

Bird Calls

Prairie Birds	
Bird	Mnemonic
Blue-winged teal (pg. 82)	Male's call is a loud, high whistle or a nasal bleat. Female gives loud, evenly spaced quacks.
Dickcissel (pg. 92)	Buzzy <i>dick-dick-see-see-see</i>
Grasshopper Sparrow (pg. 103)	Insectlike buzz preceded by two to three ticking chips, <i>tick tick pzzzzzzz</i> .
Greater Prairie Chicken (pg. 105)	Loud booming, clucking, whining, or cackling.
Mourning Dove (pg. 120)	Hoo-weee! Hoo, hoo, hoo
Northern Bobwhite (pg. 121-122)	(Whistle-like): Bob-white!
Northern Harrier (pg. 125)	Chee-chee-chee-chee-chee-chee Or a high-pitched, shrill "scree!"
Ring-necked Pheasant (pg. 137)	Loud, 2-syllable cackle. Can sound like retching.

Urban Birds	
Bird	Mnemonic
American Robin (pg. 74)	Cheery-oh, cheery-me, cheerily!
Eastern Bluebird (pg. 94)	Cheer, chipper, charmer High but not shrill call. Whistle-like quality.
Common Nighthawk (pg. 89)	Nasally: <i>peent</i> or <i>beer</i>
European Starling (pg. 96)	Noises may be whistles, whirrs, clicks, rattles
House Finch (pg. 109)	Repeated phrases in a cheery voice
House Sparrow (pg. 110)	Chirp, chirp, chirp, chirp
House Wren (pg. 111)	Long, complex chatter
Northern Flicker (pg. 123)	Quick-quick-quick-quick-quick! May also pound on trees rapidly like a woodpecker.
Peregrine Falcon (pg. 129)	Alarm call is a loud series of shrill, harsh "kak, kak, kak."
Rock Pigeon (pg. 138)	Caroo-coo, Caroo-coo, Caroo-coo, Caroo-coo
Ruby-throated Hummingbird (pg. 139)	High, squeaky rattle
Song Sparrow (pg. 144)	Rhythmically: "Hip-hip-horray, boys. Spring is here!"

Wetland Birds	
Bird	Mnemonic
American Bittern (pg. 71)	Lunk-a-dunk Sounds like splashing water
Canada Goose (pg. 88)	Loud honks, barks, and cackles. Also some hisses.
Mallard (pg. 117)	Loud, honking quacks. May descend in pitch.
Northern Pintail (pg. 126)	Short burst that sounds similar to a wheezy trainlike whistle. Females may utter a stuttering quack.
Redhead (pg. 136)	Wheezy <i>whee-ough</i> or catlike <i>meow</i>
Spotted Sandpiper (pg. 147)	Shrill call Feee-weee! Feee-weee!
Virginia Rail (pg. 149)	Ratchet wrench/hammer pounding
Wilson's Snipe (pg. 156)	Repeated hard, sharp <i>jick</i> call or <i>chip-per</i> calls