

BIRD CHECKLIST

Rock Ridge Prairie SNA

MINNESOTA SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREAS



Natural places worth knowing



	Sp	S	F	W
DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS				
<input type="checkbox"/> Canada Goose			X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Trumpeter Swan			X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Duck	X			
GROUSE, TURKEYS, AND PHEASANTS				
<input type="checkbox"/> Gray Partridge	X			
<input type="checkbox"/> Ring-necked Pheasant	X	X	X	
PIGEONS AND DOVES				
<input type="checkbox"/> Rock Pigeon		X	X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Eurasian Collared-Dove			X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mourning Dove	X	X	X	
SWIFTS				
<input type="checkbox"/> Chimney Swift	X			
RAILS, GALLINULES, AND COOTS				
<input type="checkbox"/> American Coot			X	
PLOVERS				
<input type="checkbox"/> American Golden-Plover			X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Killdeer	X	X	X	
SANDPIPERS				
<input type="checkbox"/> Upland Sandpiper	X			
<input type="checkbox"/> Wilson's Snipe			X	
GULLS AND TERNS				
<input type="checkbox"/> Ring-billed Gull			X	
CORMORANTS				
<input type="checkbox"/> Double-crested Cormorant			X	
HERONS AND EGRETS				
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Blue Heron	X		X	
NEW WORLD VULTURES				
<input type="checkbox"/> Turkey Vulture			X	
HAWKS AND EAGLES				
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Harrier	X	X	X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sharp-shinned Hawk			X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Cooper's Hawk			X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bald Eagle			X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-tailed Hawk	X	X	X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Rough-legged Hawk			X	X
WOODPECKERS				
<input type="checkbox"/> Downy Woodpecker			X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Hairy Woodpecker			X	

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

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PIPITS

<input type="checkbox"/> American Pipit			X
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FINCHES

<input type="checkbox"/> American Goldfinch		X	X
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LONGSPURS AND SNOW BUNTINGS

<input type="checkbox"/> Lapland Longspur			X
<input type="checkbox"/> Smith's Longspur			X
<input type="checkbox"/> Snow Bunting			X

SPARROWS

<input type="checkbox"/> Grasshopper Sparrow	X	X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Chipping Sparrow	X	X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Clay-colored Sparrow	X	X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fox Sparrow			X
<input type="checkbox"/> Dark-eyed Junco	X		X
<input type="checkbox"/> Harris's Sparrow			X
<input type="checkbox"/> White-throated Sparrow			X
<input type="checkbox"/> Vesper Sparrow			X
<input type="checkbox"/> LeConte's Sparrow	X		X
<input type="checkbox"/> Savannah Sparrow	X	X	X
<input type="checkbox"/> Henslow's Sparrow	X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Song Sparrow	X	X	X
<input type="checkbox"/> Lincoln's Sparrow			X

BLACKBIRDS

<input type="checkbox"/> Bobolink	X	X	X
<input type="checkbox"/> Western Meadowlark	X	X	X
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Meadowlark		X	X
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-winged Blackbird	X	X	X
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown-headed Cowbird	X	X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Brewer's Blackbird	X		X
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Grackle	X	X	X

WARBLERS

<input type="checkbox"/> Common Yellowthroat	X	X	X
<input type="checkbox"/> Palm Warbler			X
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-rumped Warbler			X

CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, AND BUNTINGS

<input type="checkbox"/> Blue Grosbeak		X	
<input type="checkbox"/> 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.)?

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