

BIRD CHECKLIST

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MINNESOTA SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREAS



Natural places worth knowing



	Sp	S	F	W
DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS				
___ Canada Goose	X	X	X	X
___ Trumpeter Swan	X	X		X
___ Wood Duck	X	X		
___ Blue-winged Teal	X			
___ Mallard	X	X	X	
GROUSE, TURKEYS, AND PHEASANTS				
___ Wild Turkey	X	X	X	
___ Ring-necked Pheasant	X	X		
PIGEONS AND DOVES				
___ Mourning Dove	X	X	X	
NIGHTJARS				
___ Common Nighthawk			X	
HUMMINGBIRDS				
___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird			X	
CRANES				
___ Sandhill Crane	X	X	X	
PLOVERS				
___ Killdeer	X	X		
SANDPIPERS				
___ American Woodcock			X	
GULLS AND TERNS				
___ Black Tern		X		
LOONS				
___ Common Loon	X	X		
HERONS AND EGRETS				
___ Great Blue Heron	X	X		
___ Green Heron	X	X		
NEW WORLD VULTURES				
___ Turkey Vulture	X	X	X	
OSPREYS				
___ Osprey	X			
HAWKS AND EAGLES				
___ Northern Harrier	X			
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk			X	
___ Cooper's Hawk	X		X	
___ Bald Eagle	X	X		X
___ Red-shouldered Hawk	X		X	X
___ Broad-winged Hawk	X			

	Sp	S	F	W
___ Red-tailed Hawk	X	X	X	
___ Rough-legged Hawk				X
OWLS				
___ Barred Owl	X			
WOODPECKERS				
___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	X	X	X	
___ Red-headed Woodpecker	X	X	X	X
___ Red-bellied Woodpecker	X	X	X	X
___ Downy Woodpecker	X	X	X	
___ Hairy Woodpecker	X	X	X	
___ Pileated Woodpecker	X	X	X	X
___ Northern Flicker	X	X	X	
FALCONS				
___ American Kestrel	X		X	
___ Merlin	X			
TYRANT FLYCATCHERS				
___ Olive-sided Flycatcher	X			
___ Eastern Wood-Pewee	X	X	X	
___ Least Flycatcher	X		X	
___ Eastern Phoebe	X	X	X	
___ Great Crested Flycatcher	X	X		
___ Eastern Kingbird	X	X		
VIREOS				
___ Yellow-throated Vireo		X	X	
___ Warbling Vireo	X			
___ Red-eyed Vireo	X	X	X	
JAYS, CROWS, AND MAGPIES				
___ Blue Jay	X	X	X	X
___ American Crow	X	X	X	X
___ Common Raven	X	X	X	
CHICKADEES AND TITMICE				
___ Black-capped Chickadee	X	X	X	X
SWALLOWS				
___ Purple Martin	X			
___ Tree Swallow	X	X		
___ Barn Swallow			X	
KINGLETS				
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	X		X	
___ Golden-crowned Kinglet			X	

	Sp	S	F	W
NUTHATCHES				
__ Red-breasted Nuthatch			X	
__ White-breasted Nuthatch	X	X	X	X
CREEPERS				
__ Brown Creeper			X	
GNATCATCHERS				
__ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	X	X	X	
WRENS				
__ House Wren	X	X	X	
STARLINGS				
__ European Starling	X	X	X	
MIMIDS				
__ Gray Catbird	X	X	X	
__ Brown Thrasher	X	X		
THRUSHES				
__ Eastern Bluebird	X	X	X	
__ Veery	X			
__ Swainson's Thrush	X			
__ Hermit Thrush			X	
__ Wood Thrush	X			
__ American Robin	X	X	X	
WAXWINGS				
__ Cedar Waxwing		X	X	
PIPITS				
__ American Pipit			X	
FINCHES				
__ House Finch	X		X	
__ Purple Finch			X	
__ Pine Siskin			X	
__ American Goldfinch	X	X	X	
SPARROWS				
__ Grasshopper Sparrow	X	X		
__ Chipping Sparrow	X	X	X	
__ Clay-colored Sparrow	X			
__ Field Sparrow	X	X	X	
__ Lark Sparrow	X	X		
__ American Tree Sparrow	X		X	
__ Fox Sparrow	X		X	
__ Dark-eyed Junco	X		X	

	Sp	S	F	W
__ White-throated Sparrow			X	
__ Vesper Sparrow	X	X	X	
__ Savannah Sparrow			X	
__ Song Sparrow	X	X	X	
__ Lincoln's Sparrow			X	
__ Swamp Sparrow	X		X	
__ Eastern Towhee	X	X	X	
BLACKBIRDS				
__ Baltimore Oriole	X	X	X	
__ Red-winged Blackbird	X	X	X	
__ Brown-headed Cowbird	X	X		
__ Brewer's Blackbird	X			
__ Common Grackle		X		
WARBLERS				
__ Ovenbird	X	X		
__ Golden-winged Warbler	X	X		
__ Blue-winged Warbler	X	X	X	
__ Black-and-white Warbler	X	X	X	
__ Tennessee Warbler	X		X	
__ Nashville Warbler	X		X	
__ Common Yellowthroat	X	X	X	
__ American Redstart	X	X	X	
__ Magnolia Warbler	X			
__ Blackburnian Warbler	X		X	
__ Yellow Warbler	X	X		
__ Chestnut-sided Warbler	X	X		
__ Blackpoll Warbler	X		X	
__ Palm Warbler	X		X	
__ Yellow-rumped Warbler	X		X	
CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, AND BUNTINGS				
__ Scarlet Tanager	X	X		
__ Northern Cardinal	X	X	X	
__ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	X	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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