

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	X			
__ Wood Duck	X			
__ Blue-winged Teal	X			
__ Mallard	X			
GROUSE, TURKEYS, AND PHEASANTS				
__ Gray Partridge			X	
__ Ring-necked Pheasant	X	X	X	X
PIGEONS AND DOVES				
__ Rock Pigeon	X			X
__ Mourning Dove	X	X	X	
PLOVERS				
__ Killdeer	X	X		
SANDPIPERS				
__ Upland Sandpiper		X		
GULLS AND TERNS				
__ Ring-billed Gull	X			
HERONS AND EGRETS				
__ Great Blue Heron	X	X		
NEW WORLD VULTURES				
__ Turkey Vulture	X			
HAWKS AND EAGLES				
__ Northern Harrier	X			
__ Sharp-shinned Hawk			X	
__ Red-tailed Hawk	X		X	
WOODPECKERS				
__ Northern Flicker	X		X	
FALCONS				
__ American Kestrel	X	X	X	
TYRANT FLYCATCHERS				
__ Least Flycatcher	X			
__ Eastern Kingbird	X	X		
JAYS, CROWS, AND MAGPIES				
__ Blue Jay		X	X	
__ American Crow	X		X	X
LARKS				
__ Horned Lark	X			
SWALLOWS				
__ Tree Swallow	X	X		

	Sp	S	F	W
__ Barn Swallow	X	X	X	
__ Cliff Swallow	X	X		
WRENS				
__ Sedge Wren	X	X	X	
__ Marsh Wren		X		
STARLINGS				
__ European Starling	X	X	X	
MIMIDS				
__ Brown Thrasher	X			
THRUSHES				
__ Eastern Bluebird			X	
__ American Robin	X	X	X	
OLD WORLD SPARROWS				
__ House Sparrow	X			X
PIPITS				
__ American Pipit	X		X	
FINCHES				
__ American Goldfinch	X	X	X	
LONGSPURS AND SNOW BUNTINGS				
__ Lapland Longspur	X			
SPARROWS				
__ Grasshopper Sparrow	X	X		
__ Chipping Sparrow	X			
__ Clay-colored Sparrow		X		
__ Field Sparrow	X			
__ American Tree Sparrow	X			X
__ Dark-eyed Junco	X		X	
__ White-throated Sparrow			X	
__ Vesper Sparrow	X	X	X	
__ Savannah Sparrow	X	X	X	
__ Song Sparrow	X	X	X	
__ Swamp Sparrow		X		
BLACKBIRDS				
__ Yellow-headed Blackbird		X		
__ Bobolink		X		
__ Western Meadowlark	X	X		
__ Baltimore Oriole	X			
__ Red-winged Blackbird	X	X		
__ Brown-headed Cowbird	X	X		

	Sp	S	F	W
__ Common Grackle	X	X	X	
WARBLERS				
__ Common Yellowthroat	X	X	X	
__ Yellow Warbler	X	X		
CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, AND BUNTINGS				
__ Blue Grosbeak		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.

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