

# BIRD CHECKLIST

Lundblad Prairie SNA

## MINNESOTA SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREAS



*Natural places worth knowing*



|  | Sp | S | F | W |
|--|----|---|---|---|
| <b>DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS</b>                     |    |   |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cackling Goose            |    |   | X |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canada Goose              | X  | X | X |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Duck                 | X  | X |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blue-winged Teal          | X  | X | X |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Shoveler         | X  | X |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gadwall                   | X  | X |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mallard                   | X  | X | X |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ring-necked Duck          | X  |   |   |   |
| <b>GROUSE, TURKEYS, AND PHEASANTS</b>              |    |   |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gray Partridge            | X  |   |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ring-necked Pheasant      | X  | X | X | X |
| <b>PIGEONS AND DOVES</b>                           |    |   |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rock Pigeon               | X  |   |   | X |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mourning Dove             | X  | X | X |   |
| <b>RAILS, GALLINULES, AND COOTS</b>                |    |   |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Virginia Rail             | X  | X |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sora                      | X  | X | X |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Common Gallinule          |    | X |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Coot             |    | X | X |   |
| <b>PLOVERS</b>                                     |    |   |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Killdeer                  | X  | X | X |   |
| <b>GULLS AND TERNS</b>                             |    |   |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Franklin's Gull           | X  |   |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ring-billed Gull          | X  |   | X |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forster's Tern            | X  | X |   |   |
| <b>CORMORANTS</b>                                  |    |   |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Double-crested Cormorant  | X  |   |   |   |
| <b>HERONS AND EGRETS</b>                           |    |   |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Bittern          | X  | X |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Least Bittern             | X  | X |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Great Blue Heron          | X  |   |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black-crowned Night-Heron | X  |   |   |   |
| <b>NEW WORLD VULTURES</b>                          |    |   |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey Vulture            | X  |   |   |   |
| <b>HAWKS AND EAGLES</b>                            |    |   |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Harrier          | X  |   |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Broad-winged Hawk         |    |   | X |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Red-tailed Hawk           | X  |   |   | X |

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| <b>WOODPECKERS</b>                                     |    |   |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Flicker              |    | X |   | X |
| <b>FALCONS</b>   |    |   |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Kestrel              |    | X |   | X |
| <b>TYRANT FLYCATCHERS</b>                              |    |   |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Least Flycatcher              |    | X |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Phoebe                |    | X |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Kingbird              |    | X |   | X |
| <b>JAYS, CROWS, AND MAGPIES</b>                        |    |   |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blue Jay                      |    | X |   | X |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Crow                 |    | X |   | X |
| <b>LARKS</b>   |    |   |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Horned Lark                   |    | X |   | X |
| <b>SWALLOWS</b>  |    |   |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Rough-winged Swallow |    | X |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tree Swallow                  |    | X | X |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Barn Swallow                  |    | X | X | X |
| <b>KINGLETS</b>  |    |   |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-crowned Kinglet          |    | X |   | X |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Golden-crowned Kinglet        |    |   |   | X |
| <b>NUTHATCHES</b>                                      |    |   |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> White-breasted Nuthatch       |    | X |   |   |
| <b>WRENS</b>   |    |   |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> House Wren                    |    | X |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sedge Wren                    |    | X | X | X |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marsh Wren                    |    | X | X | X |
| <b>STARLINGS</b>                                       |    |   |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> European Starling             |    | X |   | X |
| <b>MIMIDS</b>  |    |   |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brown Thrasher                |    | X | X |   |
| <b>THRUSHES</b>  |    |   |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Robin                |    | X | X | X |
| <b>OLD WORLD SPARROWS</b>                              |    |   |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> House Sparrow                 |    | X |   |   |
| <b>PIPITS</b>  |    |   |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Pipit                |    | X |   | X |
| <b>FINCHES</b>   |    |   |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Goldfinch            |    | X | X | X |

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**LONGSPURS AND SNOW BUNTINGS**

|                     |   |  |  |  |
|---------------------|---|--|--|--|
| __ Lapland Longspur | X |  |  |  |
| __ Snow Bunting     | X |  |  |  |

**SPARROWS**

|                           |   |   |   |   |
|---------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| __ Grasshopper Sparrow    |   | X |   |   |
| __ Chipping Sparrow       | X |   | X |   |
| __ Clay-colored Sparrow   | X | X |   |   |
| __ American Tree Sparrow  | X |   |   | X |
| __ Fox Sparrow            |   |   | X |   |
| __ Dark-eyed Junco        | X |   | X | X |
| __ White-throated Sparrow | X |   | X |   |
| __ Vesper Sparrow         | X |   | X |   |
| __ LeConte's Sparrow      |   |   | X |   |
| __ Savannah Sparrow       | X | X | X |   |
| __ Song Sparrow           | X | X | X |   |
| __ Swamp Sparrow          | X | X | X |   |

**BLACKBIRDS**

|                            |   |   |   |   |
|----------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| __ Yellow-headed Blackbird | X | X | X |   |
| __ Bobolink                | X | X | X |   |
| __ Western Meadowlark      | X | X |   |   |
| __ Red-winged Blackbird    | X | X | X | X |
| __ Brown-headed Cowbird    | X | X |   |   |
| __ Rusty Blackbird         |   |   | X |   |
| __ Brewer's Blackbird      |   | X |   |   |
| __ Common Grackle          | X | X | X | X |

**WARBLERS**

|                        |   |   |   |  |
|------------------------|---|---|---|--|
| __ Common Yellowthroat | X | X | X |  |
| __ Yellow Warbler      | X | X |   |  |
| __ Palm Warbler        |   |   | X |  |

**CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, AND BUNTINGS**

|                   |   |   |  |  |
|-------------------|---|---|--|--|
| __ Indigo Bunting | 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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