

# BIRD CHECKLIST

Lost Valley Prairie SNA

## MINNESOTA SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREAS



Natural places worth knowing



	Sp	S	F	W
<b>DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS</b>				
___ Snow Goose		X		
___ Cackling Goose			X	
___ Canada Goose	X	X	X	X
___ Trumpeter Swan				X
___ Mallard				X
<b>GROUSE, TURKEYS, AND PHEASANTS</b>				
___ Wild Turkey	X	X	X	X
___ Ring-necked Pheasant	X	X	X	X
<b>PIGEONS AND DOVES</b>				
___ Rock Pigeon			X	
___ Mourning Dove	X	X	X	X
<b>CUCKOOS</b>				
___ Black-billed Cuckoo		X		
<b>NIGHTJARS</b>				
___ Common Nighthawk	X			
<b>SWIFTS</b>				
___ Chimney Swift		X		
<b>HUMMINGBIRDS</b>				
___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird	X	X	X	
<b>CRANES</b>				
___ Sandhill Crane	X			
<b>PLOVERS</b>				
___ Killdeer	X			
<b>SANDPIPERS</b>				
___ Wilson's Snipe			X	
<b>GULLS AND TERNS</b>				
___ Ring-billed Gull	X			
<b>CORMORANTS</b>				
___ Double-crested Cormorant	X			
<b>PELICANS</b>				
___ American White Pelican	X		X	
<b>HERONS AND EGRETS</b>				
___ Great Blue Heron		X		
___ Great Egret	X			
<b>NEW WORLD VULTURES</b>				
___ Turkey Vulture	X	X	X	
<b>HAWKS AND EAGLES</b>				
___ Northern Harrier	X			

	Sp	S	F	W
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk	X		X	
___ Cooper's Hawk			X	
___ Bald Eagle	X	X	X	X
___ Red-shouldered Hawk		X		
___ Broad-winged Hawk	X			
___ Red-tailed Hawk	X	X	X	X
<b>OWLS</b>				
___ Great Horned Owl	X			
___ Barred Owl				X
___ Long-eared Owl			X	X
<b>WOODPECKERS</b>				
___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		X		
___ Red-bellied Woodpecker	X	X	X	X
___ Downy Woodpecker	X	X	X	X
___ Hairy Woodpecker	X	X	X	X
___ Pileated Woodpecker		X	X	
___ Northern Flicker	X	X	X	
<b>FALCONS</b>				
___ American Kestrel	X		X	
___ Peregrine Falcon		X		
<b>TYRANT FLYCATCHERS</b>				
___ Eastern Wood-Pewee		X	X	
___ Alder Flycatcher			X	
___ Willow Flycatcher	X	X		
___ Least Flycatcher			X	
___ Eastern Phoebe	X		X	
___ Great Crested Flycatcher		X	X	
___ Eastern Kingbird	X	X	X	
<b>VIREOS</b>				
___ Blue-headed Vireo			X	
___ Warbling Vireo		X		
___ Red-eyed Vireo		X	X	
<b>SHRIKES</b>				
___ Northern Shrike	X		X	X
<b>JAYS, CROWS, AND MAGPIES</b>				
___ Blue Jay	X	X	X	X
___ American Crow	X	X	X	X
<b>CHICKADEES AND TITMICE</b>				
___ Black-capped Chickadee	X	X	X	X

	Sp	S	F	W
<b>LARKS</b>				
___ Horned Lark				X
<b>SWALLOWS</b>				
___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow	X	X	X	
___ Purple Martin			X	
___ Tree Swallow	X	X	X	
___ Bank Swallow	X			
___ Barn Swallow	X	X	X	
___ Cliff Swallow		X		
<b>KINGLETS</b>				
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	X		X	
___ Golden-crowned Kinglet	X		X	
<b>NUTHATCHES</b>				
___ White-breasted Nuthatch	X	X	X	X
<b>CREEPERS</b>				
___ Brown Creeper	X			X
<b>GNATCATCHERS</b>				
___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher			X	
<b>WRENS</b>				
___ House Wren	X	X	X	
___ Winter Wren			X	
___ Sedge Wren	X	X	X	
<b>STARLINGS</b>				
___ European Starling	X	X	X	X
<b>MIMIDS</b>				
___ Gray Catbird	X	X	X	
___ Brown Thrasher	X	X	X	
<b>THRUSHES</b>				
___ Eastern Bluebird	X	X	X	
___ Veery			X	
___ Hermit Thrush			X	
___ American Robin	X	X	X	X
<b>WAXWINGS</b>				
___ Cedar Waxwing	X	X		X
<b>OLD WORLD SPARROWS</b>				
___ House Sparrow			X	
<b>FINCHES</b>				
___ House Finch	X		X	
___ Purple Finch			X	

	Sp	S	F	W
__ American Goldfinch	X	X	X	
SPARROWS				
__ Grasshopper Sparrow		X		
__ Chipping Sparrow	X	X	X	
__ Clay-colored Sparrow	X	X	X	
__ Field Sparrow	X	X	X	
__ Lark Sparrow	X	X		
__ American Tree Sparrow	X		X	X
__ Fox Sparrow	X		X	
__ Dark-eyed Junco	X		X	X
__ White-crowned Sparrow	X		X	
__ White-throated Sparrow	X		X	
__ Vesper Sparrow	X	X		
__ LeConte's Sparrow			X	
__ Savannah Sparrow	X	X	X	
__ Henslow's Sparrow	X	X		
__ Song Sparrow	X	X	X	
__ Lincoln's Sparrow	X		X	
__ Swamp Sparrow	X		X	
__ Eastern Towhee	X	X	X	
CHATS				
__ Yellow-breasted Chat		X		
BLACKBIRDS				
__ Western Meadowlark		X		
__ Eastern Meadowlark	X	X		
__ Baltimore Oriole	X	X		
__ Red-winged Blackbird	X	X	X	
__ Brown-headed Cowbird	X	X		
__ Common Grackle		X	X	
WARBLERS				
__ Ovenbird	X		X	
__ Blue-winged Warbler		X		
__ Black-and-white Warbler	X			
__ Tennessee Warbler			X	
__ Orange-crowned Warbler			X	
__ Nashville Warbler			X	
__ Common Yellowthroat	X	X	X	
__ American Redstart		X		
__ Magnolia Warbler			X	

	Sp	S	F	W
__ Yellow Warbler	X	X	X	
__ Chestnut-sided Warbler			X	
__ Palm Warbler	X		X	
__ Yellow-rumped Warbler	X		X	
CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, AND BUNTINGS				
__ Scarlet Tanager	X			
__ Northern Cardinal	X	X	X	X
__ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	X	X	X	
__ Indigo Bunting	X	X	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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