

Expected Breeding Birds in Minnesota's Deciduous Landscape Region

MINNESOTA BREEDING BIRD ATLAS - Expected species in the Deciduous Ecoregion				TOTAL species = 207
Counties in ecoregion: Anoka, Becker, Benton, Carver, Chisago, Dakota, Dodge, Douglas, Fillmore, Freeborn, Goodhue, Hennepin, Houston, Isanti, Kanabec, LeSueur, Mahnommen, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Mower, Ottertail, Olmsted, Ramsey, Rice, Scott, Sherburne, Sibley, Stearns, Steele, Todd, Wabasha, Washington, Waseca, Winona, Wright				
Code: 4 letter alpha abbreviation code that can be used by observers on the field card Source: Institute for Bird Populations (www.birdpop.org/AlphaCodes.htm)				
Safe Dates: These dates provide an approximate window of the breeding season for each species; see the discussion on safe dates in the MNBBA Handbook				
Distribution Comments: When species are present only in counties at the edge of the region the notation is N and S (in this ecoregion the division between N and S is considered to be between Stearns and Todd counties); the Twin Cities refers to the 7 metro counties; flyovers should be noted as Cornell evidence code O; "rare" species are rare within the region				
LANDTYPE HABITAT				# of species / landtype
Water = lake, pond, stream, shore, marsh, fen, open bog				33
Open = prairie, field brushland, shrub swamp, bank, cliff				32
Forest = forest, wooded swamp, cutover, savanna, orchard, forested bog; floodplain w/trees				53
Mixed = edge, fragmented, suburban, urban, farmstead				16
* Denotes species that are colonial; the priority is to report colony locations				
Species	Code	Safe Dates	Distribution comments	Landtype Habitat
Canada Goose	CANG	4/10 - 8/1		water
Trumpeter Swan	TRUS	5/1 - 8/1		water
Wood Duck	WODU	5/1 - 8/1		water
Gadwall	GADW	5/15 - 8/1	rare	water
American Wigeon	AMWI	5/15 - 8/1	rare	water
Mallard	MALL	5/1 - 8/1		water
Blue-winged Teal	BWTE	5/10 - 8/1		water
Northern Shoveler	NSHO	5/10 - 8/1		water
Northern Pintail	NOPI	5/10 - 8/1	rare	water
Green-winged Teal	GWTE	5/20 - 8/1		water
Canvasback	CANV	5/20 - 8/1	rare	water
Redhead	REDH	5/20 - 8/1		water
Ring-necked Duck	RNDU	5/20 - 8/1		water
Lesser Scaup	LESC	5/20 - 8/1	Becker & Ottertail only	water
Common Goldeneye	COGO	5/15 - 8/1	rare	water
Hooded Merganser	HOME	5/15 - 8/1		water
Common Merganser	COME	5/10 - 8/1	Mille Lacs & Ottertail only	water
Ruddy Duck	RUDU	6/10 - 8/1		water
Gray Partridge	GRAP	4/20 - 8/10		open
Ring-necked Pheasant	RNEP	4/20 - 7/20		open
Ruffed Grouse	RUGU	4/10 - 7/20		forest
Sharp-tailed Grouse	STGR	4/1 - 7/10	Kanabec only	open
Greater Prairie-Chicken	GRPC	4/1 - 7/10	Mahnomen, Becker, Ottertail only	open
Wild Turkey	WITU	4/20 - 7/20		forest
Common Loon	COLO	5/1 - 7/7		water
Pied-billed Grebe	PBGR	5/1 - 8/1		water

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Red-necked Grebe	RNGR	5/15 - 8/1 *		water
Eared Grebe	EAGR	5/20 - 8/1 *	rare; not in the SE	water
Western Grebe	WEGR	5/20 - 8/1 *	rare; not in the SE	water
American White Pelican	AWPE	5/20 - 7/15 *	colony; also flyovers	water
Double-crested Cormorant	DCCO	5/20 - 8/15 *	colony; also flyovers	water
American Bittern	AMBI	5/20 - 8/1		water
Least Bittern	LEBI	6/1 - 8/1		water
Great Blue Heron	GBHE	5/1 - 8/1 *		water
Great Egret	GREG	5/20 - 8/1 *		water
Green Heron	GRHE	6/1 - 8/15 *		water
Black-crowned Night Heron	BCNH	5/20 - 8/15 *		water
Yellow-crowned Night Heron	YCNH	6/1 - 8/15 *	Houston only	water
Turkey Vulture	TUVU	5/10 - 8/1		open; forest
Osprey	OSPR	6/1 - 8/1		water; nest - forest
Bald Eagle	BAEA	5/1 - 8/10		water; nest - forest
Northern Harrier	NOHA	5/20 - 8/1		open
Sharp-shinned Hawk	SSHA	5/20 - 8/1	very rare - N 1/2 only	forest
Cooper's Hawk	COHA	5/20 - 8/10		forest
Northern Goshawk	NOGO	5/1 - 8/15	very rare - N 1/2 only	forest
Red-shouldered Hawk	RSHA	5/1 - 8/1		forest
Broad-winged Hawk	BWHA	6/10 - 8/1		forest
Swainson's Hawk	SWHA	5/20 - 8/1	S 1/2 only plus Douglas	open
Red-tailed Hawk	RTHA	4/20 - 8/1		mixed
American Kestrel	AMKE	5/20 - 8/1		open
Merlin	MERL	5/20 - 8/1	Ottertail only	forest
Peregrine Falcon	PEFA	5/10 - 8/20	rare	open; mixed
Yellow Rail	YERA	5/20 - 8/10	rare - N 1/2 only	water
Virginia Rail	VIRA	5/20 - 8/10		water
Sora	SORA	5/20 - 8/10		water
Common Moorhen	COMO	6/1 - 8/10	rare	water
American Coot	AMCO	5/20 - 8/10		water
Sandhill Crane	SACR	5/1 - 8/1		water
Killdeer	KILL	5/1 - 8/1		oprn
Spotted Sandpiper	SPSA	5/20 - 7/20		water
Upland Sandpiper	UPSA	5/20 - 7/20		open
Marbled Godwit	MAGO	5/10 - 7/20	N 1/2 plus Stearns only	open
Wilson's Snipe	WISN	5/1 - 8/1		water; forest
American Woodcock	AMWO	5/1 - 8/1		forest
Wilson's Phalarope	WIPH	6/1 - 8/1		water
Franklin's Gull	FRGU	6/1 - 7/20 *	flyovers only	water
Ring-billed Gull	RBGU	5/15 - 8/1 *	colony; also flyovers	water
Herring Gull	HERG	6/1 - 8/15 *	Mille Lacs only	water

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Black Tern	BLTE	6/1 - 8/1 *	colony	water
Common Tern	COTE	6/15 - 8/1 *	Mille Lacs only	water
Forster's Tern	FOTE	6/1 - 8/1 *	colony; also flyovers	water
Rock Pigeon	ROPI	4/1 - 8/1		mixed
Eurasian Collared-Dove	EUCD	5/1 - 8/1	Twin Cities plus S. tier co's only	mixed
Mourning Dove	MODO	5/1 - 8/1		mixed
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	YBCU	6/5 - 8/1		forest
Black-billed Cuckoo	BBCU	6/5 - 8/1		forest
Eastern Screech-Owl	EASO	3/20 - 8/10		forest; mixed
Great Horned Owl	GHOW	1/20 - 7/1		mixed; forest
Barred Owl	BADO	3/10 - 7/20		forest
Long-eared Owl	LEOW	5/1 - 8/1	N 1/2 plus Stearns only	forest
Short-eared Owl	SEOW	5/1 - 8/1	Ottertail only	open
Northern Saw-whet Owl	NSWO	5/1 - 8/1		forest
Common Nighthawk	CONI	6/1 - 7/20		open; mixed
Whip-poor-will	WPWI	6/1 - 8/1	rare	forest
Chimney Swift	CHSW	6/1 - 8/1		mixed
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	RTHU	6/1 - 8/1		forest; mixed
Belted Kingfisher	BEKI	5/10 - 8/1		water; nest - open
Red-headed Woodpecker	RHWO	6/1 - 8/1		mixed
Red-bellied Woodpecker	RBWO	4/1 - 8/1		forest
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	YBSA	5/20 - 8/1		forest
Downy Woodpecker	DOWO	4/1 - 8/1		forest
Hairy Woodpecker	HAWO	4/1 - 8/1		forest
Black-backed Woodpecker	BBWO	5/10 - 7/20	Becker only	forest
Northern Flicker	NOFL	5/20 - 8/1		forest
Pileated Woodpecker	PIWO	4/1 - 8/1		forest
Olive-sided Flycatcher	OSFL	6/10 - 7/20	N 1/2 only	forest
Eastern Wood-Pewee	EAWP	6/5 - 8/1		forest
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	YBFL	6/10 - 7/20	N 1/2 only	forest
Acadian Flycatcher	ACFL	6/5 - 8/1	rare - s 1/2 only	forest
Alder Flycatcher	ALFL	6/5 - 8/1	N of Twin Cities only	open
Willow Flycatcher	WIFL	6/5 - 8/1		open
Least Flycatcher	LEFL	6/1 - 8/1		forest
Eastern Phoebe	EAPH	5/10 - 8/1		mixed
Great Crested Flycatcher	GCFL	6/1 - 8/1		forest
Western Kingbird	WEKI	6/1 - 8/1	N of Twin Cities only	open
Eastern Kingbird	EAKI	6/1 - 8/1		open
Loggerhead Shrike	LOSH	5/10 - 8/1		mixed
Bell's Vireo	BEVI	6/1 - 8/1	Twin Cities & SE only	open
Yellow-throated Vireo	YTVI	6/1 - 8/1		forest
Blue-headed Vireo	BHVI	6/1 - 7/20	Mille Lacs only - rare	forest
Warbling Vireo	WAVI	6/1 - 8/1		forest

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Philadelphia Vireo	PHVI	6/5 - 8/1	Becker only - very rare	forest
Red-eyed Vireo	REVI	6/1 - 8/1		forest
Gray Jay	GRAJ	4/1 - 7/1	Becker only	forest
Blue Jay	BLJA	5/20 - 7/15		forest; mixed
Black-billed Magpie	BBMA	4/1 - 8/1	Becker only	mixed
American Crow	AMCR	5/1 - 7/15		mixed; forest
Common Raven	CORA	4/1 - 7/1	N of Twin Cities only	forest
Horned Lark	HOLA	5/1 - 8/1		open
Purple Martin	PUMA	5/20 - 7/10		open; mixed
Tree Swallow	TRES	5/10 - 7/10		open
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	NRWS	5/20 - 7/10		open
Bank Swallow	BANS	5/20 - 7/10		open
Cliff Swallow	CLSW	5/20 - 7/10		open; mixed
Barn Swallow	BARS	5/20 - 7/10		open; mixed
Black-capped Chickadee	BCCH	4/10 - 8/1		forest
Tufted Titmouse	TUTI	4/10 - 8/1	rare - SE of Twin Cities only	forest
Red-breasted Nuthatch	RBNU	4/10 - 8/1	Twin Cities & N plus Winona, Houston	forest
White-breasted Nuthatch	WBNU	4/1 - 8/1		forest
Brown Creeper	BRCR	6/1 - 8/10		forest
House Wren	HOWR	5/20 - 8/1		mixed; forest
Winter Wren	WIWR	6/1 - 8/10	rare	forest
Sedge Wren	SEWR	6/1 - 8/10		open
Marsh Wren	MAWR	6/1 - 8/10		water
Golden-crowned Kinglet	GCKI	5/20 - 8/1	N 1/2 only	forest
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	BGGN	6/1 - 8/1		forest
Eastern Bluebird	EABL	5/10 - 8/1		open
Veery	VEER	6/1 - 7/20		forest
Swainson's Thrush	SWTH	6/1 - 7/20	very rare - N 1/2 only	forest
Hermit Thrush	HETH	5/20 - 8/1	N of Twin Cities only	forest
Wood Thrush	WOTH	6/1 - 7/20		forest
American Robin	AMRO	5/10 - 8/10		forest; mixed
Gray Catbird	GRCA	5/20 - 8/1		forest; mixed
Brown Thrasher	BRTH	5/20 - 8/1		forest; mixed
European Starling	EUST	4/1 - 8/1		mixed
Cedar Waxwing	CEDW	6/10 - 8/10		forest
Blue-winged Warbler	BWWA	6/1 - 8/1	S 1/2 plus Morrison only	forest
Golden-winged Warbler	GWWA	6/1 - 8/1	N of Twin Cities only	open
Nashville Warbler	NAWA	6/5 - 7/20		forest

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Northern Parula	NOPA	6/5 - 7/20	rare - Becker, Mahnomen only	forest
Yellow Warbler	YWAR	6/1 - 8/1		forest; mixed
Chestnut-sided Warbler	CSWA	6/5 - 8/1		forest
Magnolia Warbler	MAWA	6/5 - 8/1	very rare - Becker only	forest
Black-throated Blue Warbler	BTBW	6/5 - 8/1	rare - Becker, Mille Lacs only	forest
Yellow-rumped Warbler	YRWA	6/1 - 8/1	N 1/2 only - rare	forest
Black-throated Green Warbler	BTNW	6/5 - 8/1	rare - N of Twin Cties only	forest
Blackburnian Warbler	BLBW	6/5 - 7/20	rare - N of Twin Cties only	forest
Pine Warbler	PIWA	5/20 - 8/1	N of Twin Cties only	forest
Cerulean Warbler	CERW	6/1 - 8/1		forest
Black-and-white Warbler	BAWW	5/20 - 8/1		forest
American Redstart	AMRE	6/1 - 8/1		forest
Prothonotary Warbler	PROW	6/1 - 8/1	Twin Cities & S only	forest
Ovenbird	OVEN	5/20 - 8/1		forest
Northern Waterthrush	NOWA	6/5 - 8/1	N of Twin Cties only	forest
Louisiana Waterthrush	LOWA	5/1 - 7/1	S 1/2 plus Ottertail only	forest
Mourning Warbler	MOWA	6/10 - 8/5		forest
Common Yellowthroat	COYE	6/1 - 8/1		forest; water
Hooded Warbler	HOWA	6/1 - 8/1	Dakota, Scott, Morrison only	forest
Canada Warbler	CAWA	6/10 - 8/5	rare - N 1/2 only	forest
Scarlet Tanager	SCTA	6/1 - 8/1		forest
Eastern Towhee	EATO	6/1 - 8/1		forest
Chipping Sparrow	CHSP	5/20 - 8/1		forest; mixed
Clay-colored Sparrow	CCSP	6/1 - 8/1		open
Field Sparrow	FISP	5/20 - 8/1		open
Vesper Sparrow	VESP	5/20 - 8/1		open
Lark Sparrow	LASP	6/1 - 8/1		open
Savannah Sparrow	SAVS	5/20 - 8/1		open
Grasshopper Sparrow	GRSP	6/1 - 8/1		open
Henslow's Sparrow	HESP	6/5 - 8/1	rare	open
Le Conte's Sparrow	LCSP	6/1 - 8/1	rare - N 1/2 only	open
Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow	NSTS	6/1 - 8/1	rare - N 1/2 only	water
Song Sparrow	SOSP	5/10 - 8/1		mixed
Swamp Sparrow	SWSP	5/20 - 8/1		open
White-throated Sparrow	WTSP	5/20 - 7/20		forest
Northern Cardinal	NOCA	4/10 - 8/1		mixed
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	RBGR	6/1 - 8/5		forest
Indigo Bunting	INBU	6/1 - 8/1		forest; mixed
Dickcissel	DICK	6/1 - 8/1		open
Bobolink	BOBO	6/1 - 7/20		open
Red-winged Blackbird	RWBL	5/1 - 7/20		water
Eastern Meadowlark	EAME	5/10 - 7/20		open
Western Meadowlark	WEME	5/10 - 7/20		open
Yellow-headed Blackbird	YHBL	5/20 - 7/20		water
Brewer's Blackbird	BRBL	5/10 - 7/20		open
Common Grackle	COGR	5/1 - 7/20		mixed; open
Great-tailed Grackle	GTGR	5/10 - 7/20	very rare - Twin Cities S only	mixed
Brown-headed Cowbird	BHCO	5/10 - 7/20		open; mixed
Orchard Oriole	OROR	6/1 - 8/1		forest; mixed

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Baltimore Oriole	BAOR	6/1 - 8/1		forest; mixed
Purple Finch	PUFI	5/20 - 8/10	N of Twin Cities only	forest
House Finch	HOFI	4/10 - 8/10		mixed
Red Crossbill	RECR	4/15 - 7/1	very rare; erratic - N 1/2 only	forest
White-winged Crossbill	WWCR	4/15 - 7/1	very rare; erratic - N 1/2 only	forest
Pine Siskin	PISI	5/20 - 7/20	rare - N 1/2 only	forest
American Goldfinch	AMGO	6/10 - 8/20		forest
Evening Grosbeak	EVGR	5/20 - 8/10	very rare - Becker only	forest
House Sparrow	HOSP	4/10 - 8/10		mixed