

Birding Opportunities at Mary Schmidt Crawford Woods SNA

Mary Schmidt Crawford Woods SNA is located within the Big Woods Subsection, Wright County. It is 120 acres and its location amidst escalating development in the county, makes it an important place for birds. The site contains an excellent remnant of the maple-basswood forest called the "Big Woods," as well as several small wetlands. The forest floor contains a diverse assemblage of wildflowers. A total of 98 bird species have been sighted on the SNA. Wild turkeys can be occasionally seen. Woodland species that can be easily heard during the breeding season include red-eyed vireo, eastern wood peewee, and black-capped chickadees. Rarities seen at the SNA include brown creeper, rose-breasted grosbeak and sandhill crane. The small wetlands are places to see wood ducks, great blue herons and red-winged blackbirds. An old logging trail leads from the parking lot through portions of the site that were logged off in the early 1980s prior to becoming an SNA. The best time to visit is in late spring to view trillium, hepatica, and false rue anemone in bloom. A small parking area is located off of Co. Rd. 117. There are no developed trails on the SNA. Birder access is poor.

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	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tundra Swan			O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Duck	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mallard	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue-winged Teal	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bufflehead	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Hooded Merganser	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ring-necked Pheasant	O	O	O	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Wild Turkey	O	O	O	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Loon	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Pied-billed Grebe	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> American White Pelican	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Double-crested Cormorant	C	U	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Blue Heron	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Egret	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Osprey	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Harrier	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sharp-shinned Hawk	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Cooper's Hawk	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-shouldered Hawk	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Broad-winged Hawk	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-tailed Hawk	O	O	O	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Sandhill Crane	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Killdeer	O			

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<input type="checkbox"/> American Woodcock	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ring-billed Gull	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Rock Pigeon	U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Mourning Dove	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-billed Cuckoo	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Barred Owl	O	O	O	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-throated Hummingbird	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Belted Kingfisher	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-bellied Woodpecker	C	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	U	U	U	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Pileated Woodpecker	U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Wood-Pewee	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Least Flycatcher	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Phoebe	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Crested Flycatcher	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Kingbird	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-throated Vireo	U	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"/> Tree Swallow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Rough-winged Swallow	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn Swallow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-capped Chickadee	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> White-breasted Nuthatch	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown Creeper	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> House Wren	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Winter Wren	O		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-crowned Kinglet	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Bluebird	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Veery	O	O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Swainson's Thrush	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Hermit Thrush	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Thrush	O	O		
<input type="checkbox"/> American Robin	C	C	C	O
<input type="checkbox"/> European Starling	C	C	C	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Cedar Waxwing	C		C	

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<input type="checkbox"/> Tennessee Warbler	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow Warbler	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Chestnut-sided Warbler	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-rumped Warbler	C		C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blackburnian Warbler	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-and-white Warbler	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Redstart	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ovenbird	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Yellowthroat	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Canada Warbler	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Scarlet Tanager	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Tree Sparrow	U		U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Chipping Sparrow	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Vesper Sparrow	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fox Sparrow	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Song Sparrow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Lincoln's Sparrow	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Swamp Sparrow	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> White-throated Sparrow	C		C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Harris's Sparrow			O	
<input type="checkbox"/> White-crowned Sparrow			O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dark-eyed Junco	C		C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Cardinal	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Rose-breasted Grosbeak	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Indigo Bunting	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bobolink	O		O	
<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"/> Purple Finch	O		O	O
<input type="checkbox"/> House Finch	O	O	O	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Pine Siskin			O	O
<input type="checkbox"/> American Goldfinch	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> House Sparrow	C	C	C	C

Additional Observations

This checklist contains the names of all birds that have been documented at this site by reliable observers, including Bob Janssen, 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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Mary Schmidt Crawford Woods Scientific and Natural Area

BIRD Checklist



Date: _____

Weather: _____

Observers: _____

Notes: _____

