnut-sided Warbler	X	X		
__ Blackpoll Warbler		X		
__ Palm Warbler	X			
__ Yellow-rumped Warbler	X		X	
__ Canada Warbler	X			

<b>CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, AND BUNTINGS</b>				
__ Scarlet Tanager	X	X		
__ Northern Cardinal		X		
__ Rose-breasted Grosbeak		X	X	
__ Indigo Bunting	X	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.)?

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