

BIRD CHECKLIST

Wild Indigo SNA

MINNESOTA SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREAS



Natural places worth knowing



	Sp	S	F	W
CRANES				
__ Sandhill Crane		X		
TYRANT FLYCATCHERS				
__ Willow Flycatcher		X		
__ Great Crested Flycatcher		X		
VIREOS				
__ Bell's Vireo		X		
SWALLOWS				
__ Tree Swallow		X		
NUTHATCHES				
__ White-breasted Nuthatch		X		
WRENS				
__ House Wren		X		
__ Sedge Wren		X		
STARLINGS				
__ European Starling		X		
MIMIDS				
__ Gray Catbird		X		
__ Brown Thrasher		X		
THRUSHES				
__ American Robin		X		
FINCHES				
__ American Goldfinch		X		
SPARROWS				
__ Clay-colored Sparrow		X		
__ Field Sparrow		X		
__ Swamp Sparrow		X		
BLACKBIRDS				
__ Baltimore Oriole		X		
__ Red-winged Blackbird		X		
__ Brown-headed Cowbird		X		
__ Common Grackle		X		
WARBLERS				
__ Common Yellowthroat		X		
__ Yellow Warbler		X		
CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, AND BUNTINGS				
__ Northern Cardinal		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.)?

Data for this checklist were sourced from eBird as well as MNDNR staff and contractor observations. Checklist organization follows the most current Clements checklist and eBird taxonomy.

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