

Birding Opportunities at Agassiz Dunes SNA

Agassiz Dunes SNA includes 435 acres of unusual and spectacular oak-savannah-covered sand dunes. The preserve is located on the Eastern edge of the Red River Prairie ecological subsection. The mature bur oaks support Red-headed Woodpeckers and Red-breasted Nuthatches. In summer the dry prairies are home to diversity of sparrows including: Grasshopper, Savannah, Field, Vesper, Clay-colored and Lark Sparrows. Visit the Agassiz Environmental Learning Center in the nearby town of Fertile to learn more about the flora and fauna of this unique habitat. This site is owned by The Nature Conservancy.

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	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Duck		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Mallard		C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Gray Partridge		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruffed Grouse	C	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Greater Prairie-Chicken	O	O	O	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Loon		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Turkey Vulture	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Harrier	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Cooper's Hawk			O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Broad-winged Hawk			O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Swainson's Hawk		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-tailed Hawk	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Kestrel			O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sandhill Crane	U			
<input type="checkbox"/> Killdeer	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Upland Sandpiper	U	U		
<input type="checkbox"/> Franklin's Gull	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Mourning Dove	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-billed Cuckoo		C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-billed Cuckoo		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Horned Owl		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Boreal Owl	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Nighthawk	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-headed Woodpecker		C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Downy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Hairy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C

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<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Flicker	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Pileated Woodpecker	U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Wood-Pewee		C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Least Flycatcher	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Phoebe		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Crested Flycatcher	O	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Western Kingbird		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Kingbird	U	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Shrike			O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-throated Vireo		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue-headed Vireo	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Warbling Vireo		C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-eyed Vireo		C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue Jay	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-billed Magpie		U	C	O
<input type="checkbox"/> American Crow	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Raven				O
<input type="checkbox"/> Purple Martin		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Tree Swallow	C			
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn Swallow	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-capped Chickadee	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-breasted Nuthatch	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> White-breasted Nuthatch	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> House Wren	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Bluebird	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Swainson's Thrush		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Hermit Thrush	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> American Robin	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Gray Catbird	U	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown Thrasher	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> European Starling		C		

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<input type="checkbox"/> American Pipit			O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bohemian Waxwing	U			
<input type="checkbox"/> Cedar Waxwing		C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tennessee Warbler	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Nashville Warbler	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow Warbler	O	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Chestnut-sided Warbler	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-rumped Warbler	C			
<input type="checkbox"/> Blackburnian Warbler	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Palm Warbler	C			
<input type="checkbox"/> Blackpoll Warbler		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-and-white Warbler	U			
<input type="checkbox"/> American Redstart			O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ovenbird	U	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Yellowthroat		U		
<input type="checkbox"/> Canada Warbler	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Scarlet Tanager	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> American Tree Sparrow			O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Chipping Sparrow	C	U		
<input type="checkbox"/> Clay-colored Sparrow	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Field Sparrow	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Vesper Sparrow	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Lark Sparrow	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Savannah Sparrow	U	U		
<input type="checkbox"/> Grasshopper Sparrow	U	U		
<input type="checkbox"/> Baird's Sparrow		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Le Conte's Sparrow	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Song Sparrow	U	U		
<input type="checkbox"/> Lincoln's Sparrow			O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Swamp Sparrow		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> White-throated Sparrow	C		C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Harris's Sparrow			O	
<input type="checkbox"/> White-crowned Sparrow	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dark-eyed Junco			C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Lapland Longspur			C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Rose-breasted Grosbeak		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Indigo Bunting	O	O		

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<input type="checkbox"/> Bobolink	O	O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-winged Blackbird	C	C	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Western Meadowlark	C	U		
<input type="checkbox"/> Rusty Blackbird		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Grackle	O	O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown-headed Cowbird	U	U		
<input type="checkbox"/> Orchard Oriole		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Baltimore Oriole	O	O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Redpoll				C
<input type="checkbox"/> American Goldfinch	C	C		

This checklist contains the names of all birds that have been documented at this site by reliable observers, including project coordinator Melissa Driscoll, Bob Janssen, Jerry Bonkoski and volunteer observers, 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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Agassiz Dunes

Scientific and Natural Area

Checklist



Date: _____

Weather: _____

Observers: _____

Notes: _____



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