

## Birding Opportunities at Partch Woods SNA

Located in central Minnesota, near St. Joseph, Partch Woods SNA is a beautiful example of a climax maple-basswood forest. These woods provide excellent habitat for a number of bird species. The 124 acre preserve was formerly owned by Max Partch, a professor at St. Cloud University, who conducted research at the site for over 27 years. There have been 79 species recorded on the SNA. Eastern Wood-Pewee, Great Crested Flycatcher and Red-eyed Vireo are common summer residents in these woodlands. Black-capped Chickadees and White-breasted Nuthatches along with Chipping and Song Sparrows are abundant. Ten species of warblers were recorded including summer resident American Redstart, Ovenbird and Common Yellowthroat. Eastern Bluebirds were common along the perimeter of the forest. Common migrants included Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Hermit Thrush, White-throated Sparrow and Dark-eyed Junco. Access to the area is off of County Road 3 but there are no well-defined trails within the forest itself. Hiking is relatively easy through this woodland and the experience of seeing the magnificent trees makes the hike worth the effort.

### 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"/> Snow Goose			O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Canada Goose	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Duck	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mallard	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wild Turkey	O	O	O	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Blue Heron	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Turkey Vulture	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Harrier	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sharp-shinned Hawk	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-tailed Hawk	O	O	O	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Sandhill Crane	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Killdeer	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wilson's Snipe	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Rock Pigeon	O	O	O	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Mourning Dove	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-billed Cuckoo	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Horned Owl	O	O	O	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Barred Owl	O	O	O	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Chimney Swift	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-throated Hummingbird	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-bellied Woodpecker	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Downy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Hairy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Flicker	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pileated Woodpecker	U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Wood-Pewee	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Phoebe	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Crested Flycatcher	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Kingbird	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-throated Vireo	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Warbling Vireo	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-eyed Vireo	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue Jay	C	C	C	C

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<input type="checkbox"/> American Crow	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Purple Martin	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tree Swallow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Cliff Swallow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn Swallow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-capped Chickadee	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> White-breasted Nuthatch	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown Creeper	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> House Wren	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Winter Wren	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Golden-crowned Kinglet	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C		C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	O	O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Bluebird	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Veery	U	U		
<input type="checkbox"/> Hermit Thrush	C		C	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Robin	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Gray Catbird	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> European Starling	U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Cedar Waxwing	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Orange-crowned Warbler	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Nashville Warbler	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Parula	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow Warbler	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-rumped Warbler	C		C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Palm Warbler	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-and-white Warbler	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Redstart	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ovenbird	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Yellowthroat	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Scarlet Tanager	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Chipping Sparrow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Clay-colored Sparrow	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Vesper Sparrow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Savannah Sparrow	U	U	U	

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<input type="checkbox"/> Fox Sparrow	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Song Sparrow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Swamp Sparrow	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> White-throated Sparrow	C		C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dark-eyed Junco	C		C	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Cardinal	U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Rose-breasted Grosbeak	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Indigo Bunting	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bobolink	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-winged Blackbird	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Grackle	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown-headed Cowbird	C	C	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> House Finch	O	O	O	O
<input type="checkbox"/> American Goldfinch	C	C	C	U
<input type="checkbox"/> House Sparrow	O	O	O	O

This checklist contains the names of all birds that have been documented at this site by reliable observers, including principal observer Bob Janssen, 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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# Partch Woods

## Scientific and Natural Area

# Checklist



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Weather: \_\_\_\_\_

Observers: \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_



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