

## Birding Opportunities at Gustafson's Camp SNA

Gustafson's Camp SNA is located within the Beltrami Island State Forest about 35 miles NW of Waskish, MN or about 15 miles south of Baudette, MN in Lake of the Woods County. The access trail leads south 1.6 miles towards the SNA from the Stony Corners Forest Road/ County C This trail may not be accessible by vehicles every year.

This 185 acre SNA has a list of 18 species of warbler that have been recorded during migration or the nesting season. It is also a good place to hear singing Hermit and Swainson's Thrush, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, and the many nesting warblers. Boreal Chickadees, Gray Jays and Spruce Grouse, with an active territory in the southwest corner, have been recorded in the SNA. Habitat within the SNA is mostly upland mature forest with a mixture of deciduous trees and conifers. There are some small marshy areas within the SNA and a larger beaver pond that intrudes into the SNA near the northwest corner. The SNA was the site of a logging camp in the early 20th century. Many old growth white pines remain in the area.

Access to the SNA is relatively easy from the access trail, which is located about 11.7 miles west of the intersection of County Road 1 and County Road 87. It is recommended to drive the 0.9 miles of the access trail and then park and walk the remaining 0.6 miles to the SNA. There are good birding opportunities at this SNA, and this remnant old-growth stand is an excellent example of what the area may have looked like in a bygone era.

SNA Bird Checklist	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
<input type="checkbox"/> Canada Goose	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Trumpeter Swan	U	U		
<input type="checkbox"/> Mallard	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruffed Grouse	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Spruce Grouse	C	U	U	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Turkey Vulture	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bald Eagle	C	C	C	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Golden Eagle				O
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Harrier	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sharp-shinned Hawk	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Goshawk				O
<input type="checkbox"/> Broad-winged Hawk	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-tailed Hawk	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sandhill Crane	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wilson's Snipe	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Woodcock	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Barred Owl	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Gray Owl	O		O	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Saw-whet Owl	U		U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-throated Hummingbird	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	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	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-backed Woodpecker	U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> American Three-toed Woodpecker	O		O	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Pileated Woodpecker	U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Olive-sided Flycatcher	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Wood-Pewee	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Alder Flycatcher	U	U	U	

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<input type="checkbox"/> Least Flycatcher	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Crested Flycatcher	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue-headed Vireo	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-eyed Vireo	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Gray Jay	C	U	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue Jay	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-billed Magpie	O		O	O
<input type="checkbox"/> American Crow	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Raven	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-capped Chickadee	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Boreal Chickadee	U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-breasted Nuthatch	C	C	C	U
<input type="checkbox"/> White-breasted Nuthatch	C	C	C	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown Creeper	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Winter Wren	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Golden-crowned Kinglet	C		C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C		C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Veery	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Gray-cheeked Thrush	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Swainson's Thrush	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Hermit Thrush	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Robin	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tennessee Warbler	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Orange-crowned Warbler	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Nashville Warbler	C		C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Parula	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow Warbler	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Chestnut-sided Warbler	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Magnolia Warbler	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-rumped Warbler	C		C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-throated Green Warbler	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blackburnian Warbler	U	U	U	

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<input type="checkbox"/> Palm Warbler	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blackpoll Warbler	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-and-white Warbler	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Redstart	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ovenbird	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mourning Warbler	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Yellowthroat	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Canada Warbler	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Scarlet Tanager	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Tree Sparrow	C		C	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Clay-colored Sparrow	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Vesper Sparrow	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fox Sparrow	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Song Sparrow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Swamp Sparrow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> White-throated Sparrow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dark-eyed Junco	C	O	C	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Rose-breasted Grosbeak	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Indigo Bunting	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bobolink	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-winged Blackbird	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Brewer's Blackbird	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Grackle	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Baltimore Oriole	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pine Grosbeak	U		U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Purple Finch	C	C	C	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Red Crossbill	U		U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> White-winged Crossbill	U		U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Redpoll	U		U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Hoary Redpoll	O		O	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Pine Siskin	U	O	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> American Goldfinch	C	C	C	O

### 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 Jerry Bonkoski, 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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## Scientific and Natural Area

# Checklist



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

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

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

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



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