

# BIRD CHECKLIST

Santee Prairie SNA

## MINNESOTA SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREAS



*Natural places worth knowing*



### DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS

	Sp	S	F	W
___ Canada Goose	X			
___ Trumpeter Swan	X		X	
___ Blue-winged Teal	X	X		
___ Northern Shoveler	X			
___ Gadwall	X			
___ Mallard	X	X	X	
___ Northern Pintail	X	X		
___ Green-winged Teal	X	X		
___ Canvasback	X			
___ Redhead		X		
___ Ring-necked Duck	X			

### GROUSE, TURKEYS, AND PHEASANTS

___ Greater Prairie-Chicken	X			
___ Gray Partridge	X			
___ Ring-necked Pheasant	X	X		X

### GREBES

___ Pied-billed Grebe	X			
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### PIGEONS AND DOVES

___ Mourning Dove	X	X	X	
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### CUCKOOS

___ Black-billed Cuckoo	X	X		
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### HUMMINGBIRDS

___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird	X			
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### RAILS, GALLINULES, AND COOTS

___ Sora	X	X		
___ American Coot	X			

### CRANES

___ Sandhill Crane	X	X	X	
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### PLOVERS

___ Killdeer	X	X		
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### SANDPIPERS

___ Upland Sandpiper	X	X		
___ Marbled Godwit	X	X		
___ White-rumped Sandpiper		X		
___ American Woodcock	X	X		
___ Wilson's Snipe	X	X	X	
___ Wilson's Phalarope		X		
___ Spotted Sandpiper	X			

### GULLS AND TERNS

___ Franklin's Gull		X		
___ Black Tern	X	X		

### HERONS AND EGRETS

___ American Bittern	X	X		
___ Great Blue Heron	X			

### NEW WORLD VULTURES

___ Turkey Vulture			X	
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### HAWKS AND EAGLES

___ Northern Harrier	X	X		
___ Bald Eagle	X			
___ Red-tailed Hawk	X	X		

### OWLS

___ Great Horned Owl		X		
___ Burrowing Owl		X		

### WOODPECKERS

___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		X		
___ Downy Woodpecker	X			
___ Northern Flicker		X		

### TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

___ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	X			
___ Alder Flycatcher		X		
___ Willow Flycatcher	X	X		
___ Least Flycatcher	X	X		
___ Eastern Phoebe	X			
___ Great Crested Flycatcher		X		
___ Eastern Kingbird	X	X		

### VIREOS

___ Yellow-throated Vireo		X		
___ Warbling Vireo		X		
___ Red-eyed Vireo	X			

### JAYS, CROWS, AND MAGPIES

___ Blue Jay	X	X	X	
___ American Crow	X	X	X	
___ Common Raven	X	X		

### CHICKADEES AND TITMICE

___ Black-capped Chickadee	X	X	X	
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### LARKS

___ Horned Lark		X		
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	Sp	S	F	W
<b>SWALLOWS</b>				
__ Northern Rough-winged Swallow	X			
__ Tree Swallow	X	X		
__ Barn Swallow	X	X	X	
<b>WRENS</b>				
__ House Wren	X	X		
__ Sedge Wren	X	X	X	
__ Marsh Wren	X	X		
<b>STARLINGS</b>				
__ European Starling	X			
<b>MIMIDS</b>				
__ Gray Catbird	X	X	X	
__ Brown Thrasher	X	X		
<b>THRUSHES</b>				
__ Veery	X	X	X	
__ American Robin	X	X		
<b>FINCHES</b>				
__ American Goldfinch	X	X	X	
<b>SPARROWS</b>				
__ Grasshopper Sparrow		X		
__ Clay-colored Sparrow	X	X		
__ Vesper Sparrow		X		
__ LeConte's Sparrow	X	X		
__ Savannah Sparrow	X	X		
__ Song Sparrow	X	X		
__ Swamp Sparrow	X	X		
<b>BLACKBIRDS</b>				
__ Yellow-headed Blackbird	X			
__ Bobolink	X	X		
__ Western Meadowlark	X			
__ Baltimore Oriole		X		
__ Red-winged Blackbird	X	X		
__ Brown-headed Cowbird	X	X		
__ Brewer's Blackbird	X	X		
__ Common Grackle	X	X		
<b>WARBLERS</b>				
__ Tennessee Warbler	X	X		
__ Nashville Warbler	X			
__ Common Yellowthroat	X	X	X	

	Sp	S	F	W
__ American Redstart	X			
__ Yellow Warbler	X	X		
__ Chestnut-sided Warbler	X	X		
__ Palm Warbler	X			
__ Yellow-rumped Warbler	X			
__ Wilson's Warbler	X			
<b>CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, AND BUNTINGS</b>				
__ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	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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