

BIRD CHECKLIST

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Natural places worth knowing



	Sp	S	F	W
DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS				
___ Greater White-fronted Goose	X			
___ Canada Goose	X	X	X	
___ Wood Duck		X		
___ Blue-winged Teal	X	X		
___ Mallard	X	X		
GROUSE, TURKEYS, AND PHEASANTS				
___ Wild Turkey	X		X	
___ Gray Partridge	X		X	X
___ Ring-necked Pheasant	X	X	X	X
PIGEONS AND DOVES				
___ Rock Pigeon	X		X	
___ Mourning Dove	X	X	X	
CUCKOOS				
___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo		X		
RAILS, GALLINULES, AND COOTS				
___ Virginia Rail	X	X		
___ Sora	X	X		
___ American Coot		X		
PLOVERS				
___ Killdeer	X	X		
SANDPIPERS				
___ Upland Sandpiper		X		
___ Wilson's Snipe		X		
GULLS AND TERNS				
___ Franklin's Gull			X	
NEW WORLD VULTURES				
___ Turkey Vulture			X	
HAWKS AND EAGLES				
___ Northern Harrier	X			
___ Bald Eagle	X			
___ Swainson's Hawk	X			
___ Red-tailed Hawk	X	X		
OWLS				
___ Short-eared Owl	X			
WOODPECKERS				
___ Red-bellied Woodpecker	X			
___ Downy Woodpecker	X			
___ Northern Flicker	X	X	X	

	Sp	S	F	W
FALCONS				
___ American Kestrel		X	X	X
___ Merlin		X		
___ Peregrine Falcon			X	
TYRANT FLYCATCHERS				
___ Least Flycatcher		X		
___ Eastern Kingbird		X		
VIREOS				
___ Warbling Vireo		X		
JAYS, CROWS, AND MAGPIES				
___ American Crow		X	X	X
LARKS				
___ Horned Lark		X	X	X
SWALLOWS				
___ Tree Swallow		X	X	X
___ Barn Swallow		X	X	
WRENS				
___ House Wren		X		
___ Sedge Wren		X	X	X
___ Marsh Wren		X		
STARLINGS				
___ European Starling		X	X	X
MIMIDS				
___ Brown Thrasher		X		
THRUSHES				
___ Eastern Bluebird		X		
___ American Robin		X	X	X
OLD WORLD SPARROWS				
___ House Sparrow		X	X	
PIPITS				
___ American Pipit			X	
FINCHES				
___ American Goldfinch		X	X	X
LONGSPURS AND SNOW BUNTINGS				
___ Lapland Longspur		X		
SPARROWS				
___ Grasshopper Sparrow		X	X	
___ Chipping Sparrow		X	X	
___ Clay-colored Sparrow		X		

	Sp	S	F	W
<input type="checkbox"/> American Tree Sparrow	X			X
<input type="checkbox"/> Dark-eyed Junco			X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Vesper Sparrow	X	X	X	
<input type="checkbox"/> LeConte's Sparrow	X			
<input type="checkbox"/> Savannah Sparrow	X	X	X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Song Sparrow	X	X	X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Swamp Sparrow	X	X	X	

BLACKBIRDS

<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-headed Blackbird		X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bobolink	X	X	X
<input type="checkbox"/> Western Meadowlark	X	X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-winged Blackbird	X	X	X
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown-headed Cowbird	X	X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Grackle	X	X	X

WARBLERS

<input type="checkbox"/> Common Yellowthroat	X	X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow Warbler	X	X	

CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, AND BUNTINGS

<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Cardinal	X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Indigo Bunting		X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dickcissel	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.)?

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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