

BIRD CHECKLIST

Avon Hills Forest SNA

MINNESOTA SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREAS



Natural places worth knowing



	Sp	S	F	W
DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS				
___ Canada Goose	X		X	
___ Wood Duck	X		X	
___ Blue-winged Teal	X		X	
___ Northern Shoveler	X			
___ American Wigeon			X	
___ Mallard	X	X	X	
___ Green-winged Teal			X	
GROUSE, TURKEYS, AND PHEASANTS				
___ Wild Turkey	X	X	X	
___ Ring-necked Pheasant	X	X		
PIGEONS AND DOVES				
___ Rock Pigeon	X		X	X
___ Mourning Dove	X	X	X	
CUCKOOS				
___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo	X			
___ Black-billed Cuckoo			X	
SWIFTS				
___ Chimney Swift	X			
HUMMINGBIRDS				
___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird		X		
RAILS, GALLINULES, AND COOTS				
___ Virginia Rail		X		
___ Sora		X		
CRANES				
___ Sandhill Crane	X	X	X	
PLOVERS				
___ Killdeer	X		X	
SANDPIPERS				
___ American Woodcock	X			
___ Lesser Yellowlegs			X	
GULLS AND TERNS				
___ Ring-billed Gull	X		X	
___ Black Tern	X			
___ Forster's Tern	X			
LOONS				
___ Common Loon		X		
PELICANS				
___ American White Pelican			X	

	Sp	S	F	W
HERONS AND EGRETS				
___ Great Blue Heron	X		X	
___ Green Heron	X	X	X	
NEW WORLD VULTURES				
___ Turkey Vulture	X	X	X	
HAWKS AND EAGLES				
___ Northern Harrier	X			
___ Cooper's Hawk		X		
___ Bald Eagle	X			
___ Red-shouldered Hawk		X		
___ Broad-winged Hawk	X			
___ Swainson's Hawk			X	
___ Red-tailed Hawk	X	X		
OWLS				
___ Barred Owl	X			
WOODPECKERS				
___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	X	X		
___ Red-bellied Woodpecker	X	X	X	X
___ Downy Woodpecker	X	X	X	X
___ Hairy Woodpecker	X	X		
___ Pileated Woodpecker	X	X	X	X
___ Northern Flicker	X	X		
FALCONS				
___ American Kestrel	X	X	X	
___ Peregrine Falcon	X			
TYRANT FLYCATCHERS				
___ Olive-sided Flycatcher	X			
___ Eastern Wood-Pewee	X	X	X	
___ Least Flycatcher	X			
___ Eastern Phoebe	X	X	X	
___ Great Crested Flycatcher	X	X		
___ Eastern Kingbird	X	X		
VIREOS				
___ Yellow-throated Vireo	X	X	X	
___ Blue-headed Vireo			X	
___ Philadelphia Vireo	X		X	
___ Warbling Vireo			X	
___ Red-eyed Vireo	X	X	X	

	Sp	S	F	W
JAYS, CROWS, AND MAGPIES				
___ Blue Jay	X	X	X	X
___ American Crow	X	X	X	X
CHICKADEES AND TITMICE				
___ Black-capped Chickadee	X	X	X	X
LARKS				
___ Horned Lark	X		X	
SWALLOWS				
___ Purple Martin	X	X	X	
___ Tree Swallow	X	X	X	
___ Bank Swallow		X	X	
___ Barn Swallow	X	X	X	
___ Cliff Swallow		X	X	
KINGLETS				
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	X		X	
___ Golden-crowned Kinglet	X			
NUTHATCHES				
___ Red-breasted Nuthatch	X			
___ White-breasted Nuthatch	X	X	X	X
CREEPERS				
___ Brown Creeper	X			
GNATCATCHERS				
___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	X	X	X	
WRENS				
___ House Wren		X	X	
___ Sedge Wren	X	X		
STARLINGS				
___ European Starling	X	X	X	
MIMIDS				
___ Gray Catbird	X	X		
___ Brown Thrasher	X	X		
THRUSHES				
___ Eastern Bluebird	X	X	X	
___ Veery	X	X		
___ Swainson's Thrush	X		X	
___ Hermit Thrush	X			
___ Wood Thrush		X		
___ American Robin	X	X	X	

	Sp	S	F	W
WAXWINGS				
__ Cedar Waxwing	X	X	X	
OLD WORLD SPARROWS				
__ House Sparrow	X	X	X	
FINCHES				
__ House Finch		X		
__ American Goldfinch	X	X	X	
SPARROWS				
__ Grasshopper Sparrow	X			
__ Chipping Sparrow	X	X	X	
__ Clay-colored Sparrow	X	X		
__ Field Sparrow	X	X	X	
__ Lark Sparrow	X			
__ American Tree Sparrow	X			
__ Fox Sparrow	X			
__ Dark-eyed Junco	X		X	X
__ White-throated Sparrow			X	
__ Vesper Sparrow	X	X	X	
__ LeConte's Sparrow	X			
__ Savannah Sparrow	X	X	X	
__ Song Sparrow	X	X	X	
__ Lincoln's Sparrow			X	
__ Swamp Sparrow	X	X	X	
BLACKBIRDS				
__ Bobolink	X	X		
__ Eastern Meadowlark	X	X		
__ Orchard Oriole	X			
__ Baltimore Oriole		X		
__ Red-winged Blackbird	X	X	X	
__ Brown-headed Cowbird	X	X		
__ Common Grackle	X	X	X	
WARBLERS				
__ Ovenbird	X	X	X	
__ Golden-winged Warbler	X		X	
__ Black-and-white Warbler	X		X	
__ Tennessee Warbler	X		X	
__ Orange-crowned Warbler	X			
__ Nashville Warbler			X	
__ Mourning Warbler			X	

	Sp	S	F	W
__ Common Yellowthroat	X	X	X	
__ American Redstart	X	X	X	
__ Cerulean Warbler	X	X		
__ Northern Parula	X			
__ Yellow Warbler	X	X		
__ Chestnut-sided Warbler	X	X	X	
__ Palm Warbler	X			
__ Yellow-rumped Warbler	X		X	
CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, AND BUNTINGS				
__ Scarlet Tanager		X	X	
__ Northern Cardinal	X	X		
__ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	X			
__ Indigo Bunting	X	X	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.)?

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