

BIRD CHECKLIST

West Rat Root River Peatland
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Natural places worth knowing



	Sp	S	F	W
PIGEONS AND DOVES				
— Mourning Dove		X		
SANDPIPERs				
— Wilson's Snipe		X		
WOODPECKERs				
— Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		X		
— Pileated Woodpecker		X		
— Northern Flicker		X		
TYRANT FLYCATCHERs				
— Yellow-bellied Flycatcher		X		
— Alder Flycatcher		X		
VIREOS				
— Red-eyed Vireo		X		
JAYS, CROWS, AND MAGPIES				
— Blue Jay		X		
— American Crow		X		
KINGLETS				
— Ruby-crowned Kinglet		X		
— Golden-crowned Kinglet		X		
WRENS				
— Winter Wren		X		
MIMIDS				
— Brown Thrasher		X		
THRUSHES				
— Veery		X		
— Hermit Thrush		X		
— American Robin		X		
FINCHES				
— Purple Finch		X		
SPARROWS				
— Chipping Sparrow		X		
— Dark-eyed Junco		X		
— Lincoln's Sparrow		X		
WARBLERs				
— Ovenbird		X		
— Black-and-white Warbler		X		
— Nashville Warbler		X		
— Connecticut Warbler		X		
— Palm Warbler		X		

	Sp	S	F	W
Yellow-rumped Warbler				
— Black-throated Green Warbler		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.)?

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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