

# BIRD CHECKLIST

Sandpiper Prairie 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	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tundra Swan	X			
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue-winged Teal	X			
<input type="checkbox"/> Mallard	X		X	
<b>GROUSE, TURKEYS, AND PHEASANTS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Ring-necked Pheasant	X		X	
<b>PIGEONS AND DOVES</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Rock Pigeon	X			
<input type="checkbox"/> Mourning Dove	X	X	X	
<b>PLOVERS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Killdeer	X	X		
<b>SANDPIPERS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Upland Sandpiper	X	X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Marbled Godwit	X	X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Wilson's Snipe		X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Wilson's Phalarope		X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Greater Yellowlegs	X			
<input type="checkbox"/> Lesser Yellowlegs	X			
<b>HAWKS AND EAGLES</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Harrier	X	X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-tailed Hawk	X		X	
<b>OWLS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Horned Owl			X	
<b>WOODPECKERS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-bellied Woodpecker		X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Hairy Woodpecker		X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Flicker	X			
<b>FALCONS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> American Kestrel	X		X	
<b>TYRANT FLYCATCHERS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Willow Flycatcher		X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Least Flycatcher		X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Kingbird	X	X		
<b>VIREOS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Warbling Vireo		X		
<b>SHRIKES</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Loggerhead Shrike	X			

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<b>JAYS, CROWS, AND MAGPIES</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-billed Magpie			X	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Crow	X		X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Raven	X			
<b>CHICKADEES AND TITMICE</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-capped Chickadee		X		
<b>LARKS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Horned Lark	X			
<b>SWALLOWS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Tree Swallow		X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Bank Swallow	X	X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn Swallow	X	X		
<b>WRENS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> House Wren		X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Sedge Wren	X	X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Marsh Wren		X		
<b>STARLINGS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> European Starling	X		X	
<b>MIMIDS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Gray Catbird		X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown Thrasher	X	X		
<b>THRUSHES</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Bluebird		X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Veery		X		
<input type="checkbox"/> American Robin	X		X	
<b>WAXWINGS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Cedar Waxwing		X		
<b>FINCHES</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pine Siskin			X	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Goldfinch		X		
<b>SPARROWS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Clay-colored Sparrow		X		
<input type="checkbox"/> LeConte's Sparrow		X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Savannah Sparrow	X	X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Henslow's Sparrow		X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Song Sparrow		X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Swamp Sparrow		X	X	
<b>BLACKBIRDS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Bobolink	X	X		

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<input type="checkbox"/> Western Meadowlark	X	X	X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Baltimore Oriole		X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-winged Blackbird	X	X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown-headed Cowbird		X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Brewer's Blackbird	X	X		
<b>WARBLERS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Yellowthroat	X	X		
<input type="checkbox"/> American Redstart		X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow Warbler	X	X		
<b>CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, AND BUNTINGS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Indigo Bunting		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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