

Birding Opportunities at Lundblad Prairie SNA

Lundblad Prairie SNA is an 80 acre SNA located in the central portion of Murray County, approximately 4 miles south of Slayton, MN. It is one of the largest and best mesic prairie remnants in the Coteau Moraines of SW MN. The center portion of the SNA includes a cattail marsh with some open water, and a small stream runs through the SNA from north through the cattail area, exiting at the SW corner of the SNA.

A total of 84 bird species have been recorded. This SNA supports a large nesting colony of Yellow-headed Blackbirds along with Red-winged Blackbirds, Sedge and Marsh Wrens, Swamp Sparrows, Bobolinks and Common Yellowthroats. Canada Geese and other waterfowl utilize the open water in the center of the SNA. In May and June of 2009, both American Bittern and Least Bittern were heard calling from the cattail area of the SNA along with Virginia Rail and Sora. A Black-crowned Night Heron was also seen flying during surveys.

Other nesting species included Ring-necked Pheasant, Killdeer, and Savannah and Song Sparrow. Mourning Doves and American Goldfinch use the SNA extensively. Adjacent farmsteads attract several common species. Nearby North and South Badger Lakes, provide an interchange of waterfowl and other bird species with the SNA.

This SNA is surrounded by agricultural fields so it provides a source of food and nesting habitat for grassland/wetland birds. Along with Badger Lake WMA, North and South Badger Lake, this is an interesting destination to see prairie species in Murray County.

The SNA is located on the south side of 61st Street, which can be accessed from Cty. Hwy's 33 or 34. There is parking available along 61st Street and also along the minimum maintenance road giving easy access to the SNA. The surrounding upland prairies are easily accessed for hiking.

SNA Bird Checklist	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
<input type="checkbox"/> Cackling Goose	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Canada Goose	C	C	C	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Duck	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Gadwall	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mallard	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue-winged Teal	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Shoveler	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Pintail	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Green-winged Teal	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Redhead	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ring-necked Duck	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruddy Duck	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Gray Partridge	U	U	U	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Ring-necked Pheasant	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Pied-bill Grebe	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Double-crested Cormorant	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Bittern	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Least Bittern	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Blue Heron	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Green Heron	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-crowned Night-heron	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Turkey Vulture	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Harrier	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Broad-winged Hawk	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-tailed Hawk	C	C	C	U
<input type="checkbox"/> American Kestrel	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Virginia Rail	U	U		
<input type="checkbox"/> Sora	U	U		
<input type="checkbox"/> American Coot	U		U	

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<input type="checkbox"/> Killdeer	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wilson's Phalarope	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Franklin's Gull	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ring-billed Gull	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black Tern	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Forester's Tern	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Rock Pigeon	C	C	C	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Mourning Dove	C	C	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Flicker	C	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Least Flycatcher	U	U	U	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Phoebe	U	U	U	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Kingbird	U	U	U	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue Jay	O	O	O	O
<input type="checkbox"/> American Crow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Horned Lark	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tree Swallow	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Rough-winged Swallow	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn Swallow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> White-breasted Nuthatch	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> House Wren	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sedge Wren	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Marsh Wren	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Golden-crowned Kinglet	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-crowned Kinglet	U		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Robin	C	C	C	

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<input type="checkbox"/> Brown Thrasher	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> European Starling	C	C	C	U
<input type="checkbox"/> American Pipit	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow Warbler	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Palm Warbler	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Yellowthroat	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Tree Sparrow	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Chipping Sparrow	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Clay-colored Sparrow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Vesper Sparrow	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Savannah Sparrow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> LeConte's Sparrow	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fox Sparrow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Song Sparrow	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Swamp Sparrow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> White-throated Sparrow	U		U	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Dark-eyed Junco	C		C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Lapland Longspur	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Snow Bunting	U		U	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Indigo Bunting	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dickcissel	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bobolink	C	C	C	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-winged Blackbird	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Western Meadowlark	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-headed Blackbird	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Rusty Blackbird	O		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Grackle	C		C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown-headed Cowbird	C		C	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Goldfinch	C		C	
<input type="checkbox"/> House Sparrow	C	C	C	

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.

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Lundblad Prairie

Scientific and Natural Area

Checklist



Date: _____

Weather: _____

Observers: _____

Notes: _____



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