

BIRD CHECKLIST

Mound Spring Prairie SNA

MINNESOTA  
SCIENTIFIC AND  
NATURAL  
AREAS



Natural places worth knowing



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| DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS        |    |   |   |   |
| ___ Snow Goose                 | X  |   |   |   |
| ___ Ross's Goose               | X  |   |   |   |
| ___ Canada Goose               | X  | X | X |   |
| ___ Wood Duck                  | X  | X | X |   |
| ___ Blue-winged Teal           | X  | X | X |   |
| ___ Northern Shoveler          | X  |   |   |   |
| ___ Gadwall                    | X  | X |   |   |
| ___ Mallard                    | X  | X | X |   |
| ___ Green-winged Teal          | X  |   |   |   |
| ___ Redhead                    | X  |   |   |   |
| ___ Ring-necked Duck           | X  |   |   |   |
| ___ Lesser Scaup               | X  |   |   |   |
| ___ Hooded Merganser           | X  |   |   |   |
| ___ Ruddy Duck                 | X  |   |   |   |
| GROUSE, TURKEYS, AND PHEASANTS |    |   |   |   |
| ___ Wild Turkey                | X  | X | X |   |
| ___ Sharp-tailed Grouse        | X  | X | X |   |
| ___ Gray Partridge             | X  |   |   |   |
| ___ Ring-necked Pheasant       | X  | X | X |   |
| GREBES                         |    |   |   |   |
| ___ Pied-billed Grebe          | X  |   |   |   |
| PIGEONS AND DOVES              |    |   |   |   |
| ___ Rock Pigeon                | X  | X | X |   |
| ___ Eurasian Collared-Dove     | X  | X | X |   |
| ___ Mourning Dove              | X  | X | X |   |
| CUCKOOS                        |    |   |   |   |
| ___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo       | X  |   |   |   |
| ___ Black-billed Cuckoo        |    | X | X |   |
| NIGHTJARS                      |    |   |   |   |
| ___ Common Nighthawk           | X  | X | X |   |
| SWIFTS                         |    |   |   |   |
| ___ Chimney Swift              | X  | X |   |   |
| HUMMINGBIRDS                   |    |   |   |   |
| ___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird  |    |   | X |   |
| RAILS, GALLINULES, AND COOTS   |    |   |   |   |
| ___ Virginia Rail              | X  | X | X |   |
| ___ Sora                       | X  |   |   |   |

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| CRANES                       |    |   |   |   |
| ___ Sandhill Crane           | X  |   |   |   |
| PLOVERS                      |    |   |   |   |
| ___ American Golden-Plover   | X  |   |   |   |
| ___ Killdeer                 | X  | X | X |   |
| SANDPIPERS                   |    |   |   |   |
| ___ Upland Sandpiper         | X  | X | X |   |
| ___ Least Sandpiper          | X  |   |   |   |
| ___ Pectoral Sandpiper       | X  |   |   |   |
| ___ Semipalmated Sandpiper   | X  |   |   |   |
| ___ American Woodcock        | X  |   |   |   |
| ___ Wilson's Snipe           | X  | X | X |   |
| ___ Wilson's Phalarope       | X  |   |   |   |
| ___ Red-necked Phalarope     |    |   | X |   |
| ___ Solitary Sandpiper       | X  |   |   |   |
| ___ Lesser Yellowlegs        | X  |   | X |   |
| GULLS AND TERNS              |    |   |   |   |
| ___ Franklin's Gull          |    |   | X |   |
| ___ Ring-billed Gull         | X  | X | X |   |
| ___ Black Tern               | X  |   |   |   |
| CORMORANTS                   |    |   |   |   |
| ___ Double-crested Cormorant | X  |   | X |   |
| PELICANS                     |    |   |   |   |
| ___ American White Pelican   | X  | X | X |   |
| HERONS AND EGRETS            |    |   |   |   |
| ___ American Bittern         | X  |   |   |   |
| ___ Great Blue Heron         |    | X | X |   |
| NEW WORLD VULTURES           |    |   |   |   |
| ___ Turkey Vulture           | X  | X | X |   |
| HAWKS AND EAGLES             |    |   |   |   |
| ___ Northern Harrier         | X  | X | X |   |
| ___ Sharp-shinned Hawk       | X  |   | X |   |
| ___ Cooper's Hawk            |    |   | X |   |
| ___ Bald Eagle               |    | X | X |   |
| ___ Broad-winged Hawk        |    |   | X |   |
| ___ Swainson's Hawk          | X  | X | X |   |
| ___ Red-tailed Hawk          | X  | X | X |   |
| ___ Rough-legged Hawk        | X  |   | X |   |

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| OWLS                          |    |   |   |   |
| ___ Snowy Owl                 |    |   |   | X |
| ___ Great Horned Owl          | X  | X | X |   |
| ___ Short-eared Owl           |    |   | X |   |
| KINGFISHERS                   |    |   |   |   |
| ___ Belted Kingfisher         | X  | X | X |   |
| WOODPECKERS                   |    |   |   |   |
| ___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker  | X  | X | X |   |
| ___ Red-bellied Woodpecker    | X  | X | X |   |
| ___ Downy Woodpecker          | X  | X | X |   |
| ___ Hairy Woodpecker          |    | X |   |   |
| ___ Northern Flicker          | X  | X | X |   |
| FALCONS                       |    |   |   |   |
| ___ American Kestrel          | X  | X | X |   |
| ___ Peregrine Falcon          | X  |   | X |   |
| ___ Prairie Falcon            |    |   | X |   |
| TYRANT FLYCATCHERS            |    |   |   |   |
| ___ Olive-sided Flycatcher    |    |   | X |   |
| ___ Eastern Wood-Pewee        | X  | X | X |   |
| ___ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher | X  |   |   |   |
| ___ Alder Flycatcher          | X  |   |   |   |
| ___ Willow Flycatcher         | X  | X | X |   |
| ___ Least Flycatcher          | X  | X | X |   |
| ___ Eastern Phoebe            | X  |   |   |   |
| ___ Vermilion Flycatcher      |    |   | X |   |
| ___ Great Crested Flycatcher  | X  | X | X |   |
| ___ Western Kingbird          | X  | X | X |   |
| ___ Eastern Kingbird          | X  | X | X |   |
| ___ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher |    | X |   |   |
| VIREOS                        |    |   |   |   |
| ___ Yellow-throated Vireo     |    |   | X |   |
| ___ Philadelphia Vireo        | X  |   |   |   |
| ___ Warbling Vireo            | X  | X | X |   |
| ___ Red-eyed Vireo            | X  | X |   |   |
| SHRIKES                       |    |   |   |   |
| ___ Loggerhead Shrike         | X  |   |   |   |
| JAYS, CROWS, AND MAGPIES      |    |   |   |   |
| ___ Blue Jay                  | X  | X | X |   |
| ___ American Crow             | X  | X | X |   |

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| CHICKADEES AND TITMICE           |    |   |   |   |
| __ Black-capped Chickadee        | X  |   | X |   |
| LARKS                            |    |   |   |   |
| __ Horned Lark                   | X  | X | X |   |
| SWALLOWS                         |    |   |   |   |
| __ Northern Rough-winged Swallow | X  |   |   |   |
| __ Purple Martin                 |    | X | X |   |
| __ Tree Swallow                  | X  | X | X |   |
| __ Bank Swallow                  | X  | X | X |   |
| __ Barn Swallow                  | X  | X | X |   |
| __ Cliff Swallow                 | X  | X | X |   |
| KINGLETS                         |    |   |   |   |
| __ Ruby-crowned Kinglet          | X  |   | X |   |
| NUTHATCHES                       |    |   |   |   |
| __ White-breasted Nuthatch       | X  | X | X |   |
| WRENS                            |    |   |   |   |
| __ House Wren                    | X  | X | X |   |
| __ Sedge Wren                    | X  | X | X |   |
| __ Marsh Wren                    | X  | X |   |   |
| STARLINGS                        |    |   |   |   |
| __ European Starling             | X  | X | X |   |
| MIMIDS                           |    |   |   |   |
| __ Gray Catbird                  | X  | X | X |   |
| __ Brown Thrasher                | X  | X |   |   |
| __ Northern Mockingbird          | X  |   |   |   |
| THRUSHES                         |    |   |   |   |
| __ Eastern Bluebird              | X  | X | X |   |
| __ Swainson's Thrush             | X  |   |   |   |
| __ Hermit Thrush                 | X  |   |   |   |
| __ American Robin                | X  | X | X |   |
| WAXWINGS                         |    |   |   |   |
| __ Cedar Waxwing                 | X  | X | X |   |
| OLD WORLD SPARROWS               |    |   |   |   |
| __ House Sparrow                 | X  | X |   |   |
| PIPITS                           |    |   |   |   |
| __ American Pipit                | X  |   | X |   |
| FINCHES                          |    |   |   |   |
| __ House Finch                   | X  |   | X |   |
| __ Common Redpoll                |    |   | X |   |

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| __ Pine Siskin              |    |   | X |   |
| __ American Goldfinch       | X  | X | X |   |
| LONGSPURS AND SNOW BUNTINGS |    |   |   |   |
| __ Lapland Longspur         | X  |   | X |   |
| __ Smith's Longspur         |    |   | X |   |
| __ Snow Bunting             | X  |   |   |   |
| SPARROWS                    |    |   |   |   |
| __ Grasshopper Sparrow      | X  | X | X |   |
| __ Chipping Sparrow         | X  | X | X |   |
| __ Clay-colored Sparrow     | X  | X | X |   |
| __ Field Sparrow            | X  | X | X |   |
| __ Lark Sparrow             | X  |   |   |   |
| __ American Tree Sparrow    | X  |   |   |   |
| __ Fox Sparrow              | X  |   | X |   |
| __ Dark-eyed Junco          | X  |   | X |   |
| __ White-crowned Sparrow    | X  |   | X |   |
| __ Harris's Sparrow         | X  |   | X |   |
| __ White-throated Sparrow   | X  |   | X |   |
| __ Vesper Sparrow           | X  | X | X |   |
| __ LeConte's Sparrow        |    | X | X |   |
| __ Savannah Sparrow         | X  | X | X |   |
| __ Henslow's Sparrow        | X  | X |   |   |
| __ Song Sparrow             | X  | X | X |   |
| __ Lincoln's Sparrow        | X  |   | X |   |
| __ Swamp Sparrow            | X  | X | X |   |
| __ Eastern Towhee           |    |   | X |   |
| BLACKBIRDS                  |    |   |   |   |
| __ Yellow-headed Blackbird  | X  |   |   |   |
| __ Bobolink                 | X  | X | X |   |
| __ Western Meadowlark       | X  | X | X |   |
| __ Eastern Meadowlark       | X  |   |   |   |
| __ Orchard Oriole           | X  | X | X |   |
| __ Baltimore Oriole         | X  | X | X |   |
| __ Red-winged Blackbird     | X  | X | X |   |
| __ Brown-headed Cowbird     | X  | X |   |   |
| __ Rusty Blackbird          | X  |   |   |   |
| __ Brewer's Blackbird       | X  |   |   |   |
| __ Common Grackle           | X  | X | X |   |

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| WARBLERS                           |    |   |   |   |
| __ Orange-crowned Warbler          | X  |   | X |   |
| __ Nashville Warbler               | X  |   |   |   |
| __ Common Yellowthroat             | X  | X | X |   |
| __ American Redstart               | X  | X |   |   |
| __ Magnolia Warbler                | X  |   |   |   |
| __ Yellow Warbler                  | X  | X | X |   |
| __ Palm Warbler                    | X  |   |   |   |
| __ Yellow-rumped Warbler           | X  |   | X |   |
| __ Canada Warbler                  | X  |   |   |   |
| CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, AND BUNTINGS |    |   |   |   |
| __ Northern Cardinal               | X  | X |   |   |
| __ Rose-breasted Grosbeak          | X  | X |   |   |
| __ Indigo Bunting                  | X  | X |   |   |
| __ Dickcissel                      | X  | X | 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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