

Birding Opportunities at Two Rivers SNA

The 1,333-acre Two Rivers SNA contains some of the finest prairie parkland in northwestern Minnesota. Its swells and swales support extensive areas of wet and wet-mesic brush prairie, shrubby wet meadow, and aspen woodland. A prominent beach ridge of the Agassiz Lacustrine Plain lies along the south margin. Willows, bog birch, and shrubby cinquefoil dot the wetter areas. In better drained sites, hazel, chokecherry, and serviceberry thrive, along with scattered bur oak. Quaking aspen increases in density toward the southwest, where it forms an aspen woodland. More than 85 species of birds use the area during the year including Sandhill Cranes, American Woodcock, Wilson's Snipe, Eastern Towhee, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Common Raven and Black-billed Magpie.

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	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Mallard	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruffed Grouse	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Sharp-tailed Grouse		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Greater Prairie-Chicken		R		
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Blue Heron		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Harrier		C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-tailed Hawk			U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Merlin	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow Rail		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Virginia Rail	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Sora		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Sandhill Crane	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Killdeer	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Upland Sandpiper		C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Wilson's Snipe	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> American Woodcock		U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mourning Dove	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-billed Cuckoo		U		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		U		
<input type="checkbox"/> Downy Woodpecker	U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Hairy Woodpecker	U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Flicker	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pileated Woodpecker	U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Wood-Pewee		C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-bellied Flycatcher			U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Alder Flycatcher		C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Willow Flycatcher		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Least Flycatcher	C	C		

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<input type="checkbox"/> Great Crested Flycatcher	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Kingbird	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-throated Vireo	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Warbling Vireo	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-eyed Vireo	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Gray Jay			O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue Jay	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-billed Magpie		C		U
<input type="checkbox"/> American Crow	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Raven	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Tree Swallow	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn Swallow	C	U	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-capped Chickadee	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> House Wren	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Winter Wren			O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sedge Wren	C			
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Bluebird	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Veery	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Thrush		U		
<input type="checkbox"/> American Robin	U			
<input type="checkbox"/> Gray Catbird	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown Thrasher	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Cedar Waxwing	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tennessee Warbler	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Orange-crowned Warbler	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Nashville Warbler	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow Warbler	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Chestnut-sided Warbler		U		
<input type="checkbox"/> Blackburnian Warbler			O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pine Warbler			O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blackpoll Warbler	U			
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-and-white Warbler		U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Redstart		C	U	

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<input type="checkbox"/> Ovenbird	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Yellowthroat	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wilson's Warbler			O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Towhee	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Chipping Sparrow	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Clay-colored Sparrow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Vesper Sparrow	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Savannah Sparrow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Le Conte's Sparrow	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow	R			
<input type="checkbox"/> Song Sparrow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Lincoln's Sparrow			U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Swamp Sparrow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> White-throated Sparrow		U		
<input type="checkbox"/> Snow Bunting				C
<input type="checkbox"/> Rose-breasted Grosbeak	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-winged Blackbird	C			
<input type="checkbox"/> Western Meadowlark	U			
<input type="checkbox"/> Brewer's Blackbird	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown-headed Cowbird	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Baltimore Oriole	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Redpoll				C
<input type="checkbox"/> Hoary Redpoll				O
<input type="checkbox"/> American Goldfinch	C	C	C	

Additional Observations

Additional Observations (Continued)

This checklist contains the names of all birds that have been documented at this site by reliable observers, including project coordinator Melissa Driscoll, Carol Schumacher, and 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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Two Rivers Aspen Prairie Parkland Scientific and Natural Area

BIIRD Checklist



Date: _____

Weather: _____

Observers: _____

Notes: _____



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