

BIRD CHECKLIST

Iron Horse Prairie SNA

MINNESOTA SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREAS



Natural places worth knowing



	Sp	S	F	W
GROUSE, TURKEYS, AND PHEASANTS				
__ Ring-necked Pheasant	X	X	X	
PIGEONS AND DOVES				
__ Rock Pigeon		X		
__ Mourning Dove	X	X		
CUCKOOS				
__ Yellow-billed Cuckoo			X	
PLOVERS				
__ Killdeer	X	X		
HERONS AND EGRETS				
__ American Bittern			X	
WOODPECKERS				
__ Red-bellied Woodpecker	X			
__ Downy Woodpecker			X	
__ Hairy Woodpecker			X	
__ Northern Flicker	X			
FALCONS				
__ American Kestrel		X		
TYRANT FLYCATCHERS				
__ Olive-sided Flycatcher			X	
__ Willow Flycatcher		X		
__ Eastern Kingbird		X	X	
VIREOS				
__ Bell's Vireo		X		
__ Red-eyed Vireo			X	
JAYS, CROWS, AND MAGPIES				
__ Blue Jay	X	X	X	
__ American Crow	X	X		
CHICKADEES AND TITMICE				
__ Black-capped Chickadee	X	X	X	
SWALLOWS				
__ Tree Swallow		X		
__ Barn Swallow		X	X	
KINGLETS				
__ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	X			
GNATCATCHERS				
__ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher			X	
WRENS				
__ House Wren			X	

	Sp	S	F	W
__ Winter Wren	X			
__ Sedge Wren		X		
STARLINGS				
__ European Starling		X		
MIMIDS				
__ Gray Catbird	X	X	X	
__ Brown Thrasher	X	X		
THRUSHES				
__ Swainson's Thrush	X			
__ American Robin	X	X	X	
WAXWINGS				
__ Cedar Waxwing			X	
FINCHES				
__ American Goldfinch		X	X	
SPARROWS				
__ Chipping Sparrow	X			
__ Field Sparrow	X			
__ American Tree Sparrow			X	
__ Dark-eyed Junco			X	
__ White-throated Sparrow	X		X	
__ Savannah Sparrow		X		
__ Song Sparrow	X	X	X	
__ Swamp Sparrow	X			
__ Eastern Towhee		X		
BLACKBIRDS				
__ Bobolink		X		
__ Eastern Meadowlark			X	
__ Baltimore Oriole		X	X	
__ Red-winged Blackbird	X	X		
__ Brown-headed Cowbird	X	X		
__ Common Grackle		X	X	
WARBLERS				
__ Common Yellowthroat		X	X	
__ Yellow Warbler		X		
__ Yellow-rumped Warbler	X			
CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, AND BUNTINGS				
__ Northern Cardinal		X	X	
__ Rose-breasted Grosbeak			X	
__ Indigo Bunting		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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