

# BIRD CHECKLIST

West Rat Root River Peatland  
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## MINNESOTA SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREAS



Natural places worth knowing



	Sp	S	F	W
<b>PIGEONS AND DOVES</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Mourning Dove		X		
<b>SANDPIPERS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Wilson's Snipe		X		
<b>WOODPECKERS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Pileated Woodpecker		X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Flicker		X		
<b>TYRANT FLYCATCHERS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-bellied Flycatcher		X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Alder Flycatcher		X		
<b>VIREOS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-eyed Vireo		X		
<b>JAYS, CROWS, AND MAGPIES</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue Jay		X		
<input type="checkbox"/> American Crow		X		
<b>KINGLETS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-crowned Kinglet		X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Golden-crowned Kinglet		X		
<b>WRENS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Winter Wren		X		
<b>MIMIDS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown Thrasher		X		
<b>THRUSHES</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Veery		X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Hermit Thrush		X		
<input type="checkbox"/> American Robin		X		
<b>FINCHES</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Purple Finch		X		
<b>SPARROWS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Chipping Sparrow		X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Dark-eyed Junco		X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Lincoln's Sparrow		X		
<b>WARBLERS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Ovenbird		X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-and-white Warbler		X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Nashville Warbler		X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Connecticut Warbler		X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Palm Warbler		X		

	Sp	S	F	W
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-rumped Warbler		X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-throated Green Warbler		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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