

Birding Opportunities at Greenwater Lake SNA

Greenwater Lake SNA is located in Becker County, approximately 20 miles west northwest of Park Rapids, MN. The SNA is 724 acres. County Hwy. 35 divides the SNA. It does carry a relatively high level of traffic. There are several old logging roads that lead into the SNA. Parking is off of County Rd 35 at the NE corner of Greenwater Lake. There is parking on the logging road on the northwest part of the SNA. The logging roads provide easy walking access to the interior of the SNA. (Although this is the official parking area off of County Rd 35, the boat access is for Band members only). This SNA has a healthy population of ticks, so proper precautions are advised.

Greenwater Lake SNA has a recorded list of 111 bird species, including 22 types of Warblers. An early morning walk through this SNA provides an impressive "dawn chorus" of singing Warblers, Thrushes, Sparrows, drumming Grouse, and other woodland birds. A visit to this SNA during late May 2008 produced a list of 64 species of birds.

There are varied habitats. A cattail wetland area in the northwest corner that is the summer home of Sora, Common Yellowthroats, Swamp Sparrows and Sedge Wrens. Wilson's Snipe can be heard winnowing in this area during May and June. During migration watch for raptors and other birds passing overhead.

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	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Duck	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mallard	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ring-necked Duck	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Goldeneye	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruffed Grouse	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Loon	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pied-billed Grebe	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Blue Heron	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Turkey Vulture	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bald Eagle	C	U	C	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Harrier	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sharp-shinned Hawk	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Broad-winged Hawk	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-tailed Hawk	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Rough-legged Hawk	O		O	U
<input type="checkbox"/> American Kestrel	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Merlin	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sora	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wilson's Snipe	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ring-billed Gull	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mourning Dove	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-throated Hummingbird	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Belted Kingfisher	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	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"/> Olive-sided Flycatcher	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Wood-Pewee	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Alder Flycatcher	U	U	U	

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<input type="checkbox"/> Least Flycatcher	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Phoebe	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Crested Flycatcher	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Kingbird	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue-headed Vireo	C	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-eyed Vireo	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue Jay	C	C	C	U
<input type="checkbox"/> American Crow	C	C	C	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Raven	U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Purple Martin	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tree Swallow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Cliff Swallow	U	O	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn Swallow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-capped Chickadee	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-breasted Nuthatch	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> White-breasted Nuthatch	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown Creeper	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> House Wren	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Winter Wren	C	U	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sedge Wren	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Golden-crowned Kinglet	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Bluebird	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Gray-cheeked Thrush	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Swainson's Thrush	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Hermit Thrush	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Robin	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Gray Catbird	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> European Starling	U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> American Pipit	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Cedar Waxwing	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Golden-winged Warbler	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tennessee Warbler	C		C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Orange-crowned Warbler	U		C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Nashville Warbler	C	C	C	

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<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Parula	C	C	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow Warbler	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Chestnut-sided Warbler	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Magnolia Warbler	U	O	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-rumped Warbler	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-throated Green Warbler	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blackburnian Warbler	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pine Warbler	U	O	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Palm Warbler	C		C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blackpoll Warbler	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-and-white Warbler	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Redstart	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ovenbird	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Waterthrush	U	O	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mourning Warbler	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Yellowthroat	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wilson's Warbler	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Canada Warbler	U	O	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Scarlet Tanager	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Tree Sparrow	U		U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Chipping Sparrow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Savannah Sparrow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fox Sparrow	C		C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Song Sparrow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Lincoln's Sparrow	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Swamp Sparrow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> White-throated Sparrow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> White-crowned Sparrow	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dark-eyed Junco	C	O	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Lapland Longspur			U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Rose-breasted Grosbeak	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Indigo Bunting	C	C	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bobolink	U	O	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	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Baltimore Oriole	C	C	U	

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<input type="checkbox"/> Pine Grosbeak	O			U
<input type="checkbox"/> Purple Finch	C	U	C	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Redpoll	U		U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Pine Siskin	U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> American Goldfinch	C	C	C	U
<input type="checkbox"/> House Sparrow	U	U	U	O

This checklist contains the names of all birds that have been documented at this site by reliable observers, including principal observer Jerry Bonkoski, as well as MOU records, and data contained in research reports. 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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BIRD Checklist



Date: _____

Weather: _____

Observers: _____

Notes: _____

