

BIRD CHECKLIST

Franconia Bluffs SNA

MINNESOTA SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREAS



Natural places worth knowing



	Sp	S	F	W
DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS				
___ Canada Goose	X	X	X	
___ Trumpeter Swan	X			
___ Wood Duck	X			
___ Mallard	X			
GROUSE, TURKEYS, AND PHEASANTS				
___ Wild Turkey	X			
___ Ring-necked Pheasant	X			
PIGEONS AND DOVES				
___ Rock Pigeon		X		
___ Mourning Dove	X	X	X	
SWIFTS				
___ Chimney Swift		X	X	
HUMMINGBIRDS				
___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird	X	X	X	
CRANES				
___ Sandhill Crane	X	X	X	
PLOVERS				
___ Killdeer	X	X		
SANDPIPERS				
___ Spotted Sandpiper	X			
___ Solitary Sandpiper	X			
GULLS AND TERNS				
___ Ring-billed Gull			X	
HERONS AND EGRETS				
___ Great Blue Heron	X	X	X	
NEW WORLD VULTURES				
___ Turkey Vulture	X	X	X	
OSPREYS				
___ Osprey	X	X	X	
HAWKS AND EAGLES				
___ Northern Harrier	X			
___ Cooper's Hawk			X	
___ Bald Eagle	X	X	X	
___ Broad-winged Hawk	X			
___ Red-tailed Hawk	X	X	X	
OWLS				
___ Barred Owl	X			

	Sp	S	F	W
KINGFISHERS				
___ Belted Kingfisher	X	X		
WOODPECKERS				
___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	X	X	X	
___ Red-bellied Woodpecker	X	X	X	
___ Downy Woodpecker	X	X	X	
___ Hairy Woodpecker	X	X	X	
___ Pileated Woodpecker	X	X	X	
___ Northern Flicker	X	X	X	
TYRANT FLYCATCHERS				
___ Eastern Wood-Pewee	X	X	X	
___ Least Flycatcher	X	X	X	
___ Eastern Phoebe	X	X	X	
___ Great Crested Flycatcher	X	X	X	
___ Eastern Kingbird	X		X	
VIREOS				
___ Yellow-throated Vireo		X	X	
___ Blue-headed Vireo			X	
___ Warbling Vireo		X	X	
___ Red-eyed Vireo	X	X	X	
JAYS, CROWS, AND MAGPIES				
___ Blue Jay	X	X	X	
___ American Crow	X	X	X	
___ Common Raven			X	
CHICKADEES AND TITMICE				
___ Black-capped Chickadee	X	X	X	
SWALLOWS				
___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow	X			
___ Tree Swallow	X	X	X	
___ Barn Swallow		X		
KINGLETS				
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	X		X	
___ Golden-crowned Kinglet	X			
NUTHATCHES				
___ Red-breasted Nuthatch	X		X	
___ White-breasted Nuthatch	X	X	X	
GNATCATCHERS				
___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	X	X	X	

	Sp	S	F	W
WRENS				
<input type="checkbox"/> House Wren	X	X	X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Carolina Wren	X			
MIMIDS				
<input type="checkbox"/> Gray Catbird	X	X	X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown Thrasher	X		X	
THRUSHES				
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Bluebird	X	X	X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Veery	X	X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Gray-cheeked Thrush	X			
<input type="checkbox"/> Swainson's Thrush	X		X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Hermit Thrush	X		X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Thrush	X	X		
<input type="checkbox"/> American Robin	X	X	X	
WAXWINGS				
<input type="checkbox"/> Cedar Waxwing	X	X	X	
OLD WORLD SPARROWS				
<input type="checkbox"/> House Sparrow		X		
FINCHES				
<input type="checkbox"/> House Finch	X	X	X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Purple Finch	X		X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Redpoll	X			
<input type="checkbox"/> Pine Siskin	X			
<input type="checkbox"/> American Goldfinch	X	X	X	
SPARROWS				
<input type="checkbox"/> Chipping Sparrow	X	X	X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Clay-colored Sparrow	X	X	X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fox Sparrow	X		X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dark-eyed Junco	X		X	
<input type="checkbox"/> White-crowned Sparrow			X	
<input type="checkbox"/> White-throated Sparrow	X		X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Vesper Sparrow		X	X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Song Sparrow	X	X	X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Swamp Sparrow	X		X	
BLACKBIRDS				
<input type="checkbox"/> Baltimore Oriole	X	X	X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-winged Blackbird	X	X	X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown-headed Cowbird	X	X	X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Grackle	X	X	X	

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WARBLERS				
<input type="checkbox"/> Ovenbird	X	X	X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Louisiana Waterthrush	X			
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Waterthrush	X		X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Golden-winged Warbler	X	X	X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue-winged Warbler	X	X	X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-and-white Warbler	X		X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tennessee Warbler	X			
<input type="checkbox"/> Orange-crowned Warbler	X		X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Nashville Warbler	X		X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Yellowthroat	X	X	X	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Redstart	X	X	X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Cerulean Warbler		X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Magnolia Warbler			X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blackburnian Warbler	X			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow Warbler	X	X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Chestnut-sided Warbler	X		X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blackpoll Warbler			X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-rumped Warbler	X		X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-throated Green Warbler	X		X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Canada Warbler	X			
<input type="checkbox"/> Wilson's Warbler	X		X	
CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, AND BUNTINGS				
<input type="checkbox"/> Scarlet Tanager	X	X	X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Cardinal	X	X	X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Rose-breasted Grosbeak	X	X	X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Indigo Bunting	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.)?

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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