

BIRD CHECKLIST

Prairie Creek Woods SNA

MINNESOTA SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREAS



Natural places worth knowing



	Sp	S	F	W
DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS				
__ Canada Goose		X		
GROUSE, TURKEYS, AND PHEASANTS				
__ Wild Turkey			X	
__ Ring-necked Pheasant	X	X		X
PIGEONS AND DOVES				
__ Rock Pigeon	X	X		
__ Eurasian Collared-Dove		X		
__ Mourning Dove	X	X		
NIGHTJARS				
__ Common Nighthawk			X	
SWIFTS				
__ Chimney Swift		X	X	
HUMMINGBIRDS				
__ Ruby-throated Hummingbird	X	X		
SANDPIPERS				
__ American Woodcock	X			
HERONS AND EGRETS				
__ Great Blue Heron		X		
NEW WORLD VULTURES				
__ Turkey Vulture		X	X	
HAWKS AND EAGLES				
__ Northern Harrier		X		
__ Bald Eagle		X		
__ Red-tailed Hawk	X	X	X	
OWLS				
__ Barred Owl	X			
KINGFISHERS				
__ Belted Kingfisher		X		
WOODPECKERS				
__ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		X		
__ Red-bellied Woodpecker	X	X		
__ Downy Woodpecker		X		
__ Pileated Woodpecker			X	
__ Northern Flicker	X	X	X	
FALCONS				
__ American Kestrel	X		X	
TYRANT FLYCATCHERS				
__ Eastern Wood-Pewee	X	X		

	Sp	S	F	W
__ Least Flycatcher	X			
__ Eastern Phoebe		X		
__ Great Crested Flycatcher		X		
__ Eastern Kingbird	X	X	X	
VIREOS				
__ Blue-headed Vireo	X			
__ Red-eyed Vireo	X	X		
SHRIKES				
__ Loggerhead Shrike	X			
JAYS, CROWS, AND MAGPIES				
__ Blue Jay	X	X	X	X
__ American Crow	X	X	X	X
CHICKADEES AND TITMICE				
__ Black-capped Chickadee	X	X		
SWALLOWS				
__ Northern Rough-winged Swallow			X	
__ Tree Swallow	X	X	X	
__ Barn Swallow	X	X	X	
__ Cliff Swallow			X	
NUTHATCHES				
__ White-breasted Nuthatch	X	X		
WRENS				
__ House Wren	X	X	X	
__ Sedge Wren		X		
STARLINGS				
__ European Starling	X	X	X	
MIMIDS				
__ Gray Catbird		X	X	
__ Brown Thrasher	X	X		
THRUSHES				
__ Eastern Bluebird	X	X	X	
__ American Robin	X	X	X	
WAXWINGS				
__ Cedar Waxwing		X		
OLD WORLD SPARROWS				
__ House Sparrow		X	X	
FINCHES				
__ House Finch	X	X		
__ American Goldfinch	X	X	X	

Sp S F W

SPARROWS

<input type="checkbox"/> Chipping Sparrow	X	X	X
<input type="checkbox"/> Clay-colored Sparrow	X	X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Field Sparrow	X	X	X
<input type="checkbox"/> Lark Sparrow		X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dark-eyed Junco			X
<input type="checkbox"/> White-crowned Sparrow	X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Henslow's Sparrow		X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Song Sparrow	X	X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Lincoln's Sparrow			X

BLACKBIRDS

<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Meadowlark	X	X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Orchard Oriole	X	X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Baltimore Oriole	X	X	X
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-winged Blackbird	X	X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown-headed Cowbird	X	X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Grackle		X	

WARBLERS

<input type="checkbox"/> Ovenbird		X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue-winged Warbler		X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Yellowthroat	X	X	X
<input type="checkbox"/> American Redstart	X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Magnolia Warbler	X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Chestnut-sided Warbler	X		

CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, AND BUNTINGS

<input type="checkbox"/> Scarlet Tanager		X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Cardinal	X	X	X
<input type="checkbox"/> Rose-breasted Grosbeak	X	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.)?

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