

Birding Opportunities at Wood-Rill SNA

Wood-Rill SNA is a 150 acre forested preserve, located in Hennepin County. This SNA preserves a sizeable remnant of the beautiful Big Woods. The area is primarily maple-basswood forest, which covers the undulating terrain of the St. Croix moraine. The undisturbed old-growth forest is 120 to 400 years old. An upland canopy of red oak, basswood, sugar maple, and white oak towers over other trees, including a few butternut. The unit also includes lakeshore, ponds, and sedge meadows. A moist lowland forest of red maple, black ash, hackberry, basswood, and green ash, grades into a small tamarack swamp at one end.

A total of 87 bird species have been recorded here. Look for red-shouldered hawks and barred owls. A variety of forest songbird species can be seen here including blue-gray gnatcatcher, yellow-throated vireo, rose-breasted grosbeak and indigo bunting.

A parking area is located off the south side of Old Long Lake Road. From the parking area, several well used walking trails traverse the SNA. The Luce Line Trail forms a portion of the southern boundary. Birder access is excellent.

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	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Duck	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mallard	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue-winged Teal	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Hooded Merganser	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ring-necked Pheasant	O	O	O	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Double-crested Cormorant	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Blue Heron	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Egret	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Green Heron	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sharp-shinned Hawk	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-shouldered Hawk	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Broad-winged Hawk	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-tailed Hawk	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ring-billed Gull	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mourning Dove	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Barred Owl	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-throated Hummingbird	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Belted Kingfisher	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-bellied Woodpecker	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Downy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Hairy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C

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<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Flicker	C	C	C	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Pileated Woodpecker	O	O	O	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Wood-Pewee	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Acadian Flycatcher		R		
<input type="checkbox"/> Least Flycatcher	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Phoebe	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Crested Flycatcher	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-throated Vireo	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue-headed Vireo	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-eyed Vireo	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue Jay	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> American Crow	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Purple Martin	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tree Swallow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Rough-winged Swallow	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn Swallow	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-capped Chickadee	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> White-breasted Nuthatch	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> House Wren	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Winter Wren	O		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Golden-crowned Kinglet	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C		C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Bluebird	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Hermit Thrush	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Robin	C	C	C	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Gray Catbird	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Cedar Waxwing	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tennessee Warbler	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Orange-crowned Warbler	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Nashville Warbler	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Parula	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow Warbler	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Chestnut-sided Warbler	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Magnolia Warbler	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-rumped Warbler	C		C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-throated Green Warbler	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Palm Warbler	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bay-breasted Warbler	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-and-white Warbler	O		O	

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<input type="checkbox"/> American Redstart	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ovenbird	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Waterthrush	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Yellowthroat	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wilson's Warbler	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Scarlet Tanager	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Chipping Sparrow	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fox Sparrow	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Song Sparrow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Lincoln's Sparrow	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Swamp Sparrow	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> White-throated Sparrow	C		C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Harris's Sparrow	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> White-crowned Sparrow	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dark-eyed Junco	C		C	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Cardinal	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Rose-breasted Grosbeak	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Indigo Bunting	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-winged Blackbird	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Grackle	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown-headed Cowbird	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> House Finch	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> American Goldfinch	C	C	C	U
<input type="checkbox"/> House Sparrow	U	U	U	U

Additional Observations

This checklist contains the names of all birds that have been documented at this site by reliable observers, including Bob Janssen, 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 the Project Supervisor/Nongame Specialist Katie Haws at 218-308-2641.

Wood-Rill Scientific and Natural Area

BIIRD Checklist



Date: _____

Weather: _____

Observers: _____

Notes: _____

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