

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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Myhr Creek Ridge

Scientific and Natural Area

Checklist



Date: _____

Weather: _____

Observers: _____

Notes: _____



**Birding Opportunities at
Myhr Creek Ridge SNA**

Myhr Creek Ridge SNA straddles a four-square mile bedrock hill overlooking Lake Superior. This newly established SNA is located in Cook County, 1.7 miles W. of Hovland. The area consists of dense mixed coniferous and deciduous forest interspersed with wetlands and a ridge of jack pine in the southern portion of the SNA. The site is one of the few examples of fire dependant native plant communities present along the North Shore.

Forty-five species of birds have been recorded at the site. Unique species include Solitary Sandpiper which was seen in late May 2010. This observation probably indicates nesting in the area of this rare breeding species in Minnesota. Black-backed Woodpecker, a pine-associated species, was also seen on the unit. Twelve species of warblers were recorded on the site, the majority of which were most likely potential breeders on the SNA. Black-throated Green Warblers were especially common. Ruffed Grouse were well represented in the area with several broods of young observed. Black-capped Chickadees and Red-breasted Nuthatches were common on the SNA.

Access is gained from County Road 69 (North Road), although because of the steep terrain and pristine forest conditions one must be prepared for remote exploration. The boundary of the unit is posted.

SNA Bird Checklist	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
<input type="checkbox"/> Canada Goose	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mallard	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Goldeneye	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruffed Grouse	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Bald Eagle	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Broad-winged Hawk		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Solitary Sandpiper	O	O		
<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	O	O	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Pileated Woodpecker	U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue-headed Vireo	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Philadelphia 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	
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Raven	U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-capped Chickadee	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-breasted Nuthatch	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-crowned Kinglet	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Veery	U	U		
<input type="checkbox"/> Hermit Thrush	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Robin	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Nashville Warbler	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Parula	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Chestnut-sided Warbler	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Magnolia Warbler	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-rumped Warbler	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-throated Green Warbler	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blackburnian Warbler	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bay-breasted Warbler	U	O	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-and-white Warbler	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Redstart	C	C	C	

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<input type="checkbox"/> Ovenbird	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mourning Warbler	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Chipping Sparrow	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Song Sparrow	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> White-throated Sparrow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dark-eyed Junco	C		C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Purple Finch	U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Pine Siskin	C	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> American Goldfinch	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Evening Grosbeak	O		O	O