

**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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# Butterwort Cliffs

## Scientific and Natural Area

# Checklist



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

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

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

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



## Birding Opportunities at Butterwort Cliffs SNA

Butterwort Cliffs SNA in Cook County is located six miles SW of Grand Marais. The SNA consists of a narrow strip of wet "rock shore" natural community on Lake Superior and includes an aspen-birch forest that extends from the rock shore to the northern border of the SNA. A variety of colorful lichens are found on the cliffs, and the cool moist climate near the lake provides habitat for a number of rare arctic-alpine plants, including the Hudson Bay Eyebright and Common Butterwort.

Thirty four species of birds have been recorded at this SNA. A Peregrine Falcon pair nests on the cliffs. Merlins and Bald Eagles have also been observed. Other species recorded were typical for this area and adjacent Cascade River State Park. Common Loons and Horned Grebes have been observed on the surrounding Lake Superior waters. Bald Eagles have regularly nested at the site.

Access is rugged, although available from Highway 61 for the length of the SNA. Parking is also available at a small parking area across Highway 69. **Note that this site is closed from May 1st through July 15th to protect the Herring Gull nesting colony.**

SNA Bird Checklist	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
<input type="checkbox"/> Canada Goose	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Loon	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Horned Grebe	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bald Eagle	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Harrier	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Broad-winged Hawk	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Merlin	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Peregrine Falcon	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Herring Gull	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-throated Hummingbird	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Downy Woodpecker	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Least Flycatcher	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Phoebe	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-eyed Vireo	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Crow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Raven	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-capped Chickadee	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-breasted Nuthatch	C	C	C	U
<input type="checkbox"/> American Robin	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Gray Catbird	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Nashville Warbler	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Chestnut-sided Warbler	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-throated Green Warbler	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Redstart	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ovenbird	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mourning Warbler	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Yellowthroat	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Tree Sparrow	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Song Sparrow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> White-throated Sparrow	C	U	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dark-eyed Junco	C		C	

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<input type="checkbox"/> Purple Finch	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pine Siskin	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Goldfinch	U	U	U	