

Birding Opportunities at Roscoe Prairie

Roscoe Prairie, a small 56 acre site located in Stearns County, Owned by the Nature Conservancy and designated as an SNA. The site makes up in diversity, for what it lacks in size. The unit consists of a variety of habitats including cattail marsh, black-soil prairie, wet swales, sedge meadow and small areas of deciduous trees. 86 bird species have been recorded here. Blue-headed Vireo has occasionally been seen here. Wilson's Snipe, Wilson's Phalarope and Virginia Rail can be seen in the wet swales, while overhead Turkey Vulture, Northern Harriers and Red-tailed Hawk may be visible.

Access and parking is off of the township road that runs south from Stearns County Road 16 along the west edge of the SNA. There are no trails on the SNA and hiking is rather difficult. The Glacial Lakes State Trail, along the south boundary of the SNA, offers easy walking access.

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"/> Canada Goose	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mallard	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue-winged Teal	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Gray Partridge	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ring-necked Pheasant	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wild Turkey	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Turkey Vulture	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bald Eagle	U	O	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Harrier	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-tailed Hawk	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Kestrel	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Virginia Rail	U	U	U	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Sora	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Killdeer	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wilson's Snipe	U	U	U	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Wilson's Phalarope	C	C	C	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Ring-billed Gull	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Rock Pigeon	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mourning Dove	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-billed Cuckoo	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-headed Woodpecker	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-bellied Woodpecker	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Downy Woodpecker	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Hairy Woodpecker	U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Flicker	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Wood-Pewee	U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Alder Flycatcher				
<input type="checkbox"/> Willow Flycatcher	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Least Flycatcher	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Phoebe	U	O	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Crested Flycatcher	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Kingbird	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-throated Vireo	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue-headed Vireo	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Warbling Vireo	C	C	C	

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<input type="checkbox"/> Red-eyed Vireo	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue Jay	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Crow	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Horned Lark	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tree Swallow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn Swallow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-capped Chickadee	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> White-breasted Nuthatch	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> House Wren	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sedge Wren	C		C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Marsh Wren	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-crowned Kinglet	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Veery	O	O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Hermit Thrush	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Thrush	U	U		
<input type="checkbox"/> American Robin	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Gray Catbird	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown Thrasher	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> European Starling	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Cedar Waxwing	U	U	U	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Orange-crowned Warbler	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Nashville Warbler	C		C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow Warbler	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-rumped Warbler	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Palm Warbler	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Redstart	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Waterthrush	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Yellowthroat	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Tree Sparrow	C		C	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Chipping Sparrow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Clay-colored Sparrow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Savannah Sparrow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fox Sparrow	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Song Sparrow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Lincoln's Sparrow	U		U	

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<input type="checkbox"/> Swamp Sparrow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> White-throated Sparrow	C		C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Harris's Sparrow	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dark-eyed Junco	C		C	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Lapland Longspur	C		C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Rose-breasted Grosbeak	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bobolink	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-winged Blackbird	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Meadowlark	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Rusty Blackbird	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Brewer's Blackbird	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Grackle	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown-headed Cowbird	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Baltimore Oriole	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> House Finch	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Goldfinch	C	C	C	U

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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Roscoe Prairie

Scientific and Natural Area

Checklist



Date: _____

Weather: _____

Observers: _____

Notes: _____



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