

BIRD CHECKLIST

Grey Cloud Dunes SNA

MINNESOTA SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREAS



Natural places worth knowing



	Sp	S	F	W
DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS				
__ Snow Goose	U		O	
__ Greater White-fronted Goose	U			
__ Cackling Goose	O		O	
__ Canada Goose	C	C	C	X
__ Trumpeter Swan	O		O	X
__ Tundra Swan	O			
__ Wood Duck	C	O	U	
__ Blue-winged Teal	C	O	O	
__ Northern Shoveler	O		O	
__ Gadwall	O		O	
__ American Wigeon	O			
__ Mallard	C	C	C	X
__ American Black Duck	O			
__ Northern Pintail	O		O	
__ Green-winged Teal	O			
__ Canvasback	O		O	
__ Redhead	O		O	
__ Ring-necked Duck	C		O	
__ Greater Scaup	O			
__ Lesser Scaup	U			
__ Bufflehead	O		O	
__ Common Goldeneye	O		O	X
__ Hooded Merganser	C	O	O	X
__ Common Merganser	U		O	X
__ Red-breasted Merganser	O			
__ Ruddy Duck	O			
GROUSE, TURKEYS, AND PHEASANTS				
__ Wild Turkey	C	C	O	
__ Ring-necked Pheasant	C	U	O	
GREBES				
__ Pied-billed Grebe	U	O	O	
__ Horned Grebe	O			
__ Red-necked Grebe	O			
PIGEONS AND DOVES				
__ Rock Pigeon	C	O	O	X
__ Eurasian Collared-Dove	O			
__ Mourning Dove	C	C	C	X

	Sp	S	F	W
CUCKOOS				
__ Yellow-billed Cuckoo		O	O	
__ Black-billed Cuckoo		O	O	
NIGHTJARS				
__ Common Nighthawk		C	O	O
__ Eastern Whip-poor-will		O	O	
SWIFTS				
__ Chimney Swift		C	U	O
HUMMINGBIRDS				
__ Ruby-throated Hummingbird		U	C	U
RAILS, GALLINULES, AND COOTS				
__ Sora		O	O	O
__ American Coot		O		O
CRANES				
__ Sandhill Crane		U	O	O
PLOVERS				
__ American Golden-Plover		C	U	O
__ Killdeer		C	U	U
SANDPIPERS				
__ Upland Sandpiper			O	
__ Pectoral Sandpiper		O		
__ American Woodcock		C	O	O
__ Wilson's Snipe		O	O	O
__ Spotted Sandpiper		U	O	
__ Solitary Sandpiper		O		O
__ Greater Yellowlegs		O		
__ Lesser Yellowlegs		O		
GULLS AND TERNS				
__ Bonaparte's Gull		O		O
__ Franklin's Gull		O		O
__ Ring-billed Gull		C	O	C
__ Herring Gull		O		O
__ Caspian Tern		O		O
__ Common Tern		O		
__ Forster's Tern		U		
LOONS				
__ Common Loon		O		O
CORMORANTS				
__ Double-crested Cormorant		C	U	U

	Sp	S	F	W
PELICANS				
__ American White Pelican		C	O	O
HERONS AND EGRETS				
__ American Bittern		X		
__ Great Blue Heron		C	U	U
__ Great Egret		C	U	U
__ Green Heron		U	O	O
__ Black-crowned Night-Heron			O	
NEW WORLD VULTURES				
__ Turkey Vulture		C	C	C
OSPREYS				
__ Osprey		U	O	O
HAWKS AND EAGLES				
__ Northern Harrier		C	O	O
__ Sharp-shinned Hawk		U		O
__ Cooper's Hawk		C	O	O
__ Bald Eagle		C	C	C
__ Red-shouldered Hawk		O	O	O
__ Broad-winged Hawk		U	O	O
__ Swainson's Hawk		O	O	
__ Red-tailed Hawk		C	C	C
__ Rough-legged Hawk		O		O
OWLS				
__ Great Horned Owl		U	O	O
__ Barred Owl		O	O	O
__ Long-eared Owl				O
__ Short-eared Owl		O		
__ Northern Saw-whet Owl				O
KINGFISHERS				
__ Belted Kingfisher		C	O	O
WOODPECKERS				
__ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		U	O	O
__ Red-headed Woodpecker		O	O	O
__ Red-bellied Woodpecker		C	U	C
__ Downy Woodpecker		C	C	C
__ Hairy Woodpecker		C	U	C
__ Pileated Woodpecker		C	U	O
__ Northern Flicker		C	C	C

	Sp	S	F	W
FALCONS				
__ American Kestrel		C	O	U
__ Merlin		O	O	O
__ Peregrine Falcon		O	O	O
TYRANT FLYCATCHERS				
__ Olive-sided Flycatcher		U	O	O
__ Eastern Wood-Pewee		U	C	U
__ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher		O	O	O
__ Alder Flycatcher		U	U	
__ Willow Flycatcher		U	C	O
__ Least Flycatcher		C	O	O
__ Eastern Phoebe		C	U	C
__ Great Crested Flycatcher		C	C	O
__ Eastern Kingbird		C	C	U
VIREOS				
__ Bell's Vireo		O	O	O
__ Yellow-throated Vireo		C	U	O
__ Blue-headed Vireo		U		O
__ Philadelphia Vireo		O		O
__ Warbling Vireo		C	C	O
__ Red-eyed Vireo		C	C	O
SHRIKES				
__ Northern Shrike		U		O
JAYS, CROWS, AND MAGPIES				
__ Blue Jay		C	C	C
__ American Crow		C	C	C
__ Common Raven		O		O
CHICKADEES AND TITMICE				
__ Black-capped Chickadee		C	C	C
__ Tufted Titmouse		O		O
LARKS				
__ Horned Lark		U	O	O
SWALLOWS				
__ Northern Rough-winged Swallow		C	C	O
__ Purple Martin		O	R	O
__ Tree Swallow		C	C	O
__ Bank Swallow		C	U	O
__ Barn Swallow		C	C	O
__ Cliff Swallow		C	U	O

	Sp	S	F	W
KINGLETS				
__ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C		C	
__ Golden-crowned Kinglet	C		U	
NUTHATCHES				
__ Red-breasted Nuthatch	O		O	X
__ White-breasted Nuthatch	C	C	C	X
CREEPERS				
__ Brown Creeper	U		O	X
GNATCATCHERS				
__ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	C	U	O	
WRENS				
__ House Wren	C	C	C	
__ Winter Wren	O		O	
__ Sedge Wren	O	O	O	
__ Marsh Wren	O		O	
STARLINGS				
__ European Starling	U	O	U	X
MIMIDS				
__ Gray Catbird	C	C	C	
__ Brown Thrasher	C	C	U	
__ Northern Mockingbird	O	O		
THRUSHES				
__ Eastern Bluebird	C	C	C	X
__ Veery	O	O		
__ Gray-cheeked Thrush	O			
__ Swainson's Thrush	C		O	
__ Hermit Thrush	C		O	
__ Wood Thrush	O	O	O	
__ American Robin	C	C	C	X
WAXWINGS				
__ Cedar Waxwing	C	C	C	
OLD WORLD SPARROWS				
__ House Sparrow	O	O	O	X
PIPITS				
__ American Pipit			O	
FINCHES				
__ House Finch	C	C	C	X
__ Purple Finch	O		O	
__ Common Redpoll	O			X

	Sp	S	F	W
__ Red Crossbill			O	
__ Pine Siskin				X
__ American Goldfinch	C	C	C	X
LONGSPURS AND SNOW BUNTINGS				
__ Lapland Longspur	O		O	X
__ Snow Bunting	O			
SPARROWS				
__ Grasshopper Sparrow	C	C	O	
__ Chipping Sparrow	C	C	C	
__ Clay-colored Sparrow	C	C	U	
__ Field Sparrow	C	C	C	X
__ Lark Sparrow	C	U	O	
__ American Tree Sparrow	C		U	X
__ Fox Sparrow	C		O	
__ Dark-eyed Junco	C		U	X
__ White-crowned Sparrow	C		O	
__ Harris's Sparrow	O		O	
__ White-throated Sparrow	C	O	C	
__ Vesper Sparrow	C	C	U	
__ LeConte's Sparrow	O		O	
__ Savannah Sparrow	C	U	U	
__ Henslow's Sparrow	C	C	O	
__ Song Sparrow	C	C	C	
__ Lincoln's Sparrow	C		U	
__ Swamp Sparrow	C	O	O	X
__ Eastern Towhee	C	C	C	
CHATS				
__ Yellow-breasted Chat		O		
BLACKBIRDS				
__ Yellow-headed Blackbird	O	O		
__ Bobolink	O	O	X	
__ Western Meadowlark	O			
__ Eastern Meadowlark	C	U	O	
__ Orchard Oriole	C	C	O	
__ Baltimore Oriole	C	C	O	
__ Red-winged Blackbird	C	C	O	
__ Brown-headed Cowbird	C	C	O	
__ Rusty Blackbird	O		O	
__ Brewer's Blackbird	O		O	

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

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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