

BIRD CHECKLIST

Whitney Island SNA

MINNESOTA SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREAS



Natural places worth knowing



	Sp	S	F	W
DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS				
___ Canada Goose	X		X	
___ Wood Duck	X	X	X	
___ Blue-winged Teal	X	X	X	
___ Mallard	X	X	X	
___ Hooded Merganser	X		X	
GROUSE, TURKEYS, AND PHEASANTS				
___ Ring-necked Pheasant	X	X		
GREBES				
___ Pied-billed Grebe	X		X	
PIGEONS AND DOVES				
___ Rock Pigeon	X	X	X	
___ Mourning Dove	X	X	X	
CUCKOOS				
___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo	X	X		
SWIFTS				
___ Chimney Swift	X	X		
HUMMINGBIRDS				
___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird		X	X	
RAILS, GALLINULES, AND COOTS				
___ American Coot	X		X	
PLOVERS				
___ Killdeer	X	X	X	
SANDPIPERS				
___ Spotted Sandpiper	X	X		
___ Solitary Sandpiper	X		X	
___ Greater Yellowlegs	X			
GULLS AND TERNS				
___ Ring-billed Gull	X	X	X	
___ Black Tern	X	X		
CORMORANTS				
___ Double-crested Cormorant	X	X	X	
HERONS AND EGRETS				
___ Great Blue Heron	X	X	X	
___ Great Egret	X	X	X	
___ Green Heron	X	X		
___ Black-crowned Night-Heron	X			
NEW WORLD VULTURES				
___ Turkey Vulture			X	

	Sp	S	F	W
OSPREYS				
___ Osprey	X	X		
HAWKS AND EAGLES				
___ Northern Harrier			X	
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk			X	
___ Cooper's Hawk		X		
___ Bald Eagle	X		X	
___ Broad-winged Hawk	X			
___ Red-tailed Hawk	X	X	X	
OWLS				
___ Barred Owl	X			
KINGFISHERS				
___ Belted Kingfisher	X	X	X	
WOODPECKERS				
___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	X			
___ Red-bellied Woodpecker	X	X	X	
___ Downy Woodpecker	X	X	X	X
___ Hairy Woodpecker	X	X	X	
___ Pileated Woodpecker	X	X	X	
___ Northern Flicker	X	X	X	
FALCONS				
___ American Kestrel	X		X	
TYRANT FLYCATCHERS				
___ Eastern Wood-Pewee	X	X	X	
___ Least Flycatcher		X	X	
___ Eastern Phoebe	X	X	X	
___ Great Crested Flycatcher	X	X		
___ Eastern Kingbird	X	X		
VIREOS				
___ Yellow-throated Vireo	X	X	X	
___ Blue-headed Vireo	X			
___ Warbling Vireo	X	X	X	
___ Red-eyed Vireo	X	X	X	
JAYS, CROWS, AND MAGPIES				
___ Blue Jay	X	X	X	
___ American Crow	X	X	X	
CHICKADEES AND TITMICE				
___ Black-capped Chickadee	X	X	X	X

	Sp	S	F	W
SWALLOWS				
___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow	X	X		
___ Purple Martin	X	X		
___ Tree Swallow	X	X	X	
___ Barn Swallow	X	X	X	
___ Cliff Swallow	X		X	
KINGLETS				
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	X		X	
___ Golden-crowned Kinglet			X	
NUTHATCHES				
___ White-breasted Nuthatch	X	X	X	
CREEPERS				
___ Brown Creeper	X		X	X
GNATCATCHERS				
___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher			X	
WRENS				
___ House Wren	X	X	X	
___ Winter Wren			X	
STARLINGS				
___ European Starling	X	X	X	
MIMIDS				
___ Gray Catbird	X	X	X	
THRUSHES				
___ Eastern Bluebird	X	X	X	
___ Gray-cheeked Thrush			X	
___ Hermit Thrush			X	
___ American Robin	X	X	X	
WAXWINGS				
___ Cedar Waxwing	X	X	X	
OLD WORLD SPARROWS				
___ House Sparrow	X	X	X	
FINCHES				
___ House Finch	X	X	X	
___ American Goldfinch	X	X	X	
SPARROWS				
___ Chipping Sparrow	X	X	X	
___ Dark-eyed Junco			X	
___ White-crowned Sparrow	X		X	
___ Harris's Sparrow			X	

	Sp	S	F	W
___ White-throated Sparrow	X		X	
___ Song Sparrow	X	X	X	
___ Lincoln's Sparrow			X	
___ Swamp Sparrow	X	X	X	
BLACKBIRDS				
___ Yellow-headed Blackbird	X			
___ Baltimore Oriole	X	X		
___ Red-winged Blackbird	X	X	X	
___ Brown-headed Cowbird	X	X		
___ Common Grackle	X	X	X	
WARBLERS				
___ Ovenbird	X			
___ Northern Waterthrush	X			
___ Black-and-white Warbler	X		X	
___ Tennessee Warbler			X	
___ Orange-crowned Warbler	X		X	
___ Nashville Warbler	X			
___ Common Yellowthroat	X	X	X	
___ American Redstart	X	X	X	
___ Magnolia Warbler	X		X	
___ Yellow Warbler	X	X		
___ Chestnut-sided Warbler	X		X	
___ Palm Warbler	X			
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler	X		X	
___ Wilson's Warbler			X	
CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, AND BUNTINGS				
___ Scarlet Tanager		X		
___ Northern Cardinal	X	X	X	
___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	X	X	X	
___ Indigo Bunting	X	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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