



One North Star: A Counting Book

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Shining bright from the corner of each page, one twinkling star remains constant throughout Phyllis Root's *One North Star: A Counting Book*, inspired by the natural wonders of Minnesota, the North Star State. Kicking off with one lone moose shadowed in moonlight, the counting quickly escalates up to ten blue-winged teals, going backwards in a partridge-in-a-pear-tree manner, but with no repetition other than the "under one north star" refrain. Roughly hewn illustrations by Beckie Prange and Betsy Bowen combine wood cutting and watercolor, resulting in raw, organic depictions of the local woods, lakes, bluffs, marshes, and their many inhabitants. The included flora and fauna are described and defined in great detail after the counting is done, making this an excellent choice for both young and middle-grade classroom libraries.

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