

BIRD CHECKLIST

Morton Outcrops SNA

MINNESOTA SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREAS



Natural places worth knowing



	Sp	S	F	W
DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS				
__ Mallard	X			
NIGHTJARS				
__ Common Nighthawk	X	X	X	
SWIFTS				
__ Chimney Swift			X	
HUMMINGBIRDS				
__ Ruby-throated Hummingbird		X		
NEW WORLD VULTURES				
__ Turkey Vulture			X	
TYRANT FLYCATCHERS				
__ Eastern Wood-Pewee			X	
__ Eastern Phoebe			X	
__ Eastern Kingbird			X	
WRENS				
__ House Wren			X	
FINCHES				
__ American Goldfinch			X	
SPARROWS				
__ Chipping Sparrow			X	
__ Field Sparrow	X		X	
__ White-throated Sparrow			X	
__ Vesper Sparrow			X	
__ Eastern Towhee			X	
WARBLERS				
__ Orange-crowned Warbler			X	
__ Yellow-rumped 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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