

# BIRD CHECKLIST

Cold Spring Heron Colony  
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## MINNESOTA SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREAS



*Natural places worth knowing*



	Sp	S	F	W	Sp	S	F	W
<b>DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS</b>								
— Mallard		X					X	X
<b>GROUSE, TURKEYS, AND PHEASANTS</b>								
— Wild Turkey			X					
— Ruffed Grouse	X							
— Ring-necked Pheasant	X	X						
<b>PIGEONS AND DOVES</b>								
— Rock Pigeon			X					
— Mourning Dove	X	X	X					
<b>SWIFTS</b>								
— Chimney Swift	X	X						
<b>PLOVERS</b>								
— Killdeer	X							
<b>GULLS AND TERNS</b>								
— Ring-billed Gull				X				
<b>LOONS</b>								
— Common Loon	X							
<b>NEW WORLD VULTURES</b>								
— Turkey Vulture				X				
<b>HAWKS AND EAGLES</b>								
— Sharp-shinned Hawk			X					
— Red-shouldered Hawk	X	X						
— Red-tailed Hawk	X							
<b>WOODPECKERS</b>								
— Yellow-bellied Sapsucker				X				
— Red-bellied Woodpecker	X			X				
— Downy Woodpecker		X	X					
— Hairy Woodpecker	X	X	X					
— Pileated Woodpecker	X							
— Northern Flicker			X					
<b>TYRANT FLYCATCHERS</b>								
— Eastern Wood-Pewee		X	X					
— Alder Flycatcher	X			X				
— Least Flycatcher			X					
— Eastern Phoebe				X				
— Great Crested Flycatcher		X						
<b>VIREOS</b>								
— Yellow-throated Vireo					X			
— Blue-headed Vireo					X			
<b>RED-EYED VIREO</b>								
— Red-eyed Vireo						X	X	
<b>JAYS, CROWS, AND MAGPIES</b>								
— Blue Jay	X	X	X					
— American Crow	X	X	X					
<b>CHICKADEES AND TITMICE</b>								
— Black-capped Chickadee	X	X	X					
<b>LARKS</b>								
— Horned Lark	X	X						
<b>SWALLOWS</b>								
— Northern Rough-winged Swallow	X							
— Tree Swallow	X							X
— Bank Swallow							X	
— Barn Swallow		X	X	X				
— Cliff Swallow	X							X
<b>KINGLETS</b>								
— Ruby-crowned Kinglet						X		
<b>NUTHATCHES</b>								
— White-breasted Nuthatch	X	X	X					
<b>GNATCATCHERS</b>								
— Blue-gray Gnatcatcher						X		
<b>WRENNS</b>								
— House Wren	X	X	X					
<b>STARLINGS</b>								
— European Starling	X		X					
<b>MIMIDS</b>								
— Gray Catbird	X	X						
— Brown Thrasher	X							
<b>THRUSHES</b>								
— Eastern Bluebird			X					
— American Robin	X	X	X					
<b>WAXWINGS</b>								
— Cedar Waxwing						X		
<b>OLD WORLD SPARROWS</b>								
— House Sparrow	X	X	X					
<b>FINCHES</b>								
— House Finch	X	X	X					
— American Goldfinch	X	X	X					
<b>SPARROWS</b>								
— Chipping Sparrow	X	X	X					

	Sp	S	F	W
— Clay-colored Sparrow	X			
— Field Sparrow			X	
— Fox Sparrow			X	
— Dark-eyed Junco			X	
— White-throated Sparrow			X	
— Vesper Sparrow	X	X		
— Song Sparrow	X	X	X	
— Lincoln's Sparrow			X	

#### BLACKBIRDS

— Red-winged Blackbird	X			
— Brown-headed Cowbird	X	X		
— Common Grackle	X	X		

#### WARBLERS

— Ovenbird			X	
— Black-and-white Warbler			X	
— Tennessee Warbler			X	
— Orange-crowned Warbler			X	
— Nashville Warbler	X		X	
— Connecticut Warbler			X	
— Common Yellowthroat			X	
— American Redstart		X	X	
— Magnolia Warbler			X	
— Bay-breasted Warbler			X	
— Yellow Warbler	X	X		
— Chestnut-sided Warbler			X	
— Palm Warbler			X	
— Yellow-rumped Warbler	X	X		

#### CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, AND BUNTINGS

— Northern Cardinal	X			
— Rose-breasted Grosbeak	X	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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