

BIRD CHECKLIST

Falls Creek SNA

MINNESOTA SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREAS



Natural places worth knowing



	Sp	S	F	W
DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS				
__ Canada Goose	O	O	X	
__ Wood Duck	X			
__ Mallard	O			
GROUSE, TURKEYS, AND PHEASANTS				
__ Wild Turkey	O	O		X
__ Ring-necked Pheasant	O	O		
PIGEONS AND DOVES				
__ Rock Pigeon	O	O	X	
__ Mourning Dove	U	U	X	
NIGHTJARS				
__ Common Nighthawk	O			
SWIFTS				
__ Chimney Swift	O	O		
HUMMINGBIRDS				
__ Ruby-throated Hummingbird	U	U	X	
CRANES				
__ Sandhill Crane	O	O		
PLOVERS				
__ Killdeer		R		
SANDPIPERS				
__ American Woodcock	O	R		
LOONS				
__ Common Loon		O		
HERONS AND EGRETS				
__ Great Blue Heron	O	O		
NEW WORLD VULTURES				
__ Turkey Vulture	O	O	X	
OSPREYS				
__ Osprey	O	O		
HAWKS AND EAGLES				
__ Sharp-shinned Hawk	O			
__ Cooper's Hawk	O			
__ Bald Eagle	O	O	X	X
__ Red-shouldered Hawk	O	O		
__ Broad-winged Hawk	O	O		
__ Red-tailed Hawk	O	O	X	X
OWLS				
__ Great Horned Owl	O			

	Sp	S	F	W
__ Barred Owl	O			X
KINGFISHERS				
__ Belted Kingfisher	O			
WOODPECKERS				
__ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	O	O		
__ Red-bellied Woodpecker	U	O	X	X
__ Downy Woodpecker	O	U	X	X
__ Hairy Woodpecker	U	O	X	X
__ Pileated Woodpecker	O	U	X	X
__ Northern Flicker	O	O	X	
TYRANT FLYCATCHERS				
__ Olive-sided Flycatcher	O		X	
__ Eastern Wood-Pewee	U	C	X	
__ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	O	O		
__ Acadian Flycatcher	U	C	X	
__ Willow Flycatcher		O		
__ Least Flycatcher	O	U	X	
__ Eastern Phoebe	O	O	X	
__ Great Crested Flycatcher	U	C		
__ Eastern Kingbird	O	O		
VIREOS				
__ Yellow-throated Vireo	O	U		
__ Blue-headed Vireo	O	O		
__ Philadelphia Vireo	O			
__ Warbling Vireo	O	O		
__ Red-eyed Vireo	U	C	X	
SHRIKES				
__ Northern Shrike				X
JAYS, CROWS, AND MAGPIES				
__ Blue Jay	U	C	X	X
__ American Crow	U	C	X	X
__ Common Raven	O	O	X	X
CHICKADEES AND TITMICE				
__ Black-capped Chickadee	C	C	X	X
SWALLOWS				
__ Northern Rough-winged Swallow	O	O		
__ Tree Swallow	O	O		
__ Bank Swallow		R		
__ Barn Swallow	O	O		

	Sp	S	F	W
__ Cliff Swallow	O			
KINGLETS				
__ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	O		X	
__ Golden-crowned Kinglet			X	
NUTHATCHES				
__ Red-breasted Nuthatch	O	U	X	X
__ White-breasted Nuthatch	O	U	X	X
CREEPERS				
__ Brown Creeper	O	O	X	X
GNATCATCHERS				
__ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	O	O	X	
WRENS				
__ House Wren	O	O	X	
__ Winter Wren	O	O		
__ Sedge Wren		O		
STARLINGS				
__ European Starling	X	O	X	X
MIMIDS				
__ Gray Catbird	O	U	X	
__ Brown Thrasher	O	O	X	
THRUSHES				
__ Eastern Bluebird	O	O	X	
__ Townsend's Solitaire				X
__ Veery	U	C	X	
__ Gray-cheeked Thrush	O			
__ Swainson's Thrush	O		X	
__ Hermit Thrush	O		X	
__ Wood Thrush	U	C		
__ American Robin	C	C	X	X
WAXWINGS				
__ Cedar Waxwing	O	C	X	X
OLD WORLD SPARROWS				
__ House Sparrow			X	
FINCHES				
__ Pine Grosbeak				X
__ House Finch	O	O	X	
__ Purple Finch				X
__ Pine Siskin	O		X	
__ American Goldfinch	U	C	X	X

	Sp	S	F	W
SPARROWS				
__ Chipping Sparrow	C	C	X	
__ Clay-colored Sparrow	O	O		
__ Field Sparrow	O	O	X	
__ Fox Sparrow			X	
__ Dark-eyed Junco			X	X
__ White-crowned Sparrow			X	
__ Harris's Sparrow			X	
__ White-throated Sparrow	O		X	
__ Vesper Sparrow	O	O		
__ Savannah Sparrow		O	X	
__ Song Sparrow	O	C	X	
__ Lincoln's Sparrow			X	
__ Swamp Sparrow			X	
__ Eastern Towhee	O	O		

BLACKBIRDS				
__ Bobolink	O			
__ Baltimore Oriole	O	O	X	
__ Red-winged Blackbird	O	O		
__ Brown-headed Cowbird	U	U		
__ Common Grackle		O		

WARBLERS				
__ Ovenbird	U	C	X	
__ Louisiana Waterthrush	U	C	X	
__ Northern Waterthrush	O			
__ Golden-winged Warbler	O			
__ Blue-winged Warbler	C	U		
__ Black-and-white Warbler	O	R	X	
__ Tennessee Warbler	O		X	
__ Orange-crowned Warbler	O		X	
__ Nashville Warbler	O	O	X	
__ Connecticut Warbler	O			
__ Mourning Warbler	O			
__ Common Yellowthroat	O	C	X	
__ Hooded Warbler	R			
__ American Redstart	U	O	X	
__ Cerulean Warbler	O	O		
__ Northern Parula	O			
__ Magnolia Warbler	O		X	

	Sp	S	F	W
__ Bay-breasted Warbler	O		X	
__ Blackburnian Warbler	O	O	X	
__ Yellow Warbler	U	U		
__ Chestnut-sided Warbler	O		X	
__ Palm Warbler	O		X	
__ Pine Warbler	U	C	X	
__ Yellow-rumped Warbler	O		X	
__ Black-throated Green Warbler	O		X	
__ Canada Warbler	O			

CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, AND BUNTINGS				
__ Scarlet Tanager	O	O	X	
__ Northern Cardinal	C	U	X	X
__ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	U	C		
__ Indigo Bunting	O	U	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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