

BIRD CHECKLIST

Twin Valley Prairie SNA

MINNESOTA SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREAS



Natural places worth knowing



	Sp	S	F	W
DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS				
___ Canada Goose	X	X		
___ Trumpeter Swan	X			
___ Mallard	X			
GROUSE, TURKEYS, AND PHEASANTS				
___ Sharp-tailed Grouse				X
___ Greater Prairie-Chicken	X	X	X	
PIGEONS AND DOVES				
___ Rock Pigeon	X	X		
___ Eurasian Collared-Dove	X			
___ Mourning Dove		X		
RAILS, GALLINULES, AND COOTS				
___ Sora	X	X		
___ American Coot		X		
CRANES				
___ Sandhill Crane	X	X	X	
PLOVERS				
___ Killdeer	X	X		
SANDPIPERS				
___ Upland Sandpiper	X	X		
___ Marbled Godwit	X	X		
___ American Woodcock	X			
___ Wilson's Snipe	X	X		
___ Wilson's Phalarope		X		
HERONS AND EGRETS				
___ American Bittern	X	X		
HAWKS AND EAGLES				
___ Northern Harrier	X	X	X	
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk				X
___ Red-tailed Hawk		X		
___ Rough-legged Hawk	X			
KINGFISHERS				
___ Belted Kingfisher	X			
WOODPECKERS				
___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		X		
___ Northern Flicker	X	X		
FALCONS				
___ American Kestrel	X	X		

	Sp	S	F	W
TYRANT FLYCATCHERS				
___ Alder Flycatcher		X		
___ Willow Flycatcher		X		
___ Least Flycatcher		X		
___ Eastern Phoebe		X		
___ Western Kingbird		X		
___ Eastern Kingbird		X		
VIREOS				
___ Warbling Vireo		X		
JAYS, CROWS, AND MAGPIES				
___ American Crow	X			
___ Common Raven	X	X		
LARKS				
___ Horned Lark	X		X	
SWALLOWS				
___ Tree Swallow	X	X		
___ Barn Swallow	X	X		
WRENS				
___ House Wren		X		
___ Sedge Wren	X	X		
___ Marsh Wren	X	X		
STARLINGS				
___ European Starling	X			
MIMIDS				
___ Gray Catbird		X		
___ Brown Thrasher		X		
THRUSHES				
___ Eastern Bluebird			X	
___ Veery		X		
___ American Robin	X	X		
WAXWINGS				
___ Cedar Waxwing		X		
FINCHES				
___ Common Redpoll				X
___ American Goldfinch	X	X		X
LONGSPURS AND SNOW BUNTINGS				
___ Lapland Longspur			X	
SPARROWS				
___ Grasshopper Sparrow		X		

	Sp	S	F	W
<input type="checkbox"/> Chipping Sparrow		X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Clay-colored Sparrow	X	X		
<input type="checkbox"/> American Tree Sparrow	X		X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dark-eyed Junco			X	
<input type="checkbox"/> White-crowned Sparrow			X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Harris's Sparrow			X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Vesper Sparrow	X	X		
<input type="checkbox"/> LeConte's Sparrow	X	X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Nelson's Sparrow		X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Savannah Sparrow	X	X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Song Sparrow		X	X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Swamp Sparrow	X	X	X	

BLACKBIRDS

<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-headed Blackbird		X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Bobolink	X	X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Western Meadowlark	X	X	X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Orchard Oriole		X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Baltimore Oriole		X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-winged Blackbird	X	X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown-headed Cowbird	X	X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Brewer's Blackbird	X	X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Grackle	X	X		

WARBLERS

<input type="checkbox"/> Common Yellowthroat	X	X		
<input type="checkbox"/> American Redstart		X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow Warbler	X	X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-rumped Warbler			X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Canada Warbler	X			

CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, AND BUNTINGS

<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Cardinal	X			
<input type="checkbox"/> 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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