

Birding Opportunities at Twin Valley SNA

Twin Valley Prairie is 499 acres in size, and contains a prominent beach ridge of Glacial Lake Agassiz that supports plant communities ranging from wet to dry prairie. This site, owned by The Nature Conservancy, is one of several in the area that are important to the long-term survival of the prairie chicken. Some of the other birds found here include Sandhill Crane, American Bittern, Marbled Godwit, Upland Sandpiper and Brewer's Blackbird.

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		
<input type="checkbox"/> Trumpeter Swan	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Duck		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Mallard	C	U		
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue-winged Teal	U	U		
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Pintail	U	U		
<input type="checkbox"/> Greater Prairie-Chicken	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Wild Turkey	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Double-crested Cormorant		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> American Bittern	U	U		
<input type="checkbox"/> Least Bittern		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Blue Heron		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Harrier	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-tailed Hawk			O	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Kestrel	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Virginia Rail		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Sora	C	U		
<input type="checkbox"/> Sandhill Crane	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Killdeer	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Upland Sandpiper	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Marbled Godwit	C	U		
<input type="checkbox"/> Wilson's Snipe	C	U		
<input type="checkbox"/> Wilson's Phalarope	O	O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-necked Phalarope	R			
<input type="checkbox"/> Black Tern	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Rock Pigeon		C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mourning Dove	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Horned Owl		O		

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<input type="checkbox"/> Red-headed Woodpecker	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Hairy Woodpecker	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Flicker	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Wood-Pewee			O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Alder Flycatcher		U		
<input type="checkbox"/> Willow Flycatcher		O	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Least Flycatcher		C	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Phoebe		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Kingbird	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Scissor-tailed Flycatcher			R	
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Shrike				O
<input type="checkbox"/> Warbling Vireo		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-eyed Vireo		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue Jay	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> American Crow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Horned Lark		U		
<input type="checkbox"/> Tree Swallow	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Rough-winged Swallow	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn Swallow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> House Wren		U		
<input type="checkbox"/> Sedge Wren	C	C	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Marsh Wren	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Veery		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> American Robin	U	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown Thrasher		U		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow Warbler	C	C	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Redstart	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Yellowthroat		C	U	

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<input type="checkbox"/> Chipping Sparrow	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Clay-colored Sparrow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Vesper Sparrow	U	U		
<input type="checkbox"/> Savannah Sparrow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Grasshopper Sparrow		U		
<input type="checkbox"/> Le Conte's Sparrow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Song Sparrow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Swamp Sparrow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> White-throated Sparrow	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Harris's Sparrow	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Smith's Longspur			R	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Bobolink	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-winged Blackbird	C	C	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Meadowlark		R		
<input type="checkbox"/> Western Meadowlark	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-headed Blackbird	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Brewer's Blackbird	U	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown-headed Cowbird	C	C		
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<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

BIRD Checklist



Date: _____

Weather: _____

Observers: _____

Notes: _____



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