

## Birding Opportunities at Chamberlain Woods SNA

This 302 acre SNA, located in LeSueur County, is a prime example of Minnesota River floodplain and adjacent hillsides. The SNA contains nice examples of bottomland forest along the river, and oak savanna in the uplands. The site is bounded on the west and north by the Minnesota River. River bottomland wetlands predominate in the northern portion of the SNA. One hundred thirty-six bird species have been recorded on this unit. This is an excellent destination for viewing wild turkeys, and the mature forests support black-billed cuckoo, 6 species of woodpecker, and Eastern wood peewee. In the oak savanna, look for eastern kingbird, field sparrow, and eastern bluebird. Ducks and other waterbirds, such as great blue heron, can be seen on the river itself.

Parking is located in the southeast corner of the SNA off of 380th Street. There are no trails although one barely visible path heads west and north from the parking area into the oak savanna and deciduous forest (see map). It continues to the edge of the river where one can walk along the river during low water periods.

### 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"/> Gadwall                   | U  |    | U  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Wigeon           | U  |    | U  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mallard                   | C  | C  | C  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blue-winged Teal          | U  | U  | U  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Shoveler         | U  |    | U  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Green-winged Teal         | O  |    | O  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canvasback                | U  |    | U  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greater Scaup             | O  |    | O  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bufflehead                | U  |    | U  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hooded Merganser          | U  | U  | U  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ring-necked Pheasant      | U  | U  | U  | U  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wild Turkey               | U  | U  | U  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Double-crested Cormorant  | U  | U  | U  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Great Blue Heron          | U  | U  | U  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Great Egret               | U  | U  | U  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Green Heron               | U  | U  | U  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey Vulture            | U  | U  | U  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Osprey                    | O  |    | O  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sharp-shinned Hawk        | O  |    | O  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cooper's Hawk             | O  | O  | O  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Broad-winged Hawk         | O  | O  | O  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Red-tailed Hawk           | C  | C  | C  | U  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Merlin                    | O  |    | O  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Killdeer                  | U  | U  | U  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lesser Yellowlegs         | O  |    | O  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rock Pigeon               | C  | C  | C  | C  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mourning Dove             | C  | C  | C  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black-bellied Cuckoo      | U  | U  | U  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chimney Swift             | O  | O  | O  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-throated Hummingbird | O  |    | O  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Belted Kingfisher         | U  | U  | U  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Red-bellied Woodpecker    | C  | C  | C  | C  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-bellied Sapsucker  | U  | O  | U  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Downy Woodpecker          | C  | C  | C  | C  |

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|--|----|----|----|----|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hairy Woodpecker              | C  | C  | C  | C  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Flicker              | C  | C  | C  | O  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pileated Woodpecker           | U  | U  | U  | U  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Olive-sided Flycatcher        | O  |    | O  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Wood-Pewee            | C  | C  | C  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-bellied Flycatcher     | O  |    | O  | O  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alder Flycatcher              | O  |    | O  | O  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Willow Flycatcher             | U  | U  | U  | U  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Least Flycatcher              | U  | U  | U  | U  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Phoebe                | U  | U  | U  | U  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Great Crested Flycatcher      | U  | U  | U  | U  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Kingbird              | C  | C  | C  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-throated Vireo         | U  | U  | U  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blue-headed Vireo             | O  |    | O  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Warbling Vireo                | C  | C  | C  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Red-eyed Vireo                | U  | U  | U  |    |
| <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  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tree Swallow                  | C  | C  | C  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Rough-winged Swallow | U  | U  | U  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank Swallow                  | C  | C  | C  | C  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cliff Swallow                 | C  | C  | C  | C  |
| <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                    | C  | C  | C  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Winter Wren                   | O  |    | O  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Golden-crowned Kinglet        | U  |    | 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"/> Gray-cheeked Thrush           | O  |    | O  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swainson's Thrush             | U  |    | U  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hermit Thrush                 | U  |    | U  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Robin                | C  | C  | C  | C  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gray Catbird                  | C  | C  | C  |    |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Brown Thrasher               | U  | U  | U  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> European Starling            | U  | U  | U  | U  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Pipit               | O  |    | O  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cedar Waxwing                | C  | U  | C  | O  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blue-winged Warbler          | U  | U  | U  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Golden-winged Warbler        | O  |    | O  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tennessee Warbler            | U  |    | U  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Orange-crowned Warbler       | U  |    | U  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nashville Warbler            | U  |    | U  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Parula              | O  |    | O  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow Warbler               | C  | C  | C  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chestnut-sided Warbler       | U  |    | U  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Magnolia Warbler             | U  |    | U  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-rumped Warbler        | C  |    | C  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black-throated Green Warbler | O  |    | O  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blackburnian Warbler         | O  |    | O  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Palm Warbler                 | U  |    | U  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bay-breasted Warbler         | O  |    | O  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blackpoll Warbler            | U  |    | U  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black-and-white Warbler      | U  |    | U  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Redstart            | C  | C  | C  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ovenbird                     | U  | O  | U  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Waterthrush         | O  |    | O  |    |
| <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"/> Summer Tanager               |    | O  |    |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scarlet Tanager              | U  | U  | U  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Tree Sparrow        | C  |    | C  | U  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chipping Sparrow             | C  | C  | C  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clay-colored Sparrow         | U  | U  | U  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Field Sparrow                | C  | C  | C  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vesper Sparrow               | C  | C  | C  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lark Sparrow                 | U  | U  | U  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Savannah Sparrow             | U  | U  | U  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grasshopper Sparrow          | O  | O  |    |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fox Sparrow                  | U  |    | U  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Song Sparrow                 | C  | C  | C  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lincoln's Sparrow            | U  |    | U  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swamp Sparrow                | U  | U  | U  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> White-throated Sparrow       | C  |    | C  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Harris's Sparrow             | U  |    | U  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> White-crowned Sparrow        | U  |    | U  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dark-eyed Junco              | C  |    | C  | U  |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Northern Cardinal      | C  | C  | C  | C  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rose-breasted Grosbeak | U  | U  | U  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Indigo Bunting         | U  | U  | U  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dickcissel             | O  | O  |    |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bobolink               | U  | U  | U  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Red-winged Blackbird   | C  | C  | C  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Meadowlark     | O  | O  | O  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Western Meadowlark     | U  | U  | U  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rusty Blackbird        | U  |    | U  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Common Grackle         | C  | C  | C  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brown-headed Cowbird   | C  | C  | U  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Orchard Oriole         | O  | O  |    |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baltimore Oriole       | C  | C  | C  |    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Purple Finch           | O  |    | O  | O  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> House Finch            | U  | U  | U  | U  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pine Siskin            | O  |    | O  | O  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Goldfinch     | C  | C  | C  | C  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> House Sparrow          | O  | O  | O  | O  |

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## Scientific and Natural Area

# Checklist



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_



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