

# BIRD CHECKLIST

Sprague Creek Peatland SNA

## MINNESOTA SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREAS



*Natural places worth knowing*



	Sp	S	F	W
<b>GROUSE, TURKEYS, AND PHEASANTS</b>				
__ Spruce Grouse		X		
<b>PIGEONS AND DOVES</b>				
__ Mourning Dove		X		
<b>GULLS AND TERNS</b>				
__ Franklin's Gull		X		
<b>HERONS AND EGRETS</b>				
__ Great Blue Heron		X		
<b>WOODPECKERS</b>				
__ Black-backed Woodpecker		X		
<b>TYRANT FLYCATCHERS</b>				
__ Olive-sided Flycatcher		X		
__ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher		X		
__ Alder Flycatcher		X		
<b>VIREOS</b>				
__ Blue-headed Vireo		X		
<b>KINGLETS</b>				
__ Ruby-crowned Kinglet		X		
__ Golden-crowned Kinglet		X		
<b>THRUSHES</b>				
__ Swainson's Thrush		X		
__ Hermit Thrush		X		
<b>FINCHES</b>				
__ Purple Finch		X		
__ American Goldfinch		X		
<b>SPARROWS</b>				
__ Chipping Sparrow		X		
__ White-throated Sparrow		X		
<b>BLACKBIRDS</b>				
__ Bobolink		X		
__ Red-winged Blackbird		X		
<b>WARBLERS</b>				
__ Nashville Warbler		X		
__ Connecticut Warbler		X		
__ Common Yellowthroat		X		
__ Yellow-rumped Warbler		X		
<b>CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, AND BUNTINGS</b>				
__ Rose-breasted Grosbeak		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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