

BIRD CHECKLIST

Western Prairie SNA

MINNESOTA SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREAS



Natural places worth knowing



	Sp	S	F	W
DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS				
___ Canada Goose			X	
___ Mallard	X		X	
GROUSE, TURKEYS, AND PHEASANTS				
___ Greater Prairie-Chicken		X	X	
___ Ring-necked Pheasant		X	X	X
PIGEONS AND DOVES				
___ Mourning Dove			X	
RAILS, GALLINULES, AND COOTS				
___ Yellow Rail		X		
CRANES				
___ Sandhill Crane			X	
PLOVERS				
___ Killdeer		X		
SANDPIPERS				
___ Upland Sandpiper		X		
___ Marbled Godwit		X		
___ Wilson's Snipe		X		
___ Wilson's Phalarope	X	X		
NEW WORLD VULTURES				
___ Turkey Vulture			X	
HAWKS AND EAGLES				
___ Northern Harrier	X	X		
___ Red-tailed Hawk		X	X	
OWLS				
___ Great Horned Owl		X		
KINGFISHERS				
___ Belted Kingfisher			X	
WOODPECKERS				
___ Northern Flicker	X			
FALCONS				
___ American Kestrel			X	
TYRANT FLYCATCHERS				
___ Alder Flycatcher		X		
___ Least Flycatcher		X	X	
___ Western Kingbird		X		
___ Eastern Kingbird		X		
JAYS, CROWS, AND MAGPIES				
___ American Crow			X	

	Sp	S	F	W
LARKS				
___ Horned Lark		X		
SWALLOWS				
___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow		X	X	
___ Purple Martin		X		
___ Tree Swallow		X	X	
___ Bank Swallow			X	
___ Barn Swallow		X	X	
___ Cliff Swallow		X	X	
WRENS				
___ House Wren		X		
___ Sedge Wren		X	X	
STARLINGS				
___ European Starling		X		
MIMIDS				
___ Brown Thrasher		X		
FINCHES				
___ American Goldfinch		X	X	
SPARROWS				
___ Grasshopper Sparrow		X		
___ Clay-colored Sparrow	X	X		
___ American Tree Sparrow	X		X	X
___ Dark-eyed Junco			X	X
___ Harris's Sparrow			X	
___ Vesper Sparrow	X		X	
___ LeConte's Sparrow		X	X	
___ Nelson's Sparrow		X		
___ Savannah Sparrow		X	X	
___ Henslow's Sparrow		X		
___ Song Sparrow		X	X	
___ Swamp Sparrow		X		
BLACKBIRDS				
___ Bobolink		X		
___ Western Meadowlark	X	X		
___ Eastern Meadowlark		X		
___ Baltimore Oriole	X	X		
___ Red-winged Blackbird		X	X	
___ Brewer's Blackbird		X		
___ Common Grackle		X		

Sp S F W

WARBLERS

___ Common Yellowthroat		X	X
___ Yellow Warbler		X	

CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, AND BUNTINGS

___ Dickcissel		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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