

## Birding Opportunities at Cannon River Trout Lily SNA

Cannon River Trout Lily SNA is a 95 acre preserve, located within the Big Woods Subsection of the Eastern Broadleaf Forest Province. The Kitzman-Morris Unit was partially gifted by its previous owners specifically for rare species conservation purposes, while the Izaak Walton League partially gifted the northern-most parcel of land. The unit contains a remnant maple-basswood forest. Minnesota's only endemic plant sub-species, the dwarf trout lily (State and Federally Endangered) can be found within the preserve. Dwarf trout lilies grow only in Minnesota, with most naturally occurring sites located in Rice and Goodhue Counties. The lilies prefer the moist woods of river bottoms and ravines along the Cannon River and its tributaries. The dwarf trout lily blooms early in spring before the forest canopy leafs out, along with other spring ephemerals such as hepatica, blood root, and wild ginger. There have been 116 bird species sighted at the SNA. Notable rare species include blue-winged warbler, blue-gray gnatcatcher, blue-headed vireo and indigo bunting. The mature deciduous woods provide habitat for many residents such as red-shouldered hawk, barred owl, wild turkey, and various woodpecker species. The N parcel is accessible from 166th Street, with a road extending to a marked parking area. An abandoned township road leads into this parcel. Birder access is medium in difficulty. The Kitzman-Morris Unit contains steep hills, with mature deciduous forested habitats attractive to species such as the eastern wood-pewee, great-crested flycatcher, yellow warbler and Baltimore oriole. This parcel is land-locked by privately owned property with sole access by boat or canoe on the Cannon River. Birder access to this unit would be considered challenging.

### 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	U	C	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Duck	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mallard	C	C	C	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Ring-necked Pheasant	C	C	C	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Wild Turkey	C	U	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Double-crested Cormorant	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Blue Heron	C	C	C	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Green Heron	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Turkey Vulture	U	O	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Osprey	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bald Eagle	U	U	U	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Sharp-shinned Hawk	U		U	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Cooper's Hawk	U	U	U	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-shouldered Hawk	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Broad-winged Hawk	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-tailed Hawk	C	C	C	U
<input type="checkbox"/> American Kestrel	C	C	C	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Killdeer	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Spotted Sandpiper	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ring-billed Gull	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Rock Pigeon	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Mourning Dove	C	C	C	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-billed Cuckoo	U	U	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Horned Owl	U	U	U	U

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<input type="checkbox"/> Barred Owl	U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Nighthawk	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Chimney Swift	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-throated Hummingbird	C	U	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Belted Kingfisher	C	U	C	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-bellied Woodpecker	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	C	U	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	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Pileated Woodpecker	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Wood-Pewee	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Willow Flycatcher	O	O		
<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"/> Yellow-throated Vireo	U	O	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue-headed Vireo	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Warbling Vireo	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-eyed Vireo	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue Jay	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> American Crow	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Horned Lark	U	U	U	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Tree Swallow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Rough-winged Swallow	U	U	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	U		U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> White-breasted Nuthatch	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown Creeper	U		U	O
<input type="checkbox"/> House Wren	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Winter Wren	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sedge Wren	C	C	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Golden-crowned Kinglet	C		C	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C		C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Bluebird	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Swainson's Thrush	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Hermit Thrush	C		C	

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<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Thrush	U	O	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Robin	C	C	C	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Gray Catbird	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown Thrasher	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> European Starling	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Cedar Waxwing	C	C	C	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue-winged Warbler	U	U		
<input type="checkbox"/> Tennessee Warbler	C		C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Orange-crowned Warbler	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Nashville Warbler	C		C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Parula	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow Warbler	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Magnolia Warbler	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Chestnut-sided Warbler	C		C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-rumped Warbler	C		C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Palm Warbler	C		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bay-breasted Warbler	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-and-white Warbler	C		C	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Redstart	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ovenbird	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Waterthrush	U		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		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Scarlet Tanager	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Tree Sparrow	C		C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Chipping Sparrow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Clay-colored Sparrow	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Field Sparrow	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Savannah Sparrow	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Song Sparrow	C	C	C	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Lincoln's Sparrow	O		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Swamp Sparrow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> White-throated Sparrow	C		C	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Harris's Sparrow	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> White-crowned Sparrow	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dark-eyed Junco	C		C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Cardinal	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Rose-breasted Grosbeak	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Indigo Bunting	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dickcissel	O	O	O	

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<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	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Grackle	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown-headed Cowbird	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Baltimore Oriole	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> House Finch	C	C	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> American Goldfinch	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> House Sparrow	C	C	C	C

This checklist contains the names of all birds that have been documented at this site by reliable observers, including Jerry Bonkoski, 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 Lintemann. 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



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 Weather: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Observers: \_\_\_\_\_  
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