

# BIRD CHECKLIST

Big Island SNA

## MINNESOTA SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREAS



*Natural places worth knowing*



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	Sp	S	F	W		Sp	S	F	W
<b>DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS</b>									
Common Goldeneye			X				X		
Common Merganser		X					X		
<b>GROUSE, TURKEYS, AND PHEASANTS</b>									
Ruffed Grouse			X						
<b>GULLS AND TERNS</b>									
Ring-billed Gull			X						
Herring Gull		X							
<b>LOONS</b>									
Common Loon			X						
<b>PELICANS</b>									
American White Pelican			X						
<b>OSPREYS</b>									
Osprey			X						
<b>HAWKS AND EAGLES</b>									
Bald Eagle			X						
Broad-winged Hawk		X							
<b>OWLS</b>									
Barred Owl			X						
<b>WOODPECKERS</b>									
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker			X						
Hairy Woodpecker		X							
Pileated Woodpecker		X							
<b>TYRANT FLYCATCHERS</b>									
Alder Flycatcher			X						
Least Flycatcher		X							
Great Crested Flycatcher		X							
<b>VIREOS</b>									
Yellow-throated Vireo			X						
Red-eyed Vireo		X							
<b>JAYS, CROWS, AND MAGPIES</b>									
Blue Jay			X						
American Crow		X							
<b>KINGLETS</b>									
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			X						
<b>NUTHATCHES</b>									
Red-breasted Nuthatch			X						
<b>WRENS</b>									
Winter Wren			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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