

# BIRD CHECKLIST

Egret Island SNA

## MINNESOTA SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREAS



Natural places worth knowing



	Sp	S	F	W
<b>DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS</b>				
__ Snow Goose	X			
__ Cackling Goose			X	
__ Canada Goose	X	X	X	
__ Trumpeter Swan	X	X	X	
__ Wood Duck	X	X	X	
__ Blue-winged Teal	X	X	X	
__ Northern Shoveler	X			
__ Gadwall	X			
__ American Wigeon	X			
__ Mallard	X	X	X	
__ Northern Pintail	X			
__ Green-winged Teal	X			
__ Canvasback	X			
__ Redhead	X			
__ Ring-necked Duck	X			
__ Lesser Scaup	X			
__ Bufflehead	X			
__ Common Goldeneye	X			
__ Hooded Merganser	X		X	
__ Common Merganser	X			
__ Red-breasted Merganser	X			
__ Ruddy Duck	X			
<b>GROUSE, TURKEYS, AND PHEASANTS</b>				
__ Wild Turkey		X		
__ Ring-necked Pheasant	X	X		
<b>GREBES</b>				
__ Pied-billed Grebe	X		X	
__ Horned Grebe			X	
__ Red-necked Grebe	X	X		
__ Western Grebe	X		X	
<b>PIGEONS AND DOVES</b>				
__ Rock Pigeon		X	X	
__ Eurasian Collared-Dove	X		X	
__ Mourning Dove	X	X	X	
<b>CUCKOOS</b>				
__ Black-billed Cuckoo		X		
<b>SWIFTS</b>				
__ Chimney Swift		X		

	Sp	S	F	W
<b>HUMMINGBIRDS</b>				
__ Ruby-throated Hummingbird		X	X	
<b>RAILS, GALLINULES, AND COOTS</b>				
__ American Coot	X		X	
<b>PLOVERS</b>				
__ Killdeer	X	X	X	
<b>SANDPIPERS</b>				
__ Stilt Sandpiper			X	
__ Least Sandpiper			X	
__ Pectoral Sandpiper	X		X	
__ Semipalmated Sandpiper			X	
__ Wilson's Snipe	X			
__ Greater Yellowlegs	X		X	
__ Lesser Yellowlegs	X		X	
<b>GULLS AND TERNS</b>				
__ Franklin's Gull	X		X	
__ Ring-billed Gull	X	X	X	
__ Black Tern	X		X	
__ Common Tern			X	
__ Forster's Tern	X	X	X	
<b>LOONS</b>				
__ Common Loon	X	X	X	
<b>CORMORANTS</b>				
__ Double-crested Cormorant	X	X	X	
<b>PELICANS</b>				
__ American White Pelican	X	X	X	
<b>HERONS AND EGRETS</b>				
__ Great Blue Heron	X	X	X	
__ Great Egret	X	X	X	
__ Snowy Egret		X		
__ Little Blue Heron		X	X	
__ Tricolored Heron		X		
__ Cattle Egret	X	X	X	
__ Green Heron		X	X	
__ Black-crowned Night-Heron	X	X	X	
<b>NEW WORLD VULTURES</b>				
__ Turkey Vulture	X	X	X	
<b>OSPREYS</b>				
__ Osprey		X		

	Sp	S	F	W
<b>HAWKS AND EAGLES</b>				
__ Sharp-shinned Hawk	X			
__ Bald Eagle	X	X	X	
__ Red-tailed Hawk	X	X	X	
__ Rough-legged Hawk	X			
<b>OWLS</b>				
__ Great Horned Owl		X		
__ Barred Owl		X		
<b>KINGFISHERS</b>				
__ Belted Kingfisher		X	X	
<b>WOODPECKERS</b>				
__ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	X	X		
__ Red-headed Woodpecker		X		
__ Red-bellied Woodpecker	X	X	X	
__ Downy Woodpecker	X	X	X	
__ Hairy Woodpecker		X	X	
__ Pileated Woodpecker	X	X	X	
__ Northern Flicker		X	X	
<b>FALCONS</b>				
__ American Kestrel	X		X	
<b>TYRANT FLYCATCHERS</b>				
__ Eastern Wood-Pewee		X	X	
__ Least Flycatcher	X			
__ Eastern Phoebe			X	
__ Great Crested Flycatcher	X	X	X	
__ Eastern Kingbird		X	X	
<b>VIREOS</b>				
__ Warbling Vireo	X			
__ Red-eyed Vireo			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	
<b>SWALLOWS</b>				
__ Purple Martin	X	X	X	
__ Tree Swallow	X	X	X	

	Sp	S	F	W
__ Bank Swallow	X		X	
__ Barn Swallow	X	X	X	
__ Cliff Swallow	X	X	X	
<b>KINGLETS</b>				
__ Golden-crowned Kinglet			X	
<b>NUTHATCHES</b>				
__ Red-breasted Nuthatch			X	
__ White-breasted Nuthatch	X	X	X	
<b>GNATCATCHERS</b>				
__ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher		X		
<b>WRENS</b>				
__ House Wren	X	X	X	
__ Sedge Wren	X			
<b>STARLINGS</b>				
__ European Starling	X	X		
<b>MIMIDS</b>				
__ Gray Catbird	X	X	X	
__ Brown Thrasher		X		
<b>THRUSHES</b>				
__ Veery		X		
__ Swainson's Thrush	X			
__ American Robin	X	X	X	
<b>WAXWINGS</b>				
__ Cedar Waxwing	X	X		
<b>OLD WORLD SPARROWS</b>				
__ House Sparrow	X	X	X	
<b>FINCHES</b>				
__ House Finch	X	X	X	
__ American Goldfinch		X	X	
<b>SPARROWS</b>				
__ Chipping Sparrow	X	X	X	
__ Field Sparrow	X	X		
__ Dark-eyed Junco			X	
__ White-throated Sparrow			X	
__ Vesper Sparrow		X		
__ Song Sparrow	X	X	X	
__ Swamp Sparrow	X			
<b>BLACKBIRDS</b>				
__ Yellow-headed Blackbird	X	X		

	Sp	S	F	W
__ Bobolink		X		
__ Baltimore Oriole	X	X	X	
__ Red-winged Blackbird	X	X	X	
__ Brown-headed Cowbird	X	X		
__ Brewer's Blackbird	X		X	
__ Common Grackle	X	X		
<b>WARBLERS</b>				
__ Northern Waterthrush	X			
__ Common Yellowthroat	X	X	X	
__ American Redstart	X	X	X	
__ Yellow Warbler	X	X	X	
__ Yellow-rumped Warbler	X		X	
<b>CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, AND BUNTINGS</b>				
__ Northern Cardinal	X	X	X	
__ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	X	X		
__ Indigo Bunting	X			
__ Dickcissel		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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