## **BIRD CHECKLIST**

Prairie Smoke Dunes SNA

## MINNESOTA SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREAS

Natural places worth knowing



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Least Flycatcher	Х	Х	Х	
Eastern Phoebe	Λ	x	Λ	
Great Crested Flycatcher		x		
Western Kingbird	х	~		
Eastern Kingbird	~	х		
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Warbling Vireo		х		
Red-eyed Vireo		x		
JAYS, CROWS, AND MAGPIES		^		
	Х	х	Х	
Blue Jay	x	^	x	
Black-billed Magpie	x	v	x	
American Crow	~	Х		
Common Raven			Х	
CHICKADEES AND TITMICE	V	v	V	
Black-capped Chickadee	Х	Х	Х	
LARKS			v	
Horned Lark			Х	
SWALLOWS	V	v		
Tree Swallow	X	Х		
Barn Swallow	Х		Х	
NUTHATCHES	_			
White-breasted Nuthatch			Х	
WRENS				
House Wren	Х	Х	Х	
Sedge Wren	Х	Х	Х	
MIMIDS	_			
Gray Catbird		Х		
Brown Thrasher			Х	
THRUSHES	_			
Eastern Bluebird		Х	Х	
Veery		Х		
American Robin		Х	Х	
WAXWINGS				
Cedar Waxwing			Х	
FINCHES	_			
American Goldfinch	Х	Х	Х	
SPARROWS				
Grasshopper Sparrow		Х		
Chipping Sparrow	Х	Х		

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Clay-colored Sparrow	Х	Х		
Lark Sparrow		х		
American Tree Sparrow			Х	
Fox Sparrow			х	
Dark-eyed Junco			Х	
White-crowned Sparrow			Х	
Harris's Sparrow			Х	
White-throated Sparrow	Х			
Vesper Sparrow		Х		
LeConte's Sparrow	Х	х		
Savannah Sparrow	Х	х	х	
Song Sparrow	х	х	х	
Lincoln's Sparrow	Х			
Swamp Sparrow		х		
BLACKBIRDS			_	
Yellow-headed Blackbird	Х			
Bobolink	х	х		
Western Meadowlark	х	х		
Baltimore Oriole	х	х		
Red-winged Blackbird	х	х	х	
Brown-headed Cowbird	х	х		
Brewer's Blackbird		х		
Common Grackle	х	х	х	
WARBLERS				
Ovenbird		х	Х	
Northern Waterthrush	х			
Black-and-white Warbler	х			
Tennessee Warbler			х	
Common Yellowthroat		х	х	
Yellow Warbler	х	х		
Palm Warbler	х		х	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	х		х	
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Indigo Bunting		v		

Indigo Bunting

## **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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