

BIRD CHECKLIST

Pembina Trail SNA

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	X		
___ Blue-winged Teal	X		X	
___ Northern Shoveler	X			
___ Gadwall	X	X		
___ Mallard	X	X	X	
___ Northern Pintail	X			
___ Canvasback	X			
GROUSE, TURKEYS, AND PHEASANTS				
___ Wild Turkey		X	X	
___ Ruffed Grouse	X			
___ Sharp-tailed Grouse	X	X		X
___ Greater Prairie-Chicken	X	X	X	X
GREBES				
___ Pied-billed Grebe			X	
PIGEONS AND DOVES				
___ Rock Pigeon	X		X	X
___ Mourning Dove	X	X	X	
RAILS, GALLINULES, AND COOTS				
___ Sora	X	X		
___ American Coot	X			
___ Yellow Rail		X		
CRANES				
___ Sandhill Crane	X	X	X	
PLOVERS				
___ Killdeer	X	X	X	
SANDPIPERS				
___ Upland Sandpiper	X	X		
___ Marbled Godwit	X	X		
___ Least Sandpiper			X	
___ Pectoral Sandpiper			X	
___ American Woodcock	X		X	
___ Wilson's Snipe	X	X		
___ Wilson's Phalarope		X		
___ Greater Yellowlegs		X		
GULLS AND TERNS				
___ Franklin's Gull	X	X		
___ Ring-billed Gull			X	

	Sp	S	F	W
___ Black Tern	X	X		
PELICANS				
___ American White Pelican	X			
HERONS AND EGRETS				
___ American Bittern	X	X		
___ Great Blue Heron	X	X	X	
___ Great Egret	X			
NEW WORLD VULTURES				
___ Turkey Vulture		X	X	
HAWKS AND EAGLES				
___ Northern Harrier	X	X	X	
___ Bald Eagle		X	X	
___ Red-tailed Hawk	X	X	X	
___ Rough-legged Hawk	X		X	X
OWLS				
___ Snowy Owl				X
___ Short-eared Owl	X	X	X	X
WOODPECKERS				
___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	X			
___ Red-headed Woodpecker		X		
___ Downy Woodpecker			X	
___ Hairy Woodpecker	X	X	X	
___ Pileated Woodpecker		X		
___ Northern Flicker	X	X	X	
FALCONS				
___ American Kestrel	X		X	
TYRANT FLYCATCHERS				
___ Olive-sided Flycatcher			X	
___ Eastern Wood-Pewee		X	X	
___ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	X			
___ Alder Flycatcher	X	X	X	
___ Willow Flycatcher		X		
___ Least Flycatcher	X	X	X	
___ Eastern Phoebe	X			
___ Great Crested Flycatcher		X		
___ Western Kingbird	X			
___ Eastern Kingbird	X	X	X	
VIREOS				
___ Yellow-throated Vireo		X		

	Sp	S	F	W
___ Warbling Vireo	X	X		
___ Red-eyed Vireo		X	X	
JAYS, CROWS, AND MAGPIES				
___ Blue Jay	X		X	
___ Black-billed Magpie	X	X		X
___ American Crow	X	X	X	X
___ Common Raven	X	X		X
CHICKADEES AND TITMICE				
___ Black-capped Chickadee	X	X	X	
LARKS				
___ Horned Lark	X	X	X	
SWALLOWS				
___ Tree Swallow	X	X	X	
___ Barn Swallow	X	X	X	
___ Cliff Swallow	X	X	X	
KINGLETS				
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	X		X	
___ Golden-crowned Kinglet			X	
NUTHATCHES				
___ Red-breasted Nuthatch			X	
___ White-breasted Nuthatch		X	X	
WRENS				
___ House Wren	X	X	X	
___ Sedge Wren	X	X	X	
___ Marsh Wren	X	X		
STARLINGS				
___ European Starling	X	X	X	
MIMIDS				
___ Gray Catbird	X	X		
___ Brown Thrasher	X	X		
THRUSHES				
___ Eastern Bluebird		X	X	
___ Veery	X	X		
___ Hermit Thrush	X			
___ American Robin	X	X	X	
WAXWINGS				
___ Cedar Waxwing		X	X	
OLD WORLD SPARROWS				
___ House Sparrow	X		X	

	Sp	S	F	W
FINCHES				
___ Common Redpoll	X			X
___ American Goldfinch	X	X	X	
LONGSPURS AND SNOW BUNTINGS				
___ Lapland Longspur			X	
___ Chestnut-collared Longspur		X		
___ Snow Bunting				X
SPARROWS				
___ Grasshopper Sparrow		X	X	
___ Chipping Sparrow	X	X	X	
___ Clay-colored Sparrow	X	X	X	
___ Lark Sparrow			X	
___ American Tree Sparrow	X		X	
___ Fox Sparrow			X	
___ Dark-eyed Junco			X	X
___ White-crowned Sparrow			X	
___ Harris's Sparrow			X	
___ White-throated Sparrow			X	
___ Vesper Sparrow	X	X	X	
___ LeConte's Sparrow	X	X		
___ Nelson's Sparrow		X		
___ Savannah Sparrow	X	X	X	
___ Song Sparrow	X	X	X	
___ Lincoln's Sparrow			X	
___ Swamp Sparrow	X	X	X	
BLACKBIRDS				
___ Yellow-headed Blackbird	X	X	X	
___ Bobolink	X	X	X	
___ Western Meadowlark	X	X	X	
___ Orchard Oriole	X	X		
___ Baltimore Oriole	X	X	X	
___ Red-winged Blackbird	X	X	X	
___ Brown-headed Cowbird	X	X	X	
___ Brewer's Blackbird	X	X	X	
___ Common Grackle	X	X	X	
WARBLERS				
___ Ovenbird	X			
___ Black-and-white Warbler	X			
___ Nashville Warbler			X	

	Sp	S	F	W
___ Common Yellowthroat	X	X	X	
___ American Redstart	X			
___ Yellow Warbler	X	X		
___ Palm Warbler	X			
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler	X			
CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, AND BUNTINGS				
___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	X	X	X	
___ Indigo Bunting			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.

Minnesota Scientific and Natural Areas Program
500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155-4025
888-646-6367 or 651-259-5088
sna.dnr@state.mn.us
mndnr.gov/snas

This information can be made available in alternative formats such as large print, braille, or audio tape by emailing info.dnr@state.mn.us or calling 651-296-6157.

Funding for this project was provided by the Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund as recommended by the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR).