BIRD CHECKLIST

Cottonwood River Prairie SNA





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DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS				Great Blue Heron	X	Χ	Χ		SHRIKES				
Cackling Goose	X			Green Heron		Χ			Loggerhead Shrike		Χ		
Canada Goose	X		X	NEW WORLD VULTURES					JAYS, CROWS, AND MAGPIES				
Wood Duck	X	Χ	X	Turkey Vulture	Χ	Χ			Blue Jay	Χ	Χ	Χ	
Blue-winged Teal	X		X	HAWKS AND EAGLES					American Crow	Х	Χ	Χ	
Northern Shoveler	X			Northern Harrier	X		Χ		CHICKADEES AND TITMICE				_
Mallard	X	Χ	X	Sharp-shinned Hawk	X		Χ		Black-capped Chickadee	Χ	Χ	Χ	
Ring-necked Duck	X			Cooper's Hawk	X				LARKS				
Common Goldeneye	X			Broad-winged Hawk			Χ		Horned Lark	Χ	Χ	Χ	
Hooded Merganser	X			Red-tailed Hawk	Х	Χ	Х	Χ	SWALLOWS				
Common Merganser	X			OWLS					Northern Rough-winged Swallow	Χ	Χ		
GROUSE, TURKEYS, AND PHEASA	NTS			Great Horned Owl	X				Purple Martin	Х			
Gray Partridge	X			Short-eared Owl	Х				Tree Swallow	Х	Χ	Χ	
Ring-necked Pheasant	X	Х	Χ	KINGFISHERS					Bank Swallow	Χ	Х	Χ	
GREBES				Belted Kingfisher	Χ				Barn Swallow	Х	Χ	Χ	
Pied-billed Grebe	X	Х		WOODPECKERS					Cliff Swallow	Χ	Х		
PIGEONS AND DOVES				Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	X				KINGLETS				
Rock Pigeon	X	Х	X	Red-headed Woodpecker		Χ			Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Χ		Χ	
Mourning Dove	X	Х		Red-bellied Woodpecker	Х		Х		Golden-crowned Kinglet			Χ	
CUCKOOS				Downy Woodpecker	Х	Χ	Х		NUTHATCHES				
Yellow-billed Cuckoo		Х		Hairy Woodpecker	Х	Χ	Х	Χ	Red-breasted Nuthatch			Χ	
HUMMINGBIRDS				Pileated Woodpecker		Χ	Χ		White-breasted Nuthatch	Х	Χ	Χ	
Ruby-throated Hummingbird			X	Northern Flicker	Х	Χ	Х		CREEPERS				
RAILS, GALLINULES, AND COOTS				FALCONS					Brown Creeper			Χ	
Virginia Rail	X			American Kestrel	X		Χ		GNATCATCHERS				
Sora	X			Merlin			Х	Χ	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher		Χ		
American Coot	X			TYRANT FLYCATCHERS					WRENS				
PLOVERS				Eastern Wood-Pewee	X	Χ	Χ		House Wren	Χ	Х		
Killdeer	X	Х	X	Willow Flycatcher		Χ			Winter Wren			Х	
SANDPIPERS				Least Flycatcher	X	Χ	Χ		Sedge Wren	Х	Х	Χ	
Upland Sandpiper		Χ		Eastern Phoebe	X		Х		Marsh Wren		Х		
Wilson's Snipe			Χ	Great Crested Flycatcher	X	Χ			STARLINGS				Т
GULLS AND TERNS				Eastern Kingbird	X				European Starling	Χ	Х	Χ	
Franklin's Gull			X	VIREOS					MIMIDS				_
 Ring-billed Gull			Χ	Blue-headed Vireo	Χ		Χ		Gray Catbird	Χ	Х	Χ	ı
CORMORANTS				Philadelphia Vireo			Х		Brown Thrasher	X			
Double-crested Cormorant			X	Warbling Vireo	Х	Х			THRUSHES				
HERONS AND EGRETS				Red-eyed Vireo	X	Х	Х		Eastern Bluebird	Χ	Х	Χ	
American Bittern	Х					-			American Robin	X		X	

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WAXWINGS				
Cedar Waxwing		Χ		
OLD WORLD SPARROWS				
House Sparrow	Χ	Χ	Χ	
PIPITS				
American Pipit	Χ		Χ	
FINCHES				
House Finch			Χ	
American Goldfinch	Χ	Χ	Χ	
LONGSPURS AND SNOW BUNTINGS	5			
Lapland Longspur	Χ		Χ	
SPARROWS				
Grasshopper Sparrow	Χ	Χ	Χ	
Chipping Sparrow	Χ	Χ	Χ	
Clay-colored Sparrow	Χ	Χ	Χ	
Field Sparrow	Х	Х	Χ	
American Tree Sparrow	Χ		Χ	
Fox Sparrow	Х		Χ	
Dark-eyed Junco	Х		Χ	
White-crowned Sparrow			Χ	
Harris's Sparrow			Χ	
White-throated Sparrow	Х		Χ	
Vesper Sparrow	Х	Χ	Χ	
LeConte's Sparrow			Χ	
Nelson's Sparrow			Χ	
Savannah Sparrow	Х	Χ	Χ	
Henslow's Sparrow	Χ			
Song Sparrow	Х	Χ	Χ	
Lincoln's Sparrow	Χ		Χ	
Swamp Sparrow	Χ	Χ	Χ	
BLACKBIRDS				
Yellow-headed Blackbird	Χ	Χ		
Bobolink	Χ	Χ	Χ	
Western Meadowlark	Χ	Χ	Χ	
Eastern Meadowlark	Х			
Orchard Oriole	Х	Х		
Baltimore Oriole	Х	Х		
Red-winged Blackbird	Χ	Х	Χ	
Brown-headed Cowbird	Х	Х		

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Rusty Blackbird	X		Χ	
Brewer's Blackbird	X			
Common Grackle	X	Χ	Χ	
WARBLERS				
Ovenbird	X		Χ	
Northern Waterthrush	X			
Black-and-white Warbler			Χ	
Tennessee Warbler	X		Χ	
Orange-crowned Warbler	X			
Nashville Warbler			Χ	
Mourning Warbler	X		Χ	
Common Yellowthroat	X	Χ	Χ	
American Redstart	X	Χ	Χ	
Magnolia Warbler	X		Χ	
Yellow Warbler	X	Χ	Χ	
Chestnut-sided Warbler			Χ	
Palm Warbler	X			
Yellow-rumped Warbler	X			
CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, AND B	UNTING	is		
Northern Cardinal	Χ	Χ	Χ	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	X	Χ		
Blue Grosbeak	X	Χ		
Indigo Bunting	X	Χ		
Dickcissel	X	Χ		

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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