

# BIRD CHECKLIST

River Terrace Prairie SNA

## MINNESOTA SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREAS



*Natural places worth knowing*



	Sp	S	F	W
<b>DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS</b>				
__ Canada Goose	X			
__ Trumpeter Swan				X
__ Wood Duck	X			
__ Mallard	X			X
__ Common Goldeneye	X			X
__ Common Merganser	X			X
<b>GROUSE, TURKEYS, AND PHEASANTS</b>				
__ Wild Turkey	X			X
__ Ruffed Grouse	X		X	
__ Ring-necked Pheasant	X			
<b>PIGEONS AND DOVES</b>				
__ Rock Pigeon	X			
__ Mourning Dove	X	X	X	X
<b>NIGHTJARS</b>				
__ Eastern Whip-poor-will	X	X		
<b>SWIFTS</b>				
__ Chimney Swift	X			
<b>HUMMINGBIRDS</b>				
__ Ruby-throated Hummingbird	X		X	
<b>PLOVERS</b>				
__ Killdeer	X			
<b>SANDPIPERS</b>				
__ American Woodcock	X	X	X	
<b>GULLS AND TERNS</b>				
__ Ring-billed Gull	X			
<b>CORMORANTS</b>				
__ Double-crested Cormorant			X	
<b>HERONS AND EGRETS</b>				
__ Great Blue Heron			X	
<b>NEW WORLD VULTURES</b>				
__ Turkey Vulture	X	X	X	
<b>HAWKS AND EAGLES</b>				
__ Golden Eagle				X
__ Sharp-shinned Hawk			X	
__ Cooper's Hawk	X			
__ Bald Eagle	X	X	X	X
__ Red-tailed Hawk	X	X	X	X
__ Rough-legged Hawk				X

	Sp	S	F	W
<b>OWLS</b>				
__ Great Horned Owl		X		
<b>KINGFISHERS</b>				
__ Belted Kingfisher	X			
<b>WOODPECKERS</b>				
__ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	X	X		
__ Red-headed Woodpecker				X
__ Red-bellied Woodpecker	X			X
__ Downy Woodpecker	X			X
__ Hairy Woodpecker	X			
__ Pileated Woodpecker	X		X	
__ Northern Flicker	X	X	X	
<b>FALCONS</b>				
__ American Kestrel			X	
<b>TYRANT FLYCATCHERS</b>				
__ Eastern Wood-Pewee	X	X	X	
__ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	X			
__ Alder Flycatcher	X			
__ Willow Flycatcher	X			
__ Least Flycatcher	X			
__ Eastern Phoebe	X		X	
__ Great Crested Flycatcher	X	X		
__ Eastern Kingbird	X	X	X	
<b>VIdeos</b>				
__ Bell's Vireo		X		
__ Yellow-throated Vireo	X	X	X	
__ Warbling Vireo	X			
__ Red-eyed Vireo	X			
<b>JAYS, CROWS, AND MAGPIES</b>				
__ Blue Jay	X		X	X
__ American Crow	X		X	X
__ Common Raven	X			X
<b>CHICKADEES AND TITMICE</b>				
__ Black-capped Chickadee	X		X	X
<b>SWALLOWS</b>				
__ Northern Rough-winged Swallow	X			
__ Tree Swallow	X	X	X	
__ Barn Swallow	X		X	
__ Cliff Swallow	X		X	

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<b>KINGLETS</b>				
__ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	X			
<b>NUTHATCHES</b>				
__ White-breasted Nuthatch	X		X	X
<b>GNATCATCHERS</b>				
__ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	X			
<b>WRENS</b>				
__ House Wren	X	X	X	
<b>STARLINGS</b>				
__ European Starling			X	
<b>MIMIDS</b>				
__ Gray Catbird	X	X	X	
__ Brown Thrasher	X	X		
<b>THRUSHES</b>				
__ Eastern Bluebird	X	X	X	X
__ Swainson's Thrush	X			
__ American Robin	X		X	X
<b>WAXWINGS</b>				
__ Cedar Waxwing	X	X	X	X
<b>OLD WORLD SPARROWS</b>				
__ House Sparrow			X	X
<b>FINCHES</b>				
__ American Goldfinch	X	X	X	
<b>SPARROWS</b>				
__ Grasshopper Sparrow	X	X		
__ Chipping Sparrow	X	X	X	
__ Clay-colored Sparrow	X	X		
__ Field Sparrow	X	X	X	
__ Lark Sparrow	X	X	X	
__ American Tree Sparrow	X			X
__ Dark-eyed Junco	X			X
__ Vesper Sparrow			X	
__ Henslow's Sparrow	X			
__ Song Sparrow	X	X	X	
__ Eastern Towhee	X	X	X	
<b>BLACKBIRDS</b>				
__ Eastern Meadowlark		X		
__ Orchard Oriole	X			
__ Baltimore Oriole	X	X		

	Sp	S	F	W
__ Red-winged Blackbird	X		X	
__ Brown-headed Cowbird	X		X	
<b>WARBLERS</b>				
__ Ovenbird	X			
__ Northern Waterthrush	X			
__ Blue-winged Warbler	X			
__ Tennessee Warbler	X			
__ Mourning Warbler	X			
__ Common Yellowthroat	X	X	X	
__ American Redstart	X	X	X	
__ Magnolia Warbler	X			
__ Yellow Warbler	X			
__ Chestnut-sided Warbler	X			
__ Palm Warbler	X			
__ Yellow-rumped Warbler	X			
__ Canada Warbler	X			
<b>CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, AND BUNTINGS</b>				
__ Scarlet Tanager	X		X	
__ Northern Cardinal	X	X	X	X
__ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	X	X	X	
__ Indigo Bunting	X		X	
__ Dickcissel		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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