

Birding Opportunities at Felton Prairie SNA

The Felton Prairie Complex is a spectacular Red River Valley prairie area that has been visited by birders for over 100 years. Felton SNA is 1100 acres in size, and is owned by The Nature Conservancy. The unit consists of three separate tracts within a larger complex. These tracts are called the Shrike Unit, Bicentennial/Blazing Star Unit, and Assiniboia Skipper Unit. Whereas the Bicentennial/Blazing Star unit is dry and sandy, the Assiniboia Skipper unit includes a calcareous fen that provides a source of open water all year. American Robins can be found at the fen even in winter. Loggerhead Shrikes, 12 species of waterbirds, 9 species of raptors including Prairie Falcons and Ferruginous Hawks, Baird's and Henslow's Sparrows and Chestnut-collared Longspurs are just a sampling of the diversity of species to be found at this site.

Taxonomy, Season and Abundance Key

The names and taxonomic arrangement of species follows that of the Checklist of the Birds of Minnesota (January, 2005) prepared by the Minnesota Ornithological Union (MOU) Records Committee.

The **seasons** in the checklist are defined as follows:

Sp (Spring) = March, April, May

Su (Summer) = June, July

Fa (Fall) = August, September, October, November

Wi (Winter) = December, January, February

Abundance codes are defined as follows:

C = Common — present, relatively easy to find

U = Uncommon — observed, may be difficult to find

O = Occasional — may or may not be present in any year

R = Rare — has occurred at least once, may recur

SNA Bird Checklist	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
<input type="checkbox"/> Cackling Goose			O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Canada Goose	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Duck		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> American Wigeon	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Mallard	C	C	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue-winged Teal	U	U		
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Shoveler	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Pintail	O	O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Green-winged Teal	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Canvasback	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Redhead	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Ring-necked Duck	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Gray Partridge	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Greater Prairie-Chicken	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Loon	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Pied-billed Grebe	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Horned Grebe	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-necked Grebe	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Double-crested Cormorant	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> American Bittern	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Blue Heron	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Osprey	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Bald Eagle	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Harrier	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sharp-shinned Hawk			O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Swainson's Hawk	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-tailed Hawk	C	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ferruginous Hawk		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> American Kestrel	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Prairie Falcon			O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Virginia Rail	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> American Coot	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Killdeer	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Greater Yellowlegs			O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Solitary Sandpiper	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Upland Sandpiper	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Marbled Godwit	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Wilson's Snipe	U	U		
<input type="checkbox"/> American Woodcock	O	O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Franklin's Gull			O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bonaparte's Gull	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ring-billed Gull	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Black Tern		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Rock Pigeon	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mourning Dove	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Horned Owl	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Burrowing Owl	R	R	R	
<input type="checkbox"/> Short-eared Owl	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Chimney Swift		O		

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<input type="checkbox"/> Belted Kingfisher	O	O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-bellied Woodpecker	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Downy Woodpecker	U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Hairy Woodpecker				U
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Flicker	C	C	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pileated Woodpecker			O	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Wood-Pewee		O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-bellied Flycatcher		O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Alder Flycatcher		O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Willow Flycatcher		O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Least Flycatcher	U	U	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Phoebe	U	U	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Say's Phoebe	R	R		
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Crested Flycatcher		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Western Kingbird	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Kingbird	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Loggerhead Shrike	R	R		
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Shrike				O
<input type="checkbox"/> Bell's Vireo	R			
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue-headed Vireo				
<input type="checkbox"/> Warbling Vireo		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-eyed Vireo		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue Jay	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-billed Magpie	O	O	O	C
<input type="checkbox"/> American Crow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Raven	O	O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Horned Lark	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tree Swallow	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Rough-winged Swallow				
<input type="checkbox"/> Bank Swallow	O	O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Cliff Swallow	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn Swallow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-capped Chickadee	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-breasted Nuthatch	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> White-breasted Nuthatch		U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Rock Wren	R	R		
<input type="checkbox"/> House Wren	U	U		
<input type="checkbox"/> Sedge Wren	C	C	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Marsh Wren		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Golden-crowned Kinglet			O	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-crowned Kinglet	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Bluebird		O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Veery		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Gray-cheeked Thrush	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Swainson's Thrush	U			
<input type="checkbox"/> American Robin	C	C	C	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Gray Catbird	U	O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Mockingbird	O	O		

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<input type="checkbox"/> Brown Thrasher	C	U		
<input type="checkbox"/> European Starling	C	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Pipit	O		O	R
<input type="checkbox"/> Sprague's Pipit	R	R	R	
<input type="checkbox"/> Cedar Waxwing		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Orange-crowned Warbler			O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow Warbler	O	O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Magnolia Warbler		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-rumped Warbler	U		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Palm Warbler	U	U	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blackpoll Warbler	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-and-white Warbler	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> American Redstart		O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ovenbird		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Waterthrush	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Louisiana Waterthrush	R			
<input type="checkbox"/> Mourning Warbler			O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Yellowthroat	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Wilson's Warbler			O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-breasted Chat		R		
<input type="checkbox"/> Scarlet Tanager	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> American Tree Sparrow			O	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Chipping Sparrow	U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Clay-colored Sparrow	C	C	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Vesper Sparrow	U	U		
<input type="checkbox"/> Lark Sparrow	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Lark Bunting	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Savannah Sparrow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Grasshopper Sparrow	U	U		
<input type="checkbox"/> Baird's Sparrow	R	R		
<input type="checkbox"/> Henslow's Sparrow	R	R		
<input type="checkbox"/> Le Conte's Sparrow	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow	R			
<input type="checkbox"/> Fox Sparrow			O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Song Sparrow	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Lincoln's Sparrow	O	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Swamp Sparrow	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> White-throated Sparrow	O		O	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Harris's Sparrow			O	O
<input type="checkbox"/> White-crowned Sparrow			O	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Dark-eyed Junco			O	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Lapland Longspur			O	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Smith's Longspur			O	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Chestnut-collared Longspur		R	O	R
<input type="checkbox"/> Snow Bunting			O	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Rose-breasted Grosbeak		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue Grosbeak		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Indigo Bunting		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Bobolink	C	C		

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<input type="checkbox"/> Red-winged Blackbird	C	C	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Meadowlark	R			
<input type="checkbox"/> Western Meadowlark	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-headed Blackbird	O	O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Rusty Blackbird				O
<input type="checkbox"/> Brewer's Blackbird	C	C	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Grackle	C	C	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown-headed Cowbird	C	C	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Baltimore Oriole	O	O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Redpoll				C
<input type="checkbox"/> American Goldfinch	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> House Sparrow	O	O		

This checklist contains the names of all birds that have been documented at this site by reliable observers, including project coordinator Melissa Driscoll, Bob Janssen, Jerry Bonkoski and volunteer observers, as well as MOU records, and data contained in research reports. Funding for this project was provided in part by the State Wildlife Grants program administered by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Checklist layout by Jennifer Lintelmann. Persons interested in the sources used in preparation of this list may contact Project Supervisor/Nongame Specialist Katie Haws at 218-308-2641.

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Scientific and Natural Area

Checklist



Date: _____

Weather: _____

Observers: _____

Notes: _____



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