

BIRD CHECKLIST

Rush Lake Island SNA

MINNESOTA SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREAS



Natural places worth knowing



	Sp	S	F	W
GULLS AND TERNS				
__ Ring-billed Gull	X			
__ Herring Gull	X			
__ Caspian Tern		X		
CORMORANTS				
__ Double-crested Cormorant	X	X		
HERONS AND EGRETS				
__ Great Blue Heron	X	X		
__ Great Egret	X	X		
HAWKS AND EAGLES				
__ Bald Eagle	X		X	
JAYS, CROWS, AND MAGPIES				
__ American Crow				X
CHICKADEES AND TITMICE				
__ Black-capped Chickadee				X
NUTHATCHES				
__ White-breasted Nuthatch				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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