

**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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# Lutsen

## Scientific and Natural Area

# Checklist



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

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

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

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



## Birding Opportunities at Lutsen SNA

This SNA is one of the largest undisturbed old-growth hardwood forests in the North Shore Highlands Subsection. It is located near the Lutsen Mountain Ski Resort in Cook County. Sweeping panoramic views of ridges, slopes, cliffs, and valleys dip to 600 feet below the SNA. Eagle Mountain rises over a thousand feet above Lake Superior, and is located directly west of the SNA. The SNA contains large trees, some approaching 300 years in age.

A total of 53 species of birds were recorded within the unit. Eleven species of warblers were seen with Ovenbirds being especially common. Nashville, Magnolia, Black-throated Green, Blackburnian, Black and White Warblers and American Redstarts were also common and recorded in good numbers in many parts of the SNA. Singing Swainson's Thrush and Hermit Thrush were heard in the densely forested areas. As with all the SNAs along the North Shore of Lake Superior, Black-capped Chickadee's and Red-breasted Nuthatch's were abundant in the forest. Ruffed Grouse were heard drumming in several locations an April and May. Five species of woodpeckers were recorded during the surveys. Although Black-throated Blue Warblers are listed as occurring in this area none were seen nor heard during the 2010 survey period.

Access to Lutsen SNA is via either a snowmobile or ski trail, which leave County Road 5 (Ski Hill Rd.) 0.4 and 0.5 miles south of Lutsen Resort and run east toward the SNA. From Cty. 5 it is approximately a half-mile walk to the SNA boundary. After the trails intersect within the SNA, stay on the ski trail for the best access to the old forest, which is mostly uphill from the trail. A GPS unit and topographic map are useful in navigating this SNA.

SNA Bird Checklist	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
<input type="checkbox"/> Canada Goose	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mallard	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruffed Grouse	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Loon	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Double-crested Cormorant	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Turkey Vulture	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bald Eagle	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Barred Owl			U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-throated Hummingbird	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Downy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Hairy Woodpecker	U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-backed Woodpecker			O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Flicker	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pileated Woodpecker	U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Least Flycatcher	U	U	U	
<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	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Tree Swallow	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-capped Chickadee	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-breasted Nuthatch	C	C	C	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Winter Wren	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Golden-crowned Kinglet	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-crowned Kinglet	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Swainson's Thrush	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Hermit Thrush	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Robin	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> European Starling	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Nashville Warbler	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Parula		U		

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<input type="checkbox"/> Chestnut-sided Warbler	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Magnolia Warbler	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-throated Blue Warbler		U		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-rumped Warbler	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-throated Green Warbler	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blackburnian Warbler	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Palm Warbler	U		U	
<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	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Scarlet Tanager		U		
<input type="checkbox"/> Chipping Sparrow	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Clay-colored Sparrow	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Song Sparrow	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> White-throated Sparrow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Rose-breasted Grosbeak	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Grackle	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Purple Finch	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pine Siskin	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Goldfinch	C	C	C	