This document provides fingerings charts for a wide variety of scales. The fingerings are specific to the Northern Spirit A minor flute by Richard Dubé.

This list of 66 scales is meant to be a tool for exploration of scales from various world music traditions. Most players of Native American flutes use a very small number of alternate scales, so please do not feel compelled to learn the full set of scales provided.

The primary reference for the scales in this collection is the Scala application by Manuel Op de Coul, dated August 10, 2014. It is available at http://www.huygens-fokker.org/scala/.

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Core Scales for Native American Flutes

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Bugle Scale

Pentatonic Minor

Pentatonic Major

Pentatonic Celtic

Mode Four Pentatonic Minor

Mode Four Hexatonic Minor

Chromatic

All the notes - not usually used in songs.

Root note of the scale
Orange: half-hole fingerings (Avoid!)
Notes in the second register


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Ute Tritonic

Sansagari

Major Triad

Upper Minor Tetratonic

Bi Yu

Minor Tetratonic

Lower Minor Tetratonic

Root note of the scale

Notes in the second register

Pentatonic Minor with no minor third

Pentatonic Minor with no perfect fourth

Pentatonic Minor with no perfect fifth

Pentatonic Minor with no minor seventh


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Miyako-Bushi

Hirajōshi 1

Hirajōshi 2

Hirajōshi 3

Iwato

Zilaf

Ryukyu

Khamaji Durga

Rotation of Hirajōshi

AKA: “Ake Bono” Sakura

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**Notes**

- root note of the scale
- notes in the second register

**Scale notes and name suggested by Ash Dargan**

**Indicates the note that differs from Pentatonic Minor**

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Upper Major

High Major

Blues Six-Note

Blues Seven-Note

Spanish Gypsy

Byzantine

Neveseri

Root note of the scale

Orange: half-hole fingerings (Avoid!) Notes in the second register


Streets of Cairo (AKA: The Snake Charmer Song)

Greek folk music

Oh Tannenbaum
Amazing Grace (lower)
Simple Gifts
Kayowajineh

Oh Come All Ye Faithful
Amazing Grace (upper)

Neveseri

Seven-Note Blues

Upper Major

Spanish Gipsy

Byzantine

Neveseri

Root note of the scale

Orange: half-hole fingerings (Avoid!) Notes in the second register


Streets of Cairo (AKA: The Snake Charmer Song)

Greek folk music
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Diatonic Major

Dorian

Phrygian

Lydian

Mixolydian

Aeolian

Locrian

Joy to the World
Over the Rainbow
The First Noel
Shenandoah
Colors of the Wind

Scarborough Fair
Eleanor Rigby

Notes in the second register

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Diatonic Major

Dorian

Phrygian

Lydian

Mixolydian

Aeolian

Locrian

Root note of the scale
Orange: half-hole fingerings (Avoid!) Notes in the second register


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Mohanangi

Jayakauns

Kiravani

Marga

Hindola

Multani

Chin

Varini

Mand

Notes above the octave

Root note of the scale

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Bacovia

Dhavalashri

Hindol

Valaji

Mamata

Devaranji

Kuntvarali

Purukutika

Root note of the scale