

BIRD CHECKLIST

Otter Tail Prairie SNA

MINNESOTA SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREAS



Natural places worth knowing



DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS

	Sp	S	F	W
___ Snow Goose	X			
___ Ross's Goose	X			
___ Greater White-fronted Goose	X		X	
___ Cackling Goose	X		X	
___ Canada Goose	X	X	X	
___ Trumpeter Swan	X	X		
___ Tundra Swan	X			
___ Blue-winged Teal	X	X		
___ Northern Shoveler	X	X		
___ Gadwall	X			
___ American Wigeon	X			
___ Mallard	X	X	X	
___ Northern Pintail	X			
___ Redhead	X			

GROUSE, TURKEYS, AND PHEASANTS

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

PIGEONS AND DOVES

___ Rock Pigeon	X	X	X	X
___ Mourning Dove	X	X	X	

SWIFTS

___ Chimney Swift	X			
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HUMMINGBIRDS

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

___ Virginia Rail		X		
___ Sora		X		

CRANES

___ Sandhill Crane	X	X	X	
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PLOVERS

___ Killdeer	X	X	X	
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SANDPIPERS

___ Upland Sandpiper		X		
___ Marbled Godwit		X		
___ Least Sandpiper		X		
___ Pectoral Sandpiper		X		
___ Wilson's Snipe	X	X		
___ Wilson's Phalarope		X		

___ Spotted Sandpiper		X		
___ Greater Yellowlegs		X		
___ Lesser Yellowlegs		X		

GULLS AND TERNS

___ Franklin's Gull		X	X	
___ Ring-billed Gull	X	X	X	

CORMORANTS

___ Double-crested Cormorant	X	X		
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PELICANS

___ American White Pelican	X	X		
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HERONS AND EGRETS

___ American Bittern	X	X		
___ Great Blue Heron	X	X	X	
___ Great Egret		X		

NEW WORLD VULTURES

___ Turkey Vulture	X	X	X	
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HAWKS AND EAGLES

___ Northern Harrier	X	X	X	
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk			X	
___ Cooper's Hawk	X			
___ Bald Eagle	X	X	X	X
___ Red-tailed Hawk	X	X	X	
___ Rough-legged Hawk	X			X

OWLS

___ Great Horned Owl	X			X
___ Short-eared Owl	X		X	X

WOODPECKERS

___ Downy Woodpecker	X			
___ Pileated Woodpecker	X			
___ Northern Flicker	X	X	X	

FALCONS

___ American Kestrel	X	X	X	
___ Merlin			X	
___ Peregrine Falcon	X			

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

___ Willow Flycatcher	X	X	X	
___ Eastern Phoebe		X		
___ Western Kingbird		X		
___ Eastern Kingbird	X	X	X	

	Sp	S	F	W
SHRIKES				
___ Loggerhead Shrike	X			
___ Northern Shrike	X			X
JAYS, CROWS, AND MAGPIES				
___ Blue Jay	X			
___ American Crow	X	X	X	X
CHICKADEES AND TITMICE				
___ Black-capped Chickadee	X			X
LARKS				
___ Horned Lark	X	X	X	X
SWALLOWS				
___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow		X		
___ Purple Martin		X		
___ Tree Swallow	X	X	X	
___ Bank Swallow		X		
___ Barn Swallow	X	X	X	
___ Cliff Swallow	X	X	X	
KINGLETS				
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	X			
WRENS				
___ House Wren		X		
___ Sedge Wren	X	X	X	
___ Marsh Wren		X	X	
STARLINGS				
___ European Starling	X	X	X	
MIMIDS				
___ Gray Catbird	X	X	X	
___ Brown Thrasher	X			
THRUSHES				
___ American Robin	X	X	X	
OLD WORLD SPARROWS				
___ House Sparrow	X			X
PIPITS				
___ American Pipit			X	
FINCHES				
___ House Finch	X			
___ Common Redpoll				X
___ American Goldfinch	X	X	X	

	Sp	S	F	W
LONGSPURS AND SNOW BUNTINGS				
___ Lapland Longspur	X		X	X
___ Snow Bunting				X
SPARROWS				
___ Grasshopper Sparrow	X	X		
___ Chipping Sparrow	X			
___ Clay-colored Sparrow	X	X	X	
___ American Tree Sparrow	X			X
___ Dark-eyed Junco	X			X
___ White-crowned Sparrow	X		X	
___ Harris's Sparrow			X	
___ White-throated Sparrow	X			
___ Vesper Sparrow	X	X	X	
___ LeConte's Sparrow	X	X	X	
___ Nelson's Sparrow			X	
___ Savannah Sparrow	X	X	X	
___ Song Sparrow	X	X	X	
___ Swamp Sparrow	X	X		
BLACKBIRDS				
___ Yellow-headed Blackbird	X	X	X	
___ Bobolink	X	X	X	
___ Western Meadowlark	X	X	X	
___ Red-winged Blackbird	X	X	X	
___ Brown-headed Cowbird	X	X	X	
___ Brewer's Blackbird	X	X	X	
___ Common Grackle	X	X		
WARBLERS				
___ Common Yellowthroat	X	X	X	
___ Yellow Warbler	X	X	X	
CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, AND BUNTINGS				
___ 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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