WILDLIFE LANDS
Department of Natural Resources
Division of Fish & Wildlife

The State Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) shown on this map have been acquired and are being managed for three primary reasons: wildlife production, public hunting, and trapping. They belong to the public, and are maintained by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Division of Fish & Wildlife, for your recreational use. These wildlife lands are so you would own your own property — which they are.

The “Minnesota Wildlife” program was initiated in 1961. Wildlands acquired and developed under this program were paid for by hunting licenses, a surcharge on the small-game license, money for money submitted by the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources, state lands, Environmental and Natural Resources Trust Funds, Urban Habitat License Plate Funds, capital bonding states, and Federal Aid for Wildlife Restoration funds. The lands are dedicated to public use and are managed to support their original purposes.

In addition to WMAs, there are over 3,000,000 acres of land in state forests open to public hunting.

Asterisks indicate Wildlife Management Areas where Duck Refuges, Game Refuges, or Wildlife Sanctuaries are located.

“An action in wildlife ethics is that the hunter
ordinarily has no gallery to applaud or disapprove of his conduct. Whatever his acts, they are dictated by his own conscience, rather than by a mob of onlookers. It is difficult to overestimate the importance of this fact.”
— Aldo Leopold

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### Northern Minnesota

### 2011

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**ROAD KEY**

- **SH**: State Highway
- **US**: U.S. Highway
- **CSAH**: County State Aid Highway
- **CR**: County Road
- **TR**: Township Road
- **TFR**: Seasonal Road or Foot Trail
- **SFR**: State Forest Road
- **NFR**: National Forest Road

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**Table**: Wildlife Management Areas spreadsheet

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