

BIRD CHECKLIST

Cold Spring Heron Colony
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MINNESOTA SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREAS



Natural places worth knowing



	Sp	S	F	W
DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS				
___ Mallard	X			
GROUSE, TURKEYS, AND PHEASANTS				
___ Wild Turkey		X		
___ Ruffed Grouse	X			
___ Ring-necked Pheasant	X	X		
PIGEONS AND DOVES				
___ Rock Pigeon			X	
___ Mourning Dove	X	X	X	
SWIFTS				
___ Chimney Swift	X	X		
PLOVERS				
___ Killdeer	X			
GULLS AND TERNS				
___ Ring-billed Gull			X	
LOONS				
___ Common Loon	X			
NEW WORLD VULTURES				
___ Turkey Vulture			X	
HAWKS AND EAGLES				
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk			X	
___ Red-shouldered Hawk	X	X		
___ Red-tailed Hawk	X			
WOODPECKERS				
___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker			X	
___ Red-bellied Woodpecker	X		X	
___ Downy Woodpecker		X	X	
___ Hairy Woodpecker	X	X	X	
___ Pileated Woodpecker	X			
___ Northern Flicker			X	
TYRANT FLYCATCHERS				
___ Eastern Wood-Pewee		X	X	
___ Alder Flycatcher			X	
___ Least Flycatcher	X			
___ Eastern Phoebe			X	
___ Great Crested Flycatcher		X		
VIREOS				
___ Yellow-throated Vireo			X	
___ Blue-headed Vireo			X	

	Sp	S	F	W
___ Red-eyed Vireo		X	X	
JAYS, CROWS, AND MAGPIES				
___ Blue Jay	X	X	X	
___ American Crow	X	X	X	
CHICKADEES AND TITMICE				
___ Black-capped Chickadee	X	X	X	
LARKS				
___ Horned Lark	X	X		
SWALLOWS				
___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow	X			
___ Tree Swallow	X		X	
___ Bank Swallow			X	
___ Barn Swallow	X	X	X	
___ Cliff Swallow	X		X	
KINGLETS				
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet			X	
NUTHATCHES				
___ White-breasted Nuthatch	X	X	X	
GNATCATCHERS				
___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher			X	
WRENS				
___ House Wren	X	X	X	
STARLINGS				
___ European Starling	X		X	
MIMIDS				
___ Gray Catbird	X	X		
___ Brown Thrasher	X			
THRUSHES				
___ Eastern Bluebird		X		
___ American Robin	X	X	X	
WAXWINGS				
___ Cedar Waxwing			X	
OLD WORLD SPARROWS				
___ House Sparrow	X	X	X	
FINCHES				
___ House Finch	X	X	X	
___ American Goldfinch	X	X	X	
SPARROWS				
___ Chipping Sparrow	X	X	X	

	Sp	S	F	W
<input type="checkbox"/> Clay-colored Sparrow	X			
<input type="checkbox"/> Field Sparrow			X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fox Sparrow			X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dark-eyed Junco			X	
<input type="checkbox"/> White-throated Sparrow			X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Vesper Sparrow	X	X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Song Sparrow	X	X	X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Lincoln's Sparrow			X	

BLACKBIRDS

<input type="checkbox"/> Red-winged Blackbird	X			
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown-headed Cowbird	X	X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Grackle	X	X		

WARBLERS

<input type="checkbox"/> Ovenbird			X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-and-white Warbler			X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tennessee Warbler			X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Orange-crowned Warbler			X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Nashville Warbler	X		X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Connecticut Warbler			X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Yellowthroat			X	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Redstart		X	X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Magnolia Warbler			X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bay-breasted Warbler			X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow Warbler	X	X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Chestnut-sided Warbler			X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Palm Warbler			X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-rumped Warbler	X		X	

CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, AND BUNTINGS

<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Cardinal	X			
<input type="checkbox"/> Rose-breasted Grosbeak	X	X	X	
<input type="checkbox"/> 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.)?

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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