

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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Spring Beauty Northern Hardwoods Scientific and Natural Area

✓ BIRD Checklist



Date: _____

Weather: _____

Observers: _____

Notes: _____



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**Birding Opportunities at
Spring Beauty Northern Hardwoods SNA**

The Spring Beauty Northern Hardwoods SNA contains a rare old-growth northern hardwoods forest and several protected plant species associated only with this plant community. Sugar Maples are the most abundant trees in this 540 acre forest, and a range of age classes are present, including large old-growth trees as well as young regeneration. There is also a mixture of white cedar, white spruce, yellow birch and white pine. The site is located in Cook County, two miles northwest of Hovland.

Thirty two bird species were recorded during 2010 surveys of the site. The low number of species is probably due to the dominance of sugar maple, and the lack of varied habitats in the area. Veery and Hermit Thrush are breeders, and Downy Woodpecker, Black-capped Chickadee, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Ruffed Grouse and Red-eyed Vireo are also common. Nashville, Chestnut-sided and Black-throated Green Warblers and American Redstarts are potential breeding warbler species on the site. Rare plants include Carolina Spring Beauty, and the rare Chilean Sweet Cicely.

Access is from the Hovland Tower Forest Road off of County Road 16 (Arrowhead Trail), at a gate located at the eastern boundary of the unit. Access is considered difficult due to steep terrain, and lack of natural boundary markers. The boundary has been signed.

SNA Bird Checklist	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruffed Grouse	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Bald Eagle	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Broad-winged Hawk	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Merlin	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Downy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Wood-Pewee	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Least Flycatcher	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Phoebe	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Crested Flycatcher	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Philadelphia Vireo	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-eyed Vireo	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue Jay	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Crow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Raven	C	C	C	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-capped Chickadee	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-breasted Nuthatch	C	C	C	U
<input type="checkbox"/> White-breasted Nuthatch	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Veery	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Swainson's Thrush	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Hermit Thrush	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Robin	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Cedar Waxwing	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Nashville Warbler	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Chestnut-sided Warbler	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-throated Blue Warbler	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-throated Green Warbler	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blackburnian Warbler	U	U	U	

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<input type="checkbox"/> Black-and-white Warbler	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Redstart	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ovenbird	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mourning Warbler	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Canada Warbler	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Tree Sparrow	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Chipping Sparrow	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Song Sparrow	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> White-throated Sparrow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Scarlet Tanager	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Indigo Bunting	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Goldfinch	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Evening Grosbeak	O		O	