BIRD CHECKLIST

Western Prairie SNA

MINNESOTA SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREAS

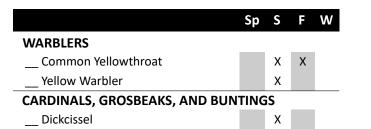
Natural places worth knowing



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

Х

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



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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