

# BIRD CHECKLIST

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## MINNESOTA SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREAS



*Natural places worth knowing*



	Sp	S	F	W
<b>DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS</b>				
___ Canada Goose	X	X	X	
___ Trumpeter Swan	X			
___ Wood Duck			X	
___ Mallard	X	X	X	
<b>GROUSE, TURKEYS, AND PHEASANTS</b>				
___ Wild Turkey		X		
___ Ring-necked Pheasant		X		
<b>PIGEONS AND DOVES</b>				
___ Rock Pigeon			X	
___ Mourning Dove	X	X	X	
<b>CUCKOOS</b>				
___ Black-billed Cuckoo		X		
<b>HUMMINGBIRDS</b>				
___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird			X	
<b>RAILS, GALLINULES, AND COOTS</b>				
___ Virginia Rail		X		
___ Sora		X		
<b>CRANES</b>				
___ Sandhill Crane		X		
<b>PLOVERS</b>				
___ Killdeer		X	X	
<b>SANDPIPERS</b>				
___ Wilson's Snipe		X		
___ Lesser Yellowlegs	X			
<b>GULLS AND TERNS</b>				
___ Ring-billed Gull			X	
<b>HERONS AND EGRETS</b>				
___ Great Blue Heron			X	
___ Green Heron		X		
<b>NEW WORLD VULTURES</b>				
___ Turkey Vulture		X		
<b>HAWKS AND EAGLES</b>				
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk			X	
___ Red-tailed Hawk		X	X	
<b>KINGFISHERS</b>				
___ Belted Kingfisher		X		
<b>WOODPECKERS</b>				
___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker			X	

	Sp	S	F	W
___ Red-bellied Woodpecker	X			
___ Downy Woodpecker		X	X	
___ Hairy Woodpecker		X	X	
___ Northern Flicker	X	X	X	
<b>TYRANT FLYCATCHERS</b>				
___ Eastern Wood-Pewee		X	X	
___ Alder Flycatcher		X		
___ Least Flycatcher		X	X	
___ Eastern Phoebe			X	
___ Great Crested Flycatcher		X		
___ Eastern Kingbird	X	X		
<b>VIREOS</b>				
___ Yellow-throated Vireo			X	
___ Blue-headed Vireo	X			
___ Warbling Vireo		X		
___ Red-eyed Vireo		X	X	
<b>JAYS, CROWS, AND MAGPIES</b>				
___ Blue Jay	X	X	X	
___ American Crow	X	X	X	
___ Common Raven	X			
<b>CHICKADEES AND TITMICE</b>				
___ Black-capped Chickadee	X	X	X	
<b>LARKS</b>				
___ Horned Lark		X		
<b>SWALLOWS</b>				
___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow	X	X	X	
___ Tree Swallow	X	X	X	
___ Bank Swallow	X	X		
___ Barn Swallow	X	X	X	
___ Cliff Swallow		X		
<b>NUTHATCHES</b>				
___ White-breasted Nuthatch		X	X	
<b>WRENS</b>				
___ House Wren		X	X	
___ Sedge Wren		X		
<b>STARLINGS</b>				
___ European Starling		X	X	
<b>MIMIDS</b>				
___ Gray Catbird		X		

	Sp	S	F	W
__ Brown Thrasher		X		
<b>THRUSHES</b>				
__ Eastern Bluebird		X	X	
__ Veery		X		
__ American Robin	X	X	X	
<b>WAXWINGS</b>				
__ Cedar Waxwing		X		
<b>OLD WORLD SPARROWS</b>				
__ House Sparrow		X		
<b>FINCHES</b>				
__ House Finch		X		
__ American Goldfinch	X	X	X	
<b>SPARROWS</b>				
__ Grasshopper Sparrow		X		
__ Chipping Sparrow	X	X	X	
__ Clay-colored Sparrow	X	X		
__ Field Sparrow		X		
__ Dark-eyed Junco				X
__ White-throated Sparrow				X
__ Vesper Sparrow	X	X	X	
__ Savannah Sparrow		X	X	
__ Song Sparrow	X	X	X	
__ Swamp Sparrow		X		
<b>BLACKBIRDS</b>				
__ Bobolink		X		
__ Eastern Meadowlark		X		
__ Baltimore Oriole		X	X	
__ Red-winged Blackbird	X	X	X	
__ Brown-headed Cowbird		X		
__ Brewer's Blackbird		X		
__ Common Grackle		X	X	
<b>WARBLERS</b>				
__ Golden-winged Warbler		X		
__ Black-and-white Warbler	X		X	
__ Tennessee Warbler			X	
__ Orange-crowned Warbler	X			
__ Nashville Warbler			X	
__ Common Yellowthroat		X		
__ American Redstart		X	X	

	Sp	S	F	W
__ Magnolia Warbler			X	
__ Yellow Warbler		X	X	
__ Chestnut-sided Warbler		X	X	
__ Yellow-rumped Warbler			X	
<b>CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, AND BUNTINGS</b>				
__ Scarlet Tanager		X		
__ Rose-breasted Grosbeak		X		
__ Indigo Bunting		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.)?

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