



BIRD CHECKLIST


Bluestem Prairie SNA

MINNESOTA SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREAS



Natural places worth knowing





DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES

	Sp	S	F	W
DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS				
__ Snow Goose	O		R	
__ Greater White-fronted Goose	O			
__ Cackling Goose	O		R	
__ Canada Goose	U	O	O	O
__ Trumpeter Swan	O			
__ Tundra Swan	O		O	
__ Wood Duck	O	O		
__ Blue-winged Teal	O	O		
__ Northern Shoveler	O	O		
__ Mallard	U	U	O	
__ Northern Pintail	O			
__ Green-winged Teal	O			
__ Canvasback	O	R		
__ Redhead		R		
__ Ring-necked Duck	O			
__ Lesser Scaup	O			
__ Bufflehead	O			
__ Common Goldeneye	O			
__ Hooded Merganser	O	R		
__ Ruddy Duck	O	R		
GROUSE, TURKEYS, AND PHEASANTS				
__ Wild Turkey	U	O	O	O
__ Ruffed Grouse		O	R	
__ Sharp-tailed Grouse	O			O
__ Greater Prairie-Chicken	C	C	O	C
__ Gray Partridge	R	O	R	O
__ Ring-necked Pheasant	C	C	O	C
GREBES				
__ Pied-billed Grebe	O	R		
__ Red-necked Grebe		O		
PIGEONS AND DOVES				
__ Rock Pigeon	O	O	O	O
__ Eurasian Collared-Dove	O	O	O	O
__ Mourning Dove	U	C	O	
CUCKOOS				
__ Yellow-billed Cuckoo		O		
__ Black-billed Cuckoo	O	O	O	

	Sp	S	F	W
SWIFTS				
__ Chimney Swift		O	O	
HUMMINGBIRDS				
__ Ruby-throated Hummingbird	O	O		
RAILS, GALLINULES, AND COOTS				
__ Virginia Rail	O	O		
__ Sora	O	O	O	
__ American Coot	O			
CRANES				
__ Sandhill Crane	U	O	O	
PLOVERS				
__ American Golden-Plover	O	O		
__ Killdeer	U	U	O	
SANDPIPERS				
__ Upland Sandpiper	U	U	O	
__ Hudsonian Godwit	R			
__ Marbled Godwit	O	O		
__ Least Sandpiper	O			
__ Semipalmated Sandpiper		O		
__ American Woodcock	O		R	
__ Wilson's Snipe	C	O		
__ Wilson's Phalarope	O	O		
__ Spotted Sandpiper	O			
__ Solitary Sandpiper	O			
__ Greater Yellowlegs	O			
__ Lesser Yellowlegs	O			
GULLS AND TERNS				
__ Franklin's Gull		O	O	
__ Ring-billed Gull	O	O	O	
__ Herring Gull	O		O	
__ Black Tern		R		
__ Forster's Tern	O			
LOONS				
__ Common Loon	O	R		
CORMORANTS				
__ Double-crested Cormorant	O	R		
PELICANS				
__ American White Pelican	O	R		

	Sp	S	F	W
HERONS AND EGRETS				
__ American Bittern	O	O		
__ Least Bittern		O	O	
__ Great Blue Heron	U	O	O	
__ Great Egret	O	R		
__ Green Heron	O	O	O	
NEW WORLD VULTURES				
__ Turkey Vulture	O	O	O	
OSPREYS				
__ Osprey	O	O		
HAWKS AND EAGLES				
__ White-tailed Kite			R	
__ Northern Harrier	C	C	O	
__ Sharp-shinned Hawk	O	O	O	O
__ Cooper's Hawk	O	O	O	
__ Northern Goshawk				O
__ Bald Eagle	U	O	O	U
__ Red-shouldered Hawk		O		
__ Broad-winged Hawk	O	O		
__ Swainson's Hawk	O	O	O	
__ Red-tailed Hawk	U	U	O	
__ Rough-legged Hawk	O		O	O
OWLS				
__ Great Horned Owl	O	O		O
__ Short-eared Owl	R	R		O
KINGFISHERS				
__ Belted Kingfisher	O	O		
WOODPECKERS				
__ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	O	O	O	
__ Red-headed Woodpecker	R	R		
__ Red-bellied Woodpecker	O	O	O	O
__ Downy Woodpecker	O	O	O	O
__ Hairy Woodpecker	O	O		U
__ Pileated Woodpecker	O	O	O	O
__ Northern Flicker	U	C	O	O
FALCONS				
__ American Kestrel	C	C	O	O
__ Merlin	O	O		
__ Peregrine Falcon	O			

	Sp	S	F	W
__ Prairie Falcon			O	
TYRANT FLYCATCHERS				
__ Olive-sided Flycatcher		O		
__ Eastern Wood-Pewee	O	O	O	
__ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	O	O		
__ Alder Flycatcher	O	O	O	
__ Willow Flycatcher		O	O	
__ Least Flycatcher	O	O		
__ Eastern Phoebe	O	O	O	
__ Great Crested Flycatcher	O	O	O	
__ Western Kingbird	O	O		
__ Eastern Kingbird	U	C	O	
VIREOS				
__ Yellow-throated Vireo	O	O		
__ Blue-headed Vireo	O			
__ Philadelphia Vireo	O			
__ Warbling Vireo	O	O		
__ Red-eyed Vireo	O	O		
SHRIKES				
__ Loggerhead Shrike	O	O	R	
__ Northern Shrike	O		O	O
JAYS, CROWS, AND MAGPIES				
__ Blue Jay	O	U	O	C
__ Black-billed Magpie	O	O	O	U
__ American Crow	C	C	O	C
__ Common Raven	O	O	O	O
CHICKADEES AND TITMICE				
__ Black-capped Chickadee	O	O	O	U
LARKS				
__ Horned Lark	U	O	O	O
SWALLOWS				
__ Northern Rough-winged Swallow	O	O		
__ Purple Martin	O	O	O	
__ Tree Swallow	U	C	O	
__ Bank Swallow	O	O	O	
__ Barn Swallow	U	C	O	
__ Cliff Swallow	O	O	O	
KINGLETS				
__ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	O		O	

	Sp	S	F	W
NUTHATCHES				
__ Red-breasted Nuthatch			O	O
__ White-breasted Nuthatch	O	O	O	O
WRENS				
__ House Wren	O	U	O	
__ Sedge Wren	U	C	O	
__ Marsh Wren	O	O	O	
STARLINGS				
__ European Starling	U	U	O	O
MIMIDS				
__ Gray Catbird	O	U	O	
__ Brown Thrasher	O	U	O	
THRUSHES				
__ Eastern Bluebird	O	U	O	
__ Mountain Bluebird	R			
__ Veery	O	O		
__ Gray-cheeked Thrush	O			
__ Swainson's Thrush	O			
__ Hermit Thrush	O			
__ American Robin	C	C	O	O
WAXWINGS				
__ Cedar Waxwing	O	O	O	
OLD WORLD SPARROWS				
__ House Sparrow	O	O	O	O
PIPITS				
__ American Pipit			O	
FINCHES				
__ House Finch		O	O	
__ Purple Finch			O	O
__ Common Redpoll				O
__ Pine Siskin			O	O
__ American Goldfinch	U	C	O	O
LONGSPURS AND SNOW BUNTINGS				
__ Lapland Longspur	O		O	O
__ Chestnut-collared Longspur	O			
__ Smith's Longspur			O	
__ Snow Bunting	O		O	O

	Sp	S	F	W
SPARROWS				
__ Grasshopper Sparrow	U	C	O	
__ Chipping Sparrow	O	U	O	
__ Clay-colored Sparrow	C	C	O	
__ Field Sparrow	O	O	O	
__ Lark Sparrow	O	O		
__ American Tree Sparrow			O	O
__ Fox Sparrow	O		O	
__ Dark-eyed Junco	O		O	O
__ White-crowned Sparrow	O		O	
__ Harris's Sparrow	O		O	O
__ White-throated Sparrow	O	O	O	
__ Vesper Sparrow	O	O	O	
__ LeConte's Sparrow	O	O	O	
__ Nelson's Sparrow		O		
__ Savannah Sparrow	U	C	O	
__ Henslow's Sparrow	R	O		
__ Song Sparrow	U	U	O	
__ Lincoln's Sparrow	O		O	
__ Swamp Sparrow	O	C	O	
__ Eastern Towhee		O	O	
BLACKBIRDS				
__ Yellow-headed Blackbird	O	O	O	
__ Bobolink	U	C	O	
__ Western Meadowlark	U	C	O	
__ Eastern Meadowlark	O	O		
__ Orchard Oriole	O	O		
__ Baltimore Oriole	O	U	O	
__ Red-winged Blackbird	C	C	O	O
__ Brown-headed Cowbird	U	U	O	
__ Rusty Blackbird			R	
__ Brewer's Blackbird	U	C	O	
__ Common Grackle	C	C	O	O
WARBLERS				
__ Ovenbird		X		
__ Northern Waterthrush	O			
__ Black-and-white Warbler	O			
__ Tennessee Warbler	O	O	O	
__ Orange-crowned Warbler	O		O	

	Sp	S	F	W
__ Nashville Warbler	O			
__ Connecticut Warbler	O			
__ Mourning Warbler	O			
__ Common Yellowthroat	U	C	O	
__ American Redstart	O	O		
__ Magnolia Warbler	O			
__ Yellow Warbler	O	C	O	
__ Chestnut-sided Warbler	O	O		
__ Blackpoll Warbler	O			
__ Palm Warbler	O		O	
__ Yellow-rumped Warbler	O		O	
__ Canada Warbler	O			
__ Wilson's Warbler			O	
CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, AND BUNTINGS				
__ Scarlet Tanager		O		
__ Northern Cardinal		O		
__ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	O	O		
__ Indigo Bunting		O	O	
__ Dickcissel	O	U	O	

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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