

# BIRD CHECKLIST

Cherry Grove Blind Valley

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## MINNESOTA SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREAS



*Natural places worth knowing*



	Sp	S	F	W
<b>DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS</b>				
__ Snow Goose	X			
__ Ross's Goose	X			
__ Canada Goose	X			
__ Blue-winged Teal	X			
__ Northern Shoveler	X			
__ Gadwall	X			
__ Mallard	X			
__ Lesser Scaup	X			
__ Bufflehead	X			
__ Hooded Merganser	X			
<b>GROUSE, TURKEYS, AND PHEASANTS</b>				
__ Ring-necked Pheasant	X	X		
<b>PIGEONS AND DOVES</b>				
__ Rock Pigeon		X		
__ Mourning Dove	X	X		
<b>CUCKOOS</b>				
__ Yellow-billed Cuckoo		X		
<b>RAILS, GALLINULES, AND COOTS</b>				
__ American Coot	X			
<b>PLOVERS</b>				
__ Killdeer		X		
<b>HERONS AND EGRETS</b>				
__ Great Blue Heron	X			
<b>NEW WORLD VULTURES</b>				
__ Turkey Vulture		X	X	
<b>HAWKS AND EAGLES</b>				
__ Red-tailed Hawk		X		
<b>WOODPECKERS</b>				
__ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		X		
__ Red-headed Woodpecker		X		
__ Red-bellied Woodpecker	X	X	X	X
__ Downy Woodpecker	X	X		
__ Hairy Woodpecker	X			X
__ Northern Flicker	X	X		
<b>FALCONS</b>				
__ American Kestrel	X			
<b>TYRANT FLYCATCHERS</b>				
__ Eastern Wood-Pewee		X	X	

	Sp	S	F	W
__ Eastern Phoebe			X	
__ Great Crested Flycatcher		X		
__ Eastern Kingbird		X		
<b>JAYS, CROWS, AND MAGPIES</b>				
__ Blue Jay	X	X	X	X
__ American Crow	X	X	X	X
<b>CHICKADEES AND TITMICE</b>				
__ Black-capped Chickadee	X	X	X	X
<b>SWALLOWS</b>				
__ Tree Swallow		X		
__ Barn Swallow	X			
<b>KINGLETS</b>				
__ Golden-crowned Kinglet			X	
<b>NUTHATCHES</b>				
__ White-breasted Nuthatch	X	X	X	X
<b>GNATCATCHERS</b>				
__ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher		X		
<b>WRENS</b>				
__ House Wren		X		
<b>MIMIDS</b>				
__ Gray Catbird		X	X	
__ Brown Thrasher		X		
<b>THRUSHES</b>				
__ American Robin	X	X	X	
<b>WAXWINGS</b>				
__ Cedar Waxwing		X		
<b>FINCHES</b>				
__ American Goldfinch		X	X	X
<b>SPARROWS</b>				
__ Grasshopper Sparrow		X		
__ Clay-colored Sparrow		X		
__ Field Sparrow	X			
__ Dark-eyed Junco				X
__ White-throated Sparrow	X			
__ Savannah Sparrow				X
__ Song Sparrow	X	X		
<b>BLACKBIRDS</b>				
__ Baltimore Oriole		X		
__ Red-winged Blackbird	X	X		

	Sp	S	F	W
__ Brown-headed Cowbird	X			
__ Common Grackle		X		
<b>WARBLERS</b>				
__ Common Yellowthroat		X		
__ American Redstart		X		
__ Yellow Warbler		X		
__ Yellow-rumped Warbler	X			
<b>CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, AND BUNTINGS</b>				
__ Northern Cardinal		X		X
__ Rose-breasted Grosbeak		X		
__ Indigo Bunting		X		
__ Dickcissel		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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