

Birding Opportunities at Frenchman's Bluff SNA

Frenchman's Bluff SNA is located at the top of a glacial moraine and supports an unusual mix of tallgrass prairie and shortgrass dry prairie plants. While enjoying the wonderful view of the Red River Valley birders can enjoy the over 70 species of birds seen on the prairie. Waterbirds fly overhead to land on nearby lakes, warblers and vireos enjoy the small woodlot, and sparrows enjoy the abandoned gravel pit and dry prairie. 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	O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Mallard	O	O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruffed Grouse	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Greater Prairie-Chicken	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Loon		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Double-crested Cormorant		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Turkey Vulture		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Harrier		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-tailed Hawk	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Killdeer	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Rock Pigeon		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Mourning Dove	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-billed Cuckoo		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Downy Woodpecker	U	C	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Hairy Woodpecker	U	C	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Flicker	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Wood-Pewee		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Least Flycatcher		C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Crested Flycatcher	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Kingbird	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Shrike				O
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-throated Vireo			O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Warbling Vireo		C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-eyed Vireo		C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue Jay	C	C	O	O
<input type="checkbox"/> American Crow	C	C	O	O

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<input type="checkbox"/> Horned Lark		U		
<input type="checkbox"/> Tree Swallow		U		
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Rough-winged Swallow		U		
<input type="checkbox"/> Bank Swallow	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn Swallow		C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-capped Chickadee	C	C	C	U
<input type="checkbox"/> House Wren	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-crowned Kinglet	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Bluebird		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Veery		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Gray-cheeked Thrush	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> American Robin	U			
<input type="checkbox"/> Gray Catbird	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown Thrasher	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Cedar Waxwing		C	C	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Nashville Warbler	U			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow Warbler	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-rumped Warbler	C			
<input type="checkbox"/> Palm Warbler	C			
<input type="checkbox"/> Blackpoll Warbler	U			
<input type="checkbox"/> American Redstart	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Yellowthroat		C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Scarlet Tanager		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Towhee		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> American Tree Sparrow	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Chipping Sparrow	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Clay-colored Sparrow	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Vesper Sparrow	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Lark Sparrow		U		
<input type="checkbox"/> Savannah Sparrow	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Grasshopper Sparrow		C		

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<input type="checkbox"/> Song Sparrow		C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Swamp Sparrow		U		
<input type="checkbox"/> White-throated Sparrow	C			
<input type="checkbox"/> Snow Bunting				C
<input type="checkbox"/> Rose-breasted Grosbeak		C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Indigo Bunting		U		
<input type="checkbox"/> Bobolink	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-winged Blackbird	U	U		
<input type="checkbox"/> Western Meadowlark	U	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-headed Blackbird		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Grackle		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown-headed Cowbird	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Orchard Oriole		U		
<input type="checkbox"/> Baltimore Oriole	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Redpoll				C
<input type="checkbox"/> American Goldfinch	C	C	C	

Additional Observations

Additional Observations (Continued)

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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Scientific and Natural Area



Date: _____

Weather: _____

Observers: _____

Notes: _____



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