

Birding Opportunities at Langhe Prairie SNA

This newly established 40 acre SNA consists of a variety of habitats, including mesic and wet prairie and several small wetland basins surrounded by sedge dominated meadows. A total of 70 bird species have been recorded on the site. Grassland species are the most prevalent, such as Bobolink, and a number of sparrow species including Clay-colored, Vesper, Savannah, Song and Swamp Sparrows. LeConte's Sparrows were recorded during the fall migration period. Previous Department of Natural Resource surveys recorded Upland Sandpiper and Marbled Godwit but these species were not recorded in 2009. Other species of interest included Greater White-fronted Geese, Merlin, Willow Flycatcher, and Lapland Longspurs which were abundant in and around the area in the spring and fall. Raptors were seen during the fall and spring migration periods.

Langhe Prairie SNA is accessed by a gravel drive on the S. side of 325th Street. This track can be very muddy during early spring or after heavy rains. No vehicular travel is advised as a parking lot at this site has not been developed. Visitors should park on 325th St. and walk in to the SNA. The access road is approximately ¼ mile in length and visitors will enjoy viewing native prairie plants along this trail.

SNA Bird Checklist	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
<input type="checkbox"/> Greater White-fronted Goose	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Cackling Goose			O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Canada Goose	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mallard O		O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue-winged Teal	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ring-necked Pheasant	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	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bald Eagle	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Harrier	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sharp-shinned Hawk	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Cooper's Hawk	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Broad-winged Hawk	O		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-tailed Hawk	C	C	C	O
<input type="checkbox"/> American Kestrel	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Merlin O			O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sora O		O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Killdeer O		O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Upland Sandpiper		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Marbled Godwit		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Wilson's Snipe	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Franklin's Gull	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ring-billed Gull	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Rock Pigeon	U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Mourning Dove	C	C	C	

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<input type="checkbox"/> Red-bellied Woodpecker	O		O	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Downy Woodpecker	O	O	O	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Flicker	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Willow Flycatcher	O	U	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Warbling Vireo	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue Jay	U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Horned Lark	C	C	C	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Tree Swallow	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn Swallow	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-capped Chickadee	U	U	U	O
<input type="checkbox"/> White-breasted Nuthatch	O	O	O	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Winter Wren	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sedge Wren	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-crowned Kinglet	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Robin	U	O	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> European Starling	U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Orange-crowned Warbler	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow Warbler	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-rumped Warbler	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Palm Warbler	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Yellowthroat	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Tree Sparrow	U		C	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Chipping Sparrow	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Clay-colored Sparrow	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Vesper Sparrow	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Savannah Sparrow	C	C	C	

SNA Bird Checklist	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
<input type="checkbox"/> Le Conte's Sparrow	O		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Song Sparrow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Lincoln's Sparrow	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Swamp Sparrow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Harris's Sparrow	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> White-crowned Sparrow	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dark-eyed Junco	C		C	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Lapland Longspur	U		C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Snow Bunting	O		O	O
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<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Cardinal			O	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Bobolink U		U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-winged Blackbird	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Western Meadowlark	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Rusty Blackbird	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Brewer's Blackbird	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Grackle	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown-headed Cowbird	U	U	U	
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<input type="checkbox"/> American Goldfinch	C	C	C	O

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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Langhei Prairie

Scientific and Natural Area

Checklist



Date: _____

Weather: _____

Observers: _____

Notes: _____



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