

# BIRD CHECKLIST

Hythecker Prairie SNA

## MINNESOTA SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREAS



Natural places worth knowing



	Sp	S	F	W
<b>DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS</b>				
__ Mallard		X		
<b>GROUSE, TURKEYS, AND PHEASANTS</b>				
__ Ring-necked Pheasant		X		
<b>PIGEONS AND DOVES</b>				
__ Mourning Dove		X		
<b>PLOVERS</b>				
__ Killdeer		X	X	
<b>SANDPIPERS</b>				
__ American Woodcock		X		
<b>HAWKS AND EAGLES</b>				
__ Northern Harrier	X			
__ Red-tailed Hawk		X		
<b>WOODPECKERS</b>				
__ Northern Flicker			X	
<b>FALCONS</b>				
__ American Kestrel			X	
<b>TYRANT FLYCATCHERS</b>				
__ Willow Flycatcher		X		
__ Eastern Kingbird		X		
<b>VIREOS</b>				
__ Warbling Vireo		X		
<b>JAYS, CROWS, AND MAGPIES</b>				
__ Blue Jay			X	
__ American Crow	X	X	X	
<b>SWALLOWS</b>				
__ Northern Rough-winged Swallow			X	
__ Tree Swallow		X	X	
__ Barn Swallow		X	X	
__ Cliff Swallow			X	
<b>WRENS</b>				
__ House Wren	X	X		
__ Sedge Wren		X	X	
<b>STARLINGS</b>				
__ European Starling		X		
<b>MIMIDS</b>				
__ Gray Catbird		X	X	
<b>THRUSHES</b>				
__ American Robin		X	X	

	Sp	S	F	W
<b>WAXWINGS</b>				
__ Cedar Waxwing			X	
<b>OLD WORLD SPARROWS</b>				
__ House Sparrow		X		
<b>FINCHES</b>				
__ American Goldfinch		X	X	
<b>SPARROWS</b>				
__ Chipping Sparrow		X		
__ Clay-colored Sparrow		X		
__ Vesper Sparrow	X			
__ Savannah Sparrow			X	
__ Song Sparrow		X	X	
__ Lincoln's Sparrow			X	
__ Swamp Sparrow		X	X	
<b>BLACKBIRDS</b>				
__ Bobolink		X		
__ Orchard Oriole		X		
__ Baltimore Oriole		X	X	
__ Red-winged Blackbird		X		
__ Brown-headed Cowbird		X		
__ Common Grackle		X		
<b>WARBLERS</b>				
__ Tennessee Warbler	X			
__ Common Yellowthroat		X	X	
__ Yellow Warbler		X		
<b>CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, AND BUNTINGS</b>				
__ 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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