

# BIRD CHECKLIST

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## MINNESOTA SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREAS



*Natural places worth knowing*



	Sp	S	F	W
<b>DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Canada Goose	X			
<input type="checkbox"/> Trumpeter Swan	X			
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue-winged Teal		X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Mallard	X			
<b>GROUSE, TURKEYS, AND PHEASANTS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Ring-necked Pheasant	X	X		
<b>GREBES</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pied-billed Grebe	X			
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-necked Grebe		X		
<b>PIGEONS AND DOVES</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Rock Pigeon	X			
<input type="checkbox"/> Mourning Dove	X			
<b>SWIFTS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Chimney Swift	X			
<b>RAILS, GALLINULES, AND COOTS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Virginia Rail	X			
<input type="checkbox"/> Sora	X			
<b>CRANES</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Sandhill Crane	X			
<b>PLOVERS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Killdeer		X		
<b>SANDPIPERS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Wilson's Snipe		X		
<b>GULLS AND TERNS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Ring-billed Gull	X	X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Black Tern	X	X		
<b>LOONS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Loon	X	X		
<b>CORMORANTS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Double-crested Cormorant	X	X	X	
<b>PELICANS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> American White Pelican	X	X		
<b>HERONS AND EGRETS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> American Bittern	X			
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Blue Heron	X	X	X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Egret	X	X	X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Snowy Egret		X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Little Blue Heron	X	X	X	

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<input type="checkbox"/> Cattle Egret	X	X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Green Heron	X	X	X	
<b>NEW WORLD VULTURES</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Turkey Vulture	X			
<b>HAWKS AND EAGLES</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Harrier	X			
<input type="checkbox"/> Sharp-shinned Hawk	X			
<input type="checkbox"/> Swainson's Hawk	X			
<b>WOODPECKERS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Flicker		X		
<b>TYRANT FLYCATCHERS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Least Flycatcher	X			
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Crested Flycatcher		X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Kingbird	X	X		
<b>VIREOS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-throated Vireo		X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Warbling Vireo	X			
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-eyed Vireo		X		
<b>JAYS, CROWS, AND MAGPIES</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue Jay	X			
<input type="checkbox"/> American Crow	X	X		
<b>CHICKADEES AND TITMICE</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-capped Chickadee	X			
<b>LARKS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Horned Lark	X			
<b>SWALLOWS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Purple Martin	X	X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Tree Swallow	X	X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Bank Swallow	X			
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn Swallow	X			
<input type="checkbox"/> Cliff Swallow	X			
<b>WRENS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Sedge Wren	X			
<input type="checkbox"/> Marsh Wren	X	X		
<b>MIMIDS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Gray Catbird	X			
<b>THRUSHES</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Bluebird		X		
<input type="checkbox"/> American Robin	X	X		

Sp S F W

**WAXWINGS**

Cedar Waxwing                    X

**OLD WORLD SPARROWS**

House Sparrow                    X

**FINCHES**

American Goldfinch                X X

**SPARROWS**

Chipping Sparrow                    X

Clay-colored Sparrow                X X

Field Sparrow                        X

White-throated Sparrow                X

Song Sparrow                        X X

Swamp Sparrow                        X X

**BLACKBIRDS**

Yellow-headed Blackbird                X X

Baltimore Oriole                        X

Red-winged Blackbird                X X

Brown-headed Cowbird                X

Common Grackle                        X X

**WARBLERS**

Tennessee Warbler                        X

Orange-crowned Warbler                X

Nashville Warbler                        X

Common Yellowthroat                    X X

American Redstart                        X

Yellow Warbler                        X X

Palm Warbler                        X

Yellow-rumped Warbler                X

Wilson's Warbler                        X

**CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, AND BUNTINGS**

Northern Cardinal                        X

Rose-breasted Grosbeak                X

Indigo Bunting                        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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