

# BIRD CHECKLIST

Pigs Eye Island Heron  
Rookery SNA

## MINNESOTA SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREAS



*Natural places worth knowing*



	Sp	S	F	W
<b>DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS</b>				
___ Canada Goose	X	X	X	
___ Wood Duck			X	
___ Blue-winged Teal			X	
___ Northern Shoveler			X	
___ Gadwall			X	
___ Mallard	X	X	X	
___ American Black Duck			X	
___ Green-winged Teal			X	
___ Ring-necked Duck			X	
<b>GROUSE, TURKEYS, AND PHEASANTS</b>				
___ Wild Turkey			X	
<b>PIGEONS AND DOVES</b>				
___ Rock Pigeon		X	X	
___ Mourning Dove			X	
<b>SWIFTS</b>				
___ Chimney Swift			X	
<b>HUMMINGBIRDS</b>				
___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird		X		
<b>RAILS, GALLINULES, AND COOTS</b>				
___ American Coot			X	
<b>PLOVERS</b>				
___ Killdeer		X		
<b>SANDPIPERS</b>				
___ Spotted Sandpiper	X	X		
___ Solitary Sandpiper	X			
___ Greater Yellowlegs			X	
<b>GULLS AND TERNS</b>				
___ Bonaparte's Gull			X	
___ Ring-billed Gull	X	X	X	
___ Herring Gull			X	
___ Caspian Tern			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	

	Sp	S	F	W
___ Black-crowned Night-Heron	X	X		
<b>NEW WORLD VULTURES</b>				
___ Turkey Vulture		X	X	
<b>OSPREYS</b>				
___ Osprey		X		
<b>HAWKS AND EAGLES</b>				
___ Northern Harrier			X	
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk			X	
___ Cooper's Hawk		X		
___ Bald Eagle	X	X	X	
___ Red-tailed Hawk	X		X	
<b>OWLS</b>				
___ Barred Owl			X	
<b>KINGFISHERS</b>				
___ Belted Kingfisher			X	
<b>WOODPECKERS</b>				
___ Red-bellied Woodpecker		X	X	
___ Downy Woodpecker	X	X	X	
___ Hairy Woodpecker		X	X	
___ Pileated Woodpecker			X	
___ Northern Flicker	X	X	X	
<b>FALCONS</b>				
___ Peregrine Falcon			X	
<b>TYRANT FLYCATCHERS</b>				
___ Eastern Wood-Pewee		X		
___ Least Flycatcher		X		
___ Eastern Phoebe		X		
___ Great Crested Flycatcher		X		
<b>VIREOS</b>				
___ Yellow-throated Vireo	X	X		
___ Warbling Vireo	X	X		
<b>JAYS, CROWS, AND MAGPIES</b>				
___ Blue Jay			X	
___ American Crow	X	X	X	
<b>CHICKADEES AND TITMICE</b>				
___ Black-capped Chickadee	X	X	X	
<b>SWALLOWS</b>				
___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow	X	X	X	
___ Tree Swallow	X	X	X	

	Sp	S	F	W
___ Barn Swallow		X	X	
<b>KINGLETS</b>				
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet			X	
<b>NUTHATCHES</b>				
___ White-breasted Nuthatch			X	
<b>GNATCATCHERS</b>				
___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher		X		
<b>WRENS</b>				
___ House Wren	X	X		
<b>STARLINGS</b>				
___ European Starling	X		X	
<b>MIMIDS</b>				
___ Gray Catbird		X	X	
<b>THRUSHES</b>				
___ American Robin	X	X	X	
<b>WAXWINGS</b>				
___ Cedar Waxwing		X		
<b>OLD WORLD SPARROWS</b>				
___ House Sparrow		X	X	
<b>PIPITS</b>				
___ American Pipit			X	
<b>FINCHES</b>				
___ House Finch	X	X	X	
___ American Goldfinch	X	X	X	
<b>SPARROWS</b>				
___ American Tree Sparrow			X	
___ Fox Sparrow			X	
___ Dark-eyed Junco			X	
___ White-throated Sparrow			X	
___ Song Sparrow	X	X	X	
___ Lincoln's Sparrow			X	
___ Swamp Sparrow			X	
<b>BLACKBIRDS</b>				
___ Baltimore Oriole	X	X		
___ Red-winged Blackbird	X	X		
___ Brown-headed Cowbird		X		
___ Rusty Blackbird			X	
___ Common Grackle		X		

	Sp	S	F	W
<b>WARBLERS</b>				
___ Ovenbird			X	
___ Prothonotary Warbler		X		
___ Nashville Warbler			X	
___ Common Yellowthroat		X	X	
___ American Redstart	X	X		
___ Yellow Warbler	X	X		
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler			X	
<b>CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, AND BUNTINGS</b>				
___ Northern Cardinal	X	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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