

Birding Opportunities at Malmberg Prairie SNA

Malmberg Prairie SNA is an 80-acre wet prairie and serves as an island of habitat in an ocean of plowed fields in western Polk County. It is surprising that with so little prairie left in this part of the county that the birds find Malmberg but they do. While at the SNA listen for 45+ species of birds including Yellow Rails, Soras, Sedge Wrens, LeConte's Sparrows, Bobolinks and Common Yellowthroats. The unit is owned by The Nature Conservancy.

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		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Mallard	C	U		
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue-winged Teal	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Gray Partridge		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> American Bittern	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Harrier	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-tailed Hawk			U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow Rail	O	O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Virginia Rail		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Sora	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Killdeer	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Dunlin	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Wilson's Snipe	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Mourning Dove	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Short-eared Owl			O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Kingbird	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Horned Lark	C			
<input type="checkbox"/> Tree Swallow		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Cliff Swallow			O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn Swallow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sedge Wren	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Marsh Wren			U	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Robin	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Gray Catbird	O	O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown Thrasher		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow Warbler	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Yellowthroat	C	C	C	

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<input type="checkbox"/> Chipping Sparrow	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Clay-colored Sparrow	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Savannah Sparrow	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Le Conte's Sparrow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Song Sparrow	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Swamp Sparrow	U	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Lapland Longspur			U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Snow Bunting				U
<input type="checkbox"/> Bobolink	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-winged Blackbird	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Western Meadowlark	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-headed Blackbird		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Brewer's Blackbird	O	O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Grackle	O	O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown-headed Cowbird	C			
<input type="checkbox"/> Orchard Oriole	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> American Goldfinch	C	C	C	

Additional Observations

Malmberg Prairie

Scientific and Natural Area

BIIRD Checklist



This checklist contains the names of all birds that have been documented at this site by reliable observers, including project coordinator Melissa Driscoll, Carol Schumacher, 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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Date: _____

Weather: _____

Observers: _____

Notes: _____



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