

BIRD CHECKLIST

Minnesota Point Pine Forest
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MINNESOTA SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREAS



Natural places worth knowing



DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS

	Sp	S	F	W
__ Snow Goose	X		X	
__ Ross's Goose	X			
__ Cackling Goose			X	
__ Canada Goose	X	X	X	X
__ Trumpeter Swan	X	X	X	
__ Wood Duck	X		X	
__ Blue-winged Teal	X		X	
__ Northern Shoveler	X		X	
__ Gadwall	X		X	
__ American Wigeon	X		X	
__ Mallard	X	X	X	X
__ American Black Duck			X	
__ Northern Pintail	X		X	
__ Green-winged Teal	X		X	
__ Canvasback	X	X		
__ Redhead	X		X	
__ Ring-necked Duck	X		X	
__ Greater Scaup	X	X	X	
__ Lesser Scaup	X	X	X	
__ Harlequin Duck			X	
__ Surf Scoter	X		X	
__ White-winged Scoter			X	
__ Black Scoter	X		X	
__ Long-tailed Duck			X	
__ Bufflehead	X		X	
__ Common Goldeneye	X	X	X	X
__ Hooded Merganser	X		X	
__ Common Merganser	X	X	X	X
__ Red-breasted Merganser	X	X	X	
__ Ruddy Duck	X			

GROUSE, TURKEYS, AND PHEASANTS

__ Ruffed Grouse			X	
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GREBES

__ Pied-billed Grebe	X		X	
__ Horned Grebe	X		X	
__ Red-necked Grebe	X		X	

PIGEONS AND DOVES

__ Rock Pigeon	X	X	X	X
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__ Mourning Dove

__ Mourning Dove	X	X	X	X
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CUCKOOS

__ Yellow-billed Cuckoo			X	
__ Black-billed Cuckoo	X	X	X	

NIGHTJARS

__ Common Nighthawk			X	
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SWIFTS

__ Chimney Swift			X	
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HUMMINGBIRDS

__ Ruby-throated Hummingbird	X	X	X	
__ Calliope Hummingbird		X		

RAILS, GALLINULES, AND COOTS

__ Sora			X	
__ American Coot	X		X	

CRANES

__ Sandhill Crane			X	
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PLOVERS

__ Black-bellied Plover	X		X	
__ American Golden-Plover			X	
__ Wilson's Plover	X			
__ Semipalmated Plover			X	
__ Piping Plover	X			
__ Killdeer	X	X	X	

SANDPIPERS

__ Whimbrel	X	X	X	
__ Ruddy Turnstone	X	X	X	
__ Red Knot	X			
__ Stilt Sandpiper	X		X	
__ Sanderling	X	X	X	
__ Dunlin	X	X	X	
__ Baird's Sandpiper			X	
__ Least Sandpiper	X		X	
__ White-rumped Sandpiper	X	X		
__ Buff-breasted Sandpiper			X	
__ Pectoral Sandpiper	X		X	
__ Semipalmated Sandpiper	X	X	X	
__ Short-billed Dowitcher			X	
__ American Woodcock			X	
__ Red-necked Phalarope			X	

__ Spotted Sandpiper

__ Spotted Sandpiper	X		X	
__ Greater Yellowlegs			X	
__ Willet	X		X	
__ Lesser Yellowlegs			X	

JAEGERS

__ Parasitic Jaeger		X	X	
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GULLS AND TERNS

__ Ivory Gull				X
__ Bonaparte's Gull	X	X	X	
__ Franklin's Gull		X	X	
__ Ring-billed Gull	X	X	X	X
__ Herring Gull	X	X	X	X
__ Iceland Gull			X	X
__ Glaucous Gull	X		X	X
__ Great Black-backed Gull	X			X
__ Caspian Tern	X	X	X	
__ Black Tern	X			
__ Common Tern	X	X	X	
__ Forster's Tern	X		X	

LOONS

__ Red-throated Loon	X	X	X	
__ Pacific Loon	X			
__ Common Loon	X	X	X	

CORMORANTS

__ Double-crested Cormorant	X	X	X	
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PELICANS

__ American White Pelican	X		X	
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HERONS AND EGRETS

__ Great Blue Heron	X		X	
__ Great Egret			X	

NEW WORLD VULTURES

__ Turkey Vulture	X	X	X	
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OSPREYS

__ Osprey	X		X	
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HAWKS AND EAGLES

__ Golden Eagle			X	
__ Northern Harrier	X		X	
__ Sharp-shinned Hawk	X	X	X	
__ Cooper's Hawk	X	X	X	

__ Northern Goshawk

__ Northern Goshawk	X		X	
__ Bald Eagle	X	X	X	X
__ Broad-winged Hawk	X			
__ Red-tailed Hawk			X	
__ Rough-legged Hawk			X	

OWLS

__ Snowy Owl				X
__ Great Horned Owl	X		X	
__ Barred Owl	X		X	
__ Short-eared Owl			X	
__ Northern Saw-whet Owl			X	

KINGFISHERS

__ Belted Kingfisher	X	X	X	
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WOODPECKERS

__ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	X	X	X	
__ Red-headed Woodpecker			X	
__ Red-bellied Woodpecker	X		X	
__ Black-backed Woodpecker			X	
__ Downy Woodpecker	X	X	X	X
__ Hairy Woodpecker	X	X	X	X
__ Pileated Woodpecker	X		X	
__ Northern Flicker	X	X	X	

FALCONS

__ American Kestrel	X		X	
__ Merlin	X	X	X	
__ Peregrine Falcon			X	

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

__ Eastern Wood-Pewee		X	X	
__ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	X	X	X	
__ Alder Flycatcher	X		X	
__ Least Flycatcher	X	X	X	
__ Eastern Phoebe	X	X	X	
__ Western Kingbird	X			
__ Eastern Kingbird	X	X	X	

VIREOS

__ Yellow-throated Vireo	X	X	X	
__ Blue-headed Vireo	X	X	X	
__ Philadelphia Vireo	X	X	X	
__ Warbling Vireo		X	X	

	Sp	S	F	W
__ Red-eyed Vireo	X	X	X	
SHRIKES				
__ Northern Shrike			X	X
JAYS, CROWS, AND MAGPIES				
__ Blue Jay	X	X	X	
__ American Crow	X	X	X	X
__ Common Raven	X	X	X	X
CHICKADEES AND TITMICE				
__ Black-capped Chickadee	X	X	X	X
__ Boreal Chickadee	X		X	
LARKS				
__ Horned Lark			X	
SWALLOWS				
__ Northern Rough-winged Swallow	X		X	
__ Purple Martin	X	X		
__ Tree Swallow	X	X	X	
__ Bank Swallow		X		
__ Barn Swallow	X	X	X	
__ Cliff Swallow	X			
KINGLETS				
__ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	X		X	
__ Golden-crowned Kinglet	X	X	X	
NUTHATCHES				
__ Red-breasted Nuthatch	X	X	X	X
__ White-breasted Nuthatch	X	X	X	X
CREEPERS				
__ Brown Creeper	X	X	X	
WRENS				
__ House Wren	X	X	X	
__ Winter Wren	X	X	X	
__ Sedge Wren			X	
__ Marsh Wren			X	
STARLINGS				
__ European Starling	X	X	X	X
MIMIDS				
__ Gray Catbird	X	X	X	
__ Brown Thrasher	X	X	X	
__ Sage Thrasher	X			

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THRUSHES				
__ Eastern Bluebird			X	
__ Veery	X	X	X	
__ Gray-cheeked Thrush			X	
__ Swainson's Thrush	X		X	
__ Hermit Thrush	X		X	
__ Wood Thrush			X	
__ American Robin	X	X	X	
WAXWINGS				
__ Bohemian Waxwing	X		X	X
__ Cedar Waxwing	X	X	X	X
OLD WORLD SPARROWS				
__ House Sparrow			X	
PIPITS				
__ American Pipit	X		X	
FINCHES				
__ Evening Grosbeak			X	
__ Pine Grosbeak				X
__ House Finch	X	X	X	
__ Purple Finch	X		X	
__ Common Redpoll	X		X	X
__ Red Crossbill			X	
__ White-winged Crossbill			X	X
__ Pine Siskin	X	X	X	X
__ American Goldfinch	X	X	X	
LONGSPURS AND SNOW BUNTINGS				
__ Lapland Longspur	X		X	
__ Snow Bunting	X		X	X
SPARROWS				
__ Chipping Sparrow	X	X	X	
__ Clay-colored Sparrow	X		X	
__ Field Sparrow	X			
__ Lark Bunting			X	
__ American Tree Sparrow	X		X	
__ Fox Sparrow	X		X	
__ Dark-eyed Junco	X		X	X
__ White-crowned Sparrow	X		X	
__ Harris's Sparrow	X		X	
__ White-throated Sparrow	X	X	X	

	Sp	S	F	W
__ Vesper Sparrow			X	
__ Savannah Sparrow	X	X	X	
__ Song Sparrow	X	X	X	
__ Lincoln's Sparrow			X	
__ Swamp Sparrow	X		X	
__ Eastern Towhee	X	X	X	
BLACKBIRDS				
__ Yellow-headed Blackbird	X			
__ Eastern Meadowlark	X	X		
__ Baltimore Oriole	X		X	
__ Red-winged Blackbird	X	X	X	
__ Brown-headed Cowbird	X	X		
__ Rusty Blackbird	X		X	
__ Common Grackle	X	X	X	
WARBLERS				
__ Ovenbird	X	X	X	
__ Northern Waterthrush	X		X	
__ Golden-winged Warbler	X		X	
__ Black-and-white Warbler	X	X	X	
__ Tennessee Warbler	X	X	X	
__ Orange-crowned Warbler	X		X	
__ Nashville Warbler	X	X	X	
__ Connecticut Warbler			X	
__ Mourning Warbler	X	X	X	
__ Common Yellowthroat	X	X	X	
__ American Redstart	X	X	X	
__ Cape May Warbler	X		X	
__ Northern Parula	X	X	X	
__ Magnolia Warbler	X	X	X	
__ Bay-breasted Warbler	X		X	
__ Blackburnian Warbler	X	X	X	
__ Yellow Warbler	X	X	X	
__ Chestnut-sided Warbler	X	X	X	
__ Blackpoll Warbler	X		X	
__ Black-throated Blue Warbler	X		X	
__ Palm Warbler	X	X	X	
__ Pine Warbler	X	X	X	
__ Yellow-rumped Warbler	X	X	X	
__ Black-throated Green Warbler	X	X	X	

	Sp	S	F	W
__ Canada Warbler	X	X	X	
__ Wilson's Warbler	X	X	X	
CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, AND BUNTINGS				
__ Scarlet Tanager	X		X	
__ Northern Cardinal	X	X	X	
__ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	X		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.)?

Data for this checklist were sourced from eBird as well as MNDNR staff and contractor observations. Checklist organization follows the most current Clements checklist and eBird taxonomy.

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