

# BIRD CHECKLIST

Twin Lakes SNA

## MINNESOTA SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREAS



*Natural places worth knowing*



	Sp	S	F	W
<b>DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Canada Goose	X		X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Trumpeter Swan	X			
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Duck	X	X	X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Goldeneye	X			
<input type="checkbox"/> Hooded Merganser	X			
<b>GROUSE, TURKEYS, AND PHEASANTS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Wild Turkey		X		
<b>GREBES</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pied-billed Grebe		X		
<b>PIGEONS AND DOVES</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Mourning Dove			X	
<b>HUMMINGBIRDS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-throated Hummingbird		X		
<b>CRANES</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Sandhill Crane	X	X		
<b>GULLS AND TERNS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Ring-billed Gull	X			
<b>LOONS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Loon		X		
<b>CORMORANTS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Double-crested Cormorant	X			
<b>HERONS AND EGRETS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Blue Heron		X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Green Heron		X	X	
<b>NEW WORLD VULTURES</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Turkey Vulture	X	X		
<b>HAWKS AND EAGLES</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Bald Eagle	X		X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-shouldered Hawk		X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Broad-winged Hawk	X			
<b>KINGFISHERS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Belted Kingfisher		X	X	
<b>WOODPECKERS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	X	X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-bellied Woodpecker	X	X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Downy Woodpecker	X	X	X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Hairy Woodpecker	X	X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Pileated Woodpecker	X	X	X	

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<b>TYRANT FLYCATCHERS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Wood-Pewee		X	X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Least Flycatcher		X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Phoebe		X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Crested Flycatcher	X	X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Kingbird		X		
<b>VIREOS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-eyed Vireo		X	X	
<b>JAYS, CROWS, AND MAGPIES</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue Jay	X	X	X	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Crow	X	X	X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Raven	X	X		
<b>CHICKADEES AND TITMICE</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-capped Chickadee	X	X	X	
<b>SWALLOWS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Tree Swallow	X	X		
<b>KINGLETS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-crowned Kinglet	X			
<b>NUTHATCHES</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-breasted Nuthatch	X	X		
<input type="checkbox"/> White-breasted Nuthatch	X	X	X	
<b>GNATCATCHERS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue-gray Gnatcatcher		X		
<b>WRENS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> House Wren		X	X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sedge Wren		X		
<b>MIMIDS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Gray Catbird	X	X	X	
<b>THRUSHES</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Bluebird	X	X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Veery		X		
<input type="checkbox"/> American Robin	X	X	X	
<b>WAXWINGS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Cedar Waxwing		X	X	
<b>FINCHES</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> American Goldfinch	X	X	X	
<b>SPARROWS</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Chipping Sparrow	X	X	X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Song Sparrow		X	X	

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**BLACKBIRDS**

<input type="checkbox"/> Red-winged Blackbird	X		X
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown-headed Cowbird	X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Grackle		X	

**WARBLERS**

<input type="checkbox"/> Ovenbird	X	X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-and-white Warbler	X	X	X
<input type="checkbox"/> Nashville Warbler	X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Yellowthroat		X	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Redstart	X	X	X
<input type="checkbox"/> Magnolia Warbler	X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow Warbler		X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Palm Warbler	X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Pine Warbler	X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-rumped Warbler	X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-throated Green Warbler	X		

**CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, AND BUNTINGS**

<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Cardinal	X	X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Indigo Bunting		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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