

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	O	U	X	X
__ Trumpeter Swan	O	O		
__ Wood Duck	R	O		
__ Blue-winged Teal	O	U		
__ Northern Shoveler		R		
__ American Wigeon		R		
__ Mallard	O	U		X
__ American Black Duck		O		
__ Green-winged Teal	O	O		
__ Ring-necked Duck		O		
__ Lesser Scaup		O		
__ Hooded Merganser		O		
GROUSE, TURKEYS, AND PHEASANTS				
__ Wild Turkey		O		
__ Ruffed Grouse	O	O	X	X
__ Sharp-tailed Grouse	R	R		
__ Ring-necked Pheasant		O		
GREBES				
__ Pied-billed Grebe		O		
PIGEONS AND DOVES				
__ Rock Pigeon	O	O		
__ Mourning Dove	O	O		
CUCKOOS				
__ Black-billed Cuckoo	O	O		
NIGHTJARS				
__ Common Nighthawk	O	O		
__ Eastern Whip-poor-will		O		
SWIFTS				
__ Chimney Swift	O	R		
HUMMINGBIRDS				
__ Ruby-throated Hummingbird	O	O		
RAILS, GALLINULES, AND COOTS				
__ Virginia Rail	O	U		
__ Sora	U	U		
__ American Coot		R		
__ Yellow Rail	U	U	X	
CRANES				
__ Sandhill Crane	O	C	X	

	Sp	S	F	W
PLOVERS				
__ Killdeer	O	O		
SANDPIPERS				
__ Upland Sandpiper		R		
__ American Woodcock	O	O		
__ Wilson's Snipe	O	U		
__ Wilson's Phalarope		R		
__ Solitary Sandpiper		R		
GULLS AND TERNS				
__ Ring-billed Gull		R		
__ Caspian Tern		R		
__ Black Tern	R	R		
LOONS				
__ Common Loon	R	O		
CORMORANTS				
__ Double-crested Cormorant		R		
HERONS AND EGRETS				
__ American Bittern	O	U		
__ Least Bittern		R		
__ Great Blue Heron	O	O	X	
__ Great Egret	R	R		
__ Green Heron	O	O	X	
NEW WORLD VULTURES				
__ Turkey Vulture	O	U		
OSPREYS				
__ Osprey		R		
HAWKS AND EAGLES				
__ Northern Harrier	O	O	X	
__ Sharp-shinned Hawk		O		
__ Bald Eagle	O	O		
__ Broad-winged Hawk	O	O		
__ Red-tailed Hawk	R	O		X
__ Rough-legged Hawk			X	X
OWLS				
__ Snowy Owl				X
__ Great Horned Owl	O	O		X
__ Barred Owl	O	O		
__ Northern Saw-whet Owl		R		

	Sp	S	F	W
KINGFISHERS				
__ Belted Kingfisher		R	O	
WOODPECKERS				
__ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	O	O		
__ Red-bellied Woodpecker	O	O		
__ Black-backed Woodpecker		R		
__ Downy Woodpecker	O	O		X
__ Hairy Woodpecker	O	O	X	
__ Pileated Woodpecker	O	O	X	
__ Northern Flicker	O	O	X	
FALCONS				
__ American Kestrel		O		
__ Merlin		O		
TYRANT FLYCATCHERS				
__ Olive-sided Flycatcher	O	R		
__ Eastern Wood-Pewee	O	O		
__ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher		R		
__ Alder Flycatcher	O	C	X	
__ Least Flycatcher	O	O		
__ Eastern Phoebe	O	O		
__ Great Crested Flycatcher	O	O	X	
__ Eastern Kingbird		O	X	
VIREOS				
__ Yellow-throated Vireo	O	O		
__ Blue-headed Vireo		O		
__ Philadelphia Vireo			X	
__ Warbling Vireo	O	O		
__ Red-eyed Vireo	O	O	X	
SHRIKES				
__ Northern Shrike				X
JAYS, CROWS, AND MAGPIES				
__ Canada Jay		R		
__ Blue Jay	O	U	X	
__ Black-billed Magpie	R	R		X
__ American Crow	O	U	X	X
__ Common Raven	O	O	X	X
CHICKADEES AND TITMICE				
__ Black-capped Chickadee	O	O	X	X
__ Boreal Chickadee		R		

	Sp	S	F	W
LARKS				
__ Horned Lark		R		
SWALLOWS				
__ Northern Rough-winged Swallow		O		
__ Purple Martin	R	O		
__ Tree Swallow	O	O		
__ Bank Swallow	O	O		
__ Barn Swallow	O	O		
__ Cliff Swallow		R		
KINGLETS				
__ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	O	R		
__ Golden-crowned Kinglet		R		
NUTHATCHES				
__ Red-breasted Nuthatch	O	O		
__ White-breasted Nuthatch	O	O		
CREPERS				
__ Brown Creeper	O			
WRENS				
__ House Wren		O		
__ Winter Wren		R		
__ Sedge Wren	U	C	X	
__ Marsh Wren	O	U	X	
STARLINGS				
__ European Starling	O	O	X	X
MIMIDS				
__ Gray Catbird	O	O	X	
__ Brown Thrasher	R	O		
THRUSHES				
__ Eastern Bluebird	R	O		
__ Veery	O	U		
__ Swainson's Thrush	O			
__ Hermit Thrush	O	O		
__ Wood Thrush	O	O		
__ American Robin	O	O	X	X
WAXWINGS				
__ Cedar Waxwing	O	O	X	
OLD WORLD SPARROWS				
__ House Sparrow		R		X

	Sp	S	F	W
FINCHES				
__ Evening Grosbeak				X
__ House Finch		R		
__ Purple Finch		O		
__ White-winged Crossbill				X
__ Pine Siskin	R			
__ American Goldfinch	O	O	X	
LONGSPURS AND SNOW BUNTINGS				
__ Lapland Longspur	R			
SPARROWS				
__ Grasshopper Sparrow	O	O		
__ Chipping Sparrow	O	O		
__ Clay-colored Sparrow	O	O		
__ Field Sparrow	R			
__ American Tree Sparrow			X	X
__ Fox Sparrow	O			
__ Dark-eyed Junco			X	
__ White-crowned Sparrow	O			
__ White-throated Sparrow	O	R	X	
__ Vesper Sparrow	O	R		
__ LeConte's Sparrow	U	U	X	
__ Nelson's Sparrow	O	U	X	
__ Savannah Sparrow	O	O		
__ Song Sparrow	O	U	X	
__ Lincoln's Sparrow		O		
__ Swamp Sparrow	U	C	X	
__ Eastern Towhee		O		
BLACKBIRDS				
__ Yellow-headed Blackbird		O		
__ Bobolink	O	U		
__ Western Meadowlark		R		
__ Eastern Meadowlark	R	O		
__ Baltimore Oriole	O	O		
__ Red-winged Blackbird	U	C		
__ Brown-headed Cowbird	O	O		
__ Brewer's Blackbird		O		
__ Common Grackle	O	O	X	
WARBLERS				
__ Ovenbird	O	O		

	Sp	S	F	W
__ Northern Waterthrush	O	R		
__ Golden-winged Warbler	O	O	X	
__ Black-and-white Warbler	O	O	X	
__ Tennessee Warbler	X	O		
__ Nashville Warbler	O	O		
__ Connecticut Warbler	R	R		
__ Mourning Warbler	R	O		
__ Common Yellowthroat	U	C	X	
__ American Redstart	O	U	X	
__ Magnolia Warbler	O	O		
__ Blackburnian Warbler	R	R		
__ Yellow Warbler	O	U		
__ Chestnut-sided Warbler	O	O	X	
__ Black-throated Blue Warbler	R			
__ Palm Warbler	O			
__ Pine Warbler		R		
__ Yellow-rumped Warbler	O	R		
__ Black-throated Green Warbler		R		
__ Canada Warbler		R		
__ Wilson's Warbler	O			
CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, AND BUNTINGS				
__ Scarlet Tanager	R	O		
__ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	O	O		
__ Indigo Bunting		O		
__ Dickcissel		R		

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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