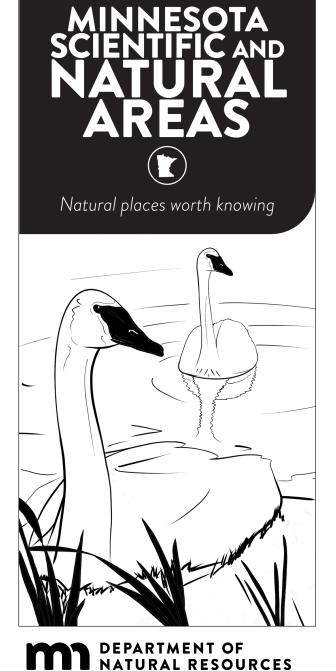
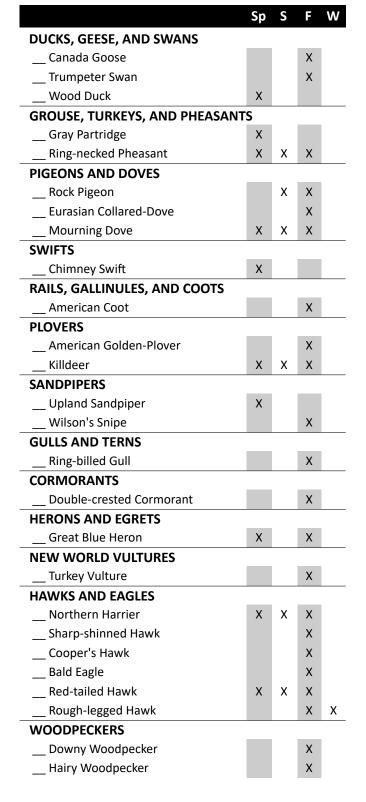
## **BIRD CHECKLIST**

Rock Ridge Prairie SNA





	Sp	S	F	W
Northern Flicker	Χ		Χ	
FALCONS				
American Kestrel		Χ	Χ	
Merlin			Χ	
TYRANT FLYCATCHERS				
Eastern Kingbird	Χ	Χ	Χ	
VIREOS				
Blue-headed Vireo			Χ	
SHRIKES				
Northern Shrike			Χ	
JAYS, CROWS, AND MAGPIES				
Blue Jay			Χ	
American Crow	Х		Χ	Х
CHICKADEES AND TITMICE				
Black-capped Chickadee			Χ	
LARKS				
Horned Lark	Χ		Χ	
SWALLOWS				
Tree Swallow		Χ	Χ	
Barn Swallow	Х	Χ	Χ	
Cliff Swallow	Χ			
KINGLETS				
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			Χ	
Golden-crowned Kinglet			Χ	
NUTHATCHES				
White-breasted Nuthatch			Χ	
WRENS				
House Wren	Х		Χ	
Sedge Wren	Х	Χ		
STARLINGS				
European Starling	Χ	Χ	Χ	
MIMIDS				
Gray Catbird			Χ	
Brown Thrasher		Χ		
THRUSHES				
Eastern Bluebird	Χ	Χ	Χ	
American Robin	Χ	Χ	Х	
OLD WORLD SPARROWS				
House Sparrow			Χ	

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PIPITS		ı			
American Pipit			X		
FINCHES		ı			
American Goldfinch		Х	Х		
LONGSPURS AND SNOW BUNTINGS		l		ı	
Lapland Longspur			Χ		
Smith's Longspur			Χ		
Snow Bunting			Χ		
SPARROWS		ı			
Grasshopper Sparrow	Χ	Χ			
Chipping Sparrow	Χ	Χ			
Clay-colored Sparrow	Χ	Χ			
Fox Sparrow			Χ		
Dark-eyed Junco	Χ		Χ		
Harris's Sparrow			Χ		
White-throated Sparrow			Χ		
Vesper Sparrow			Χ		
LeConte's Sparrow	Χ		Χ		
Savannah Sparrow	Χ	Χ	Χ		
Henslow's Sparrow	Χ				
Song Sparrow	Χ	Х	Χ		
Lincoln's Sparrow			Χ		
BLACKBIRDS					
Bobolink	Χ	Χ	Χ		
Western Meadowlark	Χ	Χ	Χ		
Eastern Meadowlark		Χ	Χ		
Red-winged Blackbird	Χ	Χ	Χ		
Brown-headed Cowbird	Χ	Χ			
Brewer's Blackbird	Χ		Χ		
Common Grackle	Χ	Х	Χ		
WARBLERS					
Common Yellowthroat	Χ	Χ	Χ		
Palm Warbler			Χ		
Yellow-rumped Warbler			Χ		
CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, AND BUNTINGS					
Blue Grosbeak		Χ			
Dickcissel		Х			

## **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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