

# BIRD CHECKLIST

Spring Creek Prairie SNA

## MINNESOTA SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREAS



*Natural places worth knowing*



	Sp	S	F	W
<b>DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Canada Goose	X			
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Duck	X			
<input type="checkbox"/> Mallard	X			
<b>GROUSE, TURKEYS, AND PHEASANTS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Wild Turkey		X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruffed Grouse	X		X	
<b>PIGEONS AND DOVES</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Mourning Dove	X			
<b>NIGHTJARS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Nighthawk	X			
<b>SANDPIPERS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> American Woodcock	X			
<b>GULLS AND TERNS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Ring-billed Gull	X			
<b>NEW WORLD VULTURES</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Turkey Vulture	X			
<b>HAWKS AND EAGLES</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Sharp-shinned Hawk			X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bald Eagle	X			X
<input type="checkbox"/> Broad-winged Hawk			X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-tailed Hawk	X			
<b>OWLS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Barred Owl	X			
<b>WOODPECKERS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-bellied Sapsucker			X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-bellied Woodpecker	X	X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Downy Woodpecker	X	X	X	X
<input type="checkbox"/> Hairy Woodpecker		X	X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pileated Woodpecker	X		X	X
<b>TYRANT FLYCATCHERS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Wood-Pewee		X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Least Flycatcher	X			
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Phoebe	X			
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Crested Flycatcher	X	X		
<b>VIdeos</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-throated Vireo		X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-eyed Vireo		X	X	

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<b>JAYS, CROWS, AND MAGPIES</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue Jay		X	X	X
<input type="checkbox"/> American Crow	X	X		X
<b>CHICKADEES AND TITMICE</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-capped Chickadee	X		X	X
<input type="checkbox"/> Tufted Titmouse		X		
<b>NUTHATCHES</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> White-breasted Nuthatch	X		X	X
<b>GNATCATCHERS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	X			
<b>WRENS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> House Wren			X	
<b>MIMIDS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Gray Catbird	X	X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown Thrasher		X		
<b>THRUSHES</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Bluebird	X			
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Thrush	X			
<input type="checkbox"/> American Robin	X			
<b>WAXWINGS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Cedar Waxwing		X		
<b>OLD WORLD SPARROWS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> House Sparrow			X	
<b>FINCHES</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> American Goldfinch	X		X	
<b>SPARROWS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Chipping Sparrow		X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Field Sparrow	X	X	X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Lark Sparrow	X	X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Fox Sparrow	X			
<input type="checkbox"/> Song Sparrow	X	X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Towhee	X	X	X	
<b>BLACKBIRDS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown-headed Cowbird	X			
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Grackle	X			
<b>WARBLERS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Ovenbird	X	X		
<input type="checkbox"/> American Redstart		X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Chestnut-sided Warbler	X			

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___ Wilson's Warbler	X			
<b>CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, AND BUNTINGS</b>				
___ Northern Cardinal	X			
___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	X			
___ Indigo Bunting	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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