

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

This checklist contains the names of all birds that have been documented at this site by reliable observers, including principal observer Bob Janssen, 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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Hemlock Ravine

Scientific and Natural Area

Checklist



Date: _____

Weather: _____

Observers: _____

Notes: _____



Birding Opportunities at Hemlock Ravine SNA

This small 50 acre SNA located in Carlton County, is an old growth northern hardwoods, white pine and eastern hemlock forest site. The eastern hemlock is at the extreme western edge of its range in Minnesota. Hemlocks grow along a ravine that follows a small spring-fed stream, and it is one of the few sites in the state where this tree occurs. Jay Cooke State Park forms a portion of the southern boundary of the SNA. **A permit is necessary to enter the sanctuary. The sanctuary area is a small part of the unit and signs are posted indicating its location.**

It is possible to see many unique boreal forest birds at this site. Fifty-seven species of birds have been observed here. The site is very important to birds during migration, and 17 species of warblers were seen during migration in 2010. Nashville, Black and White, Mourning and Canada Warblers and Ovenbirds were recorded singing and defending territories at the SNA and are presumed breeders. Barred Owls, Ruby-throated Hummingbirds and five species of woodpeckers were also recorded during the breeding season. Black-capped Chickadees and Red-breasted Nuthatches are common at the site. Spring is a good time to visit in order to see the spring migrant bird species, as well as blooming wildflowers, and the hemlocks.

The site is easily accessible on its eastern boundary from the Willard Munger State Trail. There are magnificent viewing sites along this trail of the ravine and surrounding forested area. On the western edge of the site there is a small parking area from which the top of the ravine can be easily accessed.

SNA Bird Checklist	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
<input type="checkbox"/> Canada Goose		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Turkey Vulture	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bald Eagle		R		
<input type="checkbox"/> Ring-billed Gull	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mourning Dove	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Barred Owl	O	O	O	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-throated Hummingbird	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	O	O	O	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Flicker	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pileated Woodpecker	O	O	O	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Wood-Pewee	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Least Flycatcher	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Phoebe	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Crested Flycatcher	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue-headed Vireo	U		U	
<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"/> Common Raven	U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Tree Swallow	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-capped Chickadee	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-breasted Nuthatch	C	C	C	O
<input type="checkbox"/> White-breasted Nuthatch	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-crowned Kinglet	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Veery	U	U		
<input type="checkbox"/> Hermit Thrush	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Robin	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Golden-winged Warbler	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tennessee Warbler	U		U	

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<input type="checkbox"/> Nashville Warbler	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Parula	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Chestnut-sided Warbler	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Magnolia Warbler	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-throated Green Warbler	C	U	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blackburnian Warbler	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bay-breasted Warbler	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-and-white Warbler	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Redstart	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ovenbird	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Waterthrush	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mourning Warbler	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Yellowthroat	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wilson's Warbler	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Canada Warbler	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Tree Sparrow	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Chipping Sparrow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Clay-colored Sparrow	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Song Sparrow	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> White-throated Sparrow	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dark-eyed Junco	C		C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Scarlet Tanager	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Rose-breasted Grosbeak	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-winged Blackbird	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Purple Finch	C	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pine Siskin	C		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Goldfinch	C	C	C	