

# BIRD CHECKLIST

Prairie Coteau SNA

## MINNESOTA SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREAS



*Natural places worth knowing*



	Sp	S	F	W
<b>DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Canada Goose	X		X	X
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Duck			X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue-winged Teal	X			
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Shoveler			X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mallard	X	X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Ring-necked Duck	X			
<b>GROUSE, TURKEYS, AND PHEASANTS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Gray Partridge	X			
<input type="checkbox"/> Ring-necked Pheasant	X	X	X	
<b>GREBES</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pied-billed Grebe		X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Western Grebe	X			
<b>PIGEONS AND DOVES</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Rock Pigeon	X	X	X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mourning Dove	X	X	X	
<b>RAILS, GALLINULES, AND COOTS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Virginia Rail	X	X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Sora	X			
<input type="checkbox"/> American Coot	X	X		
<b>PLOVERS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Killdeer	X	X	X	
<b>SANDPIPERS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Upland Sandpiper	X	X	X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wilson's Snipe	X	X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Greater Yellowlegs			X	
<b>GULLS AND TERNS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Franklin's Gull			X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ring-billed Gull	X		X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Forster's Tern	X			
<b>CORMORANTS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Double-crested Cormorant	X			
<b>PELICANS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> American White Pelican	X			
<b>HERONS AND EGRETS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Blue Heron	X	X	X	
<b>NEW WORLD VULTURES</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Turkey Vulture	X	X	X	

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<b>HAWKS AND EAGLES</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Harrier	X	X	X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bald Eagle	X			
<input type="checkbox"/> Swainson's Hawk	X	X	X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-tailed Hawk	X	X	X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Rough-legged Hawk				X
<b>OWLS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Horned Owl	X	X	X	
<b>WOODPECKERS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Flicker	X	X	X	
<b>FALCONS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> American Kestrel	X	X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Merlin			X	
<b>TYRANT FLYCATCHERS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Olive-sided Flycatcher			X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Willow Flycatcher			X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Western Kingbird		X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Kingbird	X	X	X	
<b>VIREOS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Warbling Vireo		X	X	
<b>JAYS, CROWS, AND MAGPIES</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue Jay	X	X	X	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Crow	X	X	X	
<b>CHICKADEES AND TITMICE</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-capped Chickadee		X		
<b>LARKS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Horned Lark	X	X	X	X
<b>SWALLOWS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Rough-winged Swallow	X	X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Purple Martin			X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tree Swallow	X	X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Bank Swallow		X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn Swallow	X	X	X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Cliff Swallow	X	X	X	
<b>KINGLETS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-crowned Kinglet			X	
<b>WRENS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> House Wren		X	X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sedge Wren	X	X	X	

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___ Marsh Wren	X	X	X	
<b>STARLINGS</b>				
___ European Starling	X	X	X	
<b>MIMIDS</b>				
___ Brown Thrasher		X		
<b>THRUSHES</b>				
___ Eastern Bluebird	X			
___ American Robin	X	X	X	
<b>WAXWINGS</b>				
___ Cedar Waxwing			X	
<b>OLD WORLD SPARROWS</b>				
___ House Sparrow	X			
<b>FINCHES</b>				
___ American Goldfinch	X	X	X	
<b>LONGSPURS AND SNOW BUNTINGS</b>				
___ Lapland Longspur	X			X
___ Snow Bunting	X			X
<b>SPARROWS</b>				
___ Grasshopper Sparrow	X	X	X	
___ Chipping Sparrow	X			
___ Clay-colored Sparrow	X	X	X	
___ Field Sparrow		X		
___ American Tree Sparrow	X			
___ Dark-eyed Junco	X		X	
___ White-crowned Sparrow			X	
___ Vesper Sparrow		X		
___ LeConte's Sparrow		X		
___ Savannah Sparrow	X	X	X	
___ Henslow's Sparrow	X	X		
___ Song Sparrow	X	X	X	
___ Lincoln's Sparrow			X	
___ Swamp Sparrow	X	X	X	
<b>BLACKBIRDS</b>				
___ Yellow-headed Blackbird	X	X		
___ Bobolink	X	X	X	
___ Western Meadowlark	X	X	X	
___ Orchard Oriole		X		
___ Baltimore Oriole		X		
___ Red-winged Blackbird	X	X	X	

	Sp	S	F	W
___ Brown-headed Cowbird	X	X	X	
___ Brewer's Blackbird	X		X	
___ Common Grackle	X	X	X	
<b>WARBLERS</b>				
___ Common Yellowthroat	X	X	X	
___ Yellow Warbler		X		
<b>CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, AND BUNTINGS</b>				
___ Blue Grosbeak		X	X	
___ Indigo Bunting		X		
___ Dickcissel	X	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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