

## Birding Opportunities at Sedan Brook Prairie

Located in Central Minnesota, at the east edge of the prairie landscape, this 225 acre site protects one of the few prairie remnants. This significant native prairie remnant is in the north central part of the SNA. Sedan Brook itself, bordered by a broad wetland, traverses the entire site from northwest to southeast and occupies nearly half of the SNA. At least 80 acres of formerly cultivated fields, including a 40 acre brome field and a prairie restoration, are found in the eastern half of the site. Fifteen acres northeast of the brook were grazed through the summer of 2008. There is mixed deciduous forest on the south-east portion of the SNA.

Seventy five bird species have been recorded at the site. Look for Willow Flycatcher and Marsh Wren and Swamp Sparrow in the wetter areas. You may find Mourning Doves, Clay-colored Sparrows and American Goldfinch in the upland prairie open areas.

No trails exist on the site. Access is off of Stearns County Road 27 on the south and a gravel road along the northeast boundary gives access to the northern portion of the SNA. Access is difficult and hiking in the wetlands would be very difficult.

### 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	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ring-necked Pheasant	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Pied-billed Grebe	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Double-crested Cormorant	U	O	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Egret	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Turkey Vulture	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bald Eagle	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Harrier	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-tailed Hawk	U	U	U	O
<input type="checkbox"/> American Kestrel	U	U	U	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Virginia Rail	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sora	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Killdeer	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wilson's Snipe	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Rock Pigeon	U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Mourning Dove	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-throated Hummingbird	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Belted Kingfisher	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Downy Woodpecker	U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Hairy Woodpecker	U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Flicker	U	U	U	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Alder Flycatcher	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Willow Flycatcher	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Least Flycatcher	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Phoebe	U	O	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Crested Flycatcher	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Kingbird	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Warbling Vireo	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-eyed Vireo	C	U	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue Jay	C	C	C	U

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<input type="checkbox"/> American Crow	C	C	C	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Horned Lark	C	C	C	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Purple Martin	U	O	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tree Swallow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Cliff Swallow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn Swallow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-capped Chickadee	C	C	C	U
<input type="checkbox"/> White-breasted Nuthatch	C	C	C	U
<input type="checkbox"/> House Wren	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sedge Wren	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Marsh Wren	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C		C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Veery	U	U		
<input type="checkbox"/> American Robin	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Gray Catbird	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown Thrasher	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> European Starling	C	C	C	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Cedar Waxwing	C	O	C	O
<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"/> Palm Warbler	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Redstart	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Yellowthroat	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Tree Sparrow	C		C	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Chipping Sparrow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Clay-colored Sparrow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Vesper Sparrow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Song Sparrow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Swamp Sparrow	C	C	C	
<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"/> Rose-breasted Grosbeak	O	O	O	

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<input type="checkbox"/> Bobolink	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-winged Blackbird	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Rusty Blackbird	O		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Grackle	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown-headed Cowbird	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Goldfinch	C	C	C	O
<input type="checkbox"/> House Sparrow	U	U	U	U

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

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## Scientific and Natural Area

# BIIRD Checklist



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

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

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

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



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