

BIRD CHECKLIST

Butternut Valley Prairie SNA

MINNESOTA SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREAS



Natural places worth knowing



	Sp	S	F	W
DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS				
__ Snow Goose	X			
__ Greater White-fronted Goose	X			
__ Canada Goose	X	X		
__ Wood Duck	X			
__ Blue-winged Teal	X			
__ Mallard	X	X		
GROUSE, TURKEYS, AND PHEASANTS				
__ Gray Partridge	X			
__ Ring-necked Pheasant	X	X	X	X
PIGEONS AND DOVES				
__ Rock Pigeon	X	X	X	X
__ Mourning Dove	X	X	X	
RAILS, GALLINULES, AND COOTS				
__ Sora	X			
PLOVERS				
__ Killdeer	X	X		
GULLS AND TERNS				
__ Ring-billed Gull	X			
__ Black Tern	X			
CORMORANTS				
__ Double-crested Cormorant	X			
HAWKS AND EAGLES				
__ Broad-winged Hawk			X	
__ Red-tailed Hawk	X			
WOODPECKERS				
__ Northern Flicker	X		X	
FALCONS				
__ American Kestrel	X			
TYRANT FLYCATCHERS				
__ Eastern Kingbird	X			
JAYS, CROWS, AND MAGPIES				
__ Blue Jay	X		X	
__ American Crow	X		X	X
CHICKADEES AND TITMICE				
__ Black-capped Chickadee			X	
LARKS				
__ Horned Lark	X	X	X	

	Sp	S	F	W
SWALLOWS				
__ Northern Rough-winged Swallow	X			
__ Tree Swallow	X			
__ Barn Swallow	X	X		
WRENS				
__ Sedge Wren	X	X	X	
STARLINGS				
__ European Starling	X			X
THRUSHES				
__ American Robin	X	X	X	
OLD WORLD SPARROWS				
__ House Sparrow	X		X	X
PIPITS				
__ American Pipit	X			
FINCHES				
__ House Finch				X
__ American Goldfinch	X	X	X	
LONGSPURS AND SNOW BUNTINGS				
__ Snow Bunting			X	
SPARROWS				
__ Grasshopper Sparrow		X		
__ Chipping Sparrow	X		X	
__ Clay-colored Sparrow		X		
__ American Tree Sparrow	X		X	X
__ Dark-eyed Junco	X		X	
__ White-throated Sparrow	X			
__ Vesper Sparrow	X		X	
__ Savannah Sparrow	X			
__ Song Sparrow	X	X	X	
__ Lincoln's Sparrow			X	
__ Swamp Sparrow	X	X	X	
BLACKBIRDS				
__ Bobolink	X	X		
__ Western Meadowlark	X			
__ Red-winged Blackbird	X	X	X	
__ Brown-headed Cowbird	X	X		
__ Rusty Blackbird			X	
__ Common Grackle	X	X	X	

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WARBLERS

___ Common Yellowthroat	X	X	X
___ Yellow Warbler	X	X	
___ Palm Warbler	X		
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler	X		

CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, AND BUNTINGS

___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak		X	
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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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