

## Birding Opportunities at Seminary Fen SNA

Seminary Fen is a 73 acre SNA located in Carver County. This SNA is primarily noted for its rare plant communities that are found in the alkaline seeps and springs which emerge from the base of the bluff that leads to the Minnesota River. This moist peat terrain also provides excellent habitat for birds. A total of 81 species were recorded from April to November 2009. Twelve species of warblers were recorded including the rare Hooded Warbler found in September. Eleven species of sparrows were found during the surveys. Fox Lincoln's, American Tree and White-throated Sparrows and Dark-eyed Junco's were common especially during the fall migration. Song Sparrows were common throughout the survey. Two Lark Sparrows were found in May, they possibly nested somewhere in the area. Willow Flycatchers were heard and seen in the lowland portion of the Fen during June.

Access to this SNA is from Flying Cloud Drive (Old US 212). The area is 2.75 mi. E. of MN Hwy. 41. Access to the unit for hiking is possible along the south and west boundary area.

SNA Bird Checklist	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
<input type="checkbox"/> Canada Goose	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mallard	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ring-necked Pheasant	U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Wild Turkey	U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Blue Heron	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Egret	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Turkey Vulture	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bald Eagle	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Cooper's Hawk	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Broad-winged Hawk	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-tailed Hawk	U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Killdeer	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mourning Dove	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Chimney Swift	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-throated Hummingbird		U	U	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-bellied Woodpecker	U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Downy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Hairy Woodpecker	U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Flicker	U	U	U	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Pileated Woodpecker	O	O	O	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Wood-Pewee	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Willow Flycatcher	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Least Flycatcher	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Phoebe	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Crested Flycatcher	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-throated Vireo	U	U	U	

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<input type="checkbox"/> Warbling Vireo	U	U	U	
<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"/> Tree Swallow	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn Swallow	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-capped Chickadee	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> White-breasted Nuthatch	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown Creeper	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> House Wren	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sedge Wren	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Golden-crowned Kinglet	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-crowned Kinglet	U		C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Bluebird	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Swainson's Thrush	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Robin	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Gray Catbird	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown Thrasher	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Cedar Waxwing	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue-winged Warbler	O	O	O	
<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"/> Yellow Warbler	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-rumped Warbler	C		C	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Redstart	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ovenbird	U		U	

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<input type="checkbox"/> Common Yellowthroat	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Hooded Warbler			O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wilson's Warbler	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Canada Warbler	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Tree Sparrow	C		C	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Chipping Sparrow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Field Sparrow	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Lark Sparrow	O	O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Fox Sparrow	C		C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Song Sparrow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Lincoln's Sparrow	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Swamp Sparrow	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> White-throated Sparrow	C		C	
<input type="checkbox"/> White-crowned Sparrow	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dark-eyed Junco	C		C	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Scarlet Tanager	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Cardinal	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Rose-breasted Grosbeak	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Indigo Bunting	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-winged Blackbird	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Rusty Blackbird	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Grackle	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown-headed Cowbird	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Baltimore Oriole	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> House Finch	U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Pine Siskin	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Goldfinch	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 Bob Janssen, 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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## Scientific and Natural Area

# Checklist



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

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

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

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



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