

Birding Opportunities at Blanket Flower SNA

Blanket Flower SNA includes 304 acres of rolling dry prairie interspersed with clumps of Aspen and is located on the ecotone between the western prairie and eastern deciduous forest. Over 75 species of birds were seen here in one year. On early spring days in the pre-dawn light you can sit on the top of one hill and watch the Greater Prairie Chickens dance on the top of the next hill, outlined by the rising sun. Grasshopper Sparrows are common on the prairie, while flycatchers and warblers frequent the wooded areas.

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	U		
<input type="checkbox"/> Tundra Swan	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Mallard	C	U		
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue-winged Teal	U	U		
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruffed Grouse			U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Greater Prairie-Chicken	C	U		
<input type="checkbox"/> Wild Turkey	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Loon	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> American White Pelican	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Double-crested Cormorant		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Blue Heron	U	O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Turkey Vulture	U	U		
<input type="checkbox"/> Osprey	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Harrier	C	U		
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-tailed Hawk	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Killdeer	C			
<input type="checkbox"/> Wilson's Snipe	U			
<input type="checkbox"/> American Woodcock			U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ring-billed Gull	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Mourning Dove	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-billed Cuckoo		U		
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Horned Owl	U			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		U		
<input type="checkbox"/> Downy Woodpecker	C	O	O	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Hairy Woodpecker	C	O	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Flicker	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pileated Woodpecker	U	O	O	U

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<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Wood-Pewee		C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Willow Flycatcher	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Least Flycatcher	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Crested Flycatcher		U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Kingbird	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-throated Vireo	U			
<input type="checkbox"/> Warbling Vireo		U		
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-eyed Vireo		C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue Jay	C	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> American Crow	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Horned Lark	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Tree Swallow	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Bank Swallow		U		
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn Swallow	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-capped Chickadee	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> House Wren	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Bluebird	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Robin	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Gray Catbird	C	C	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> European Starling	U			
<input type="checkbox"/> Cedar Waxwing		C	C	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Orange-crowned Warbler	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Nashville Warbler	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow Warbler	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Magnolia Warbler	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-rumped Warbler	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Palm Warbler	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Bay-breasted Warbler	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Blackpoll Warbler	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> American Redstart	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Ovenbird		U		
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Yellowthroat		C	U	

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<input type="checkbox"/> Clay-colored Sparrow	C	C	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Field Sparrow	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Vesper Sparrow	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Savannah Sparrow		U		
<input type="checkbox"/> Grasshopper Sparrow	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Song Sparrow	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> White-throated Sparrow	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Rose-breasted Grosbeak		U		
<input type="checkbox"/> Indigo Bunting		U		
<input type="checkbox"/> Bobolink	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-winged Blackbird	C	U		
<input type="checkbox"/> Western Meadowlark	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown-headed Cowbird	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Orchard Oriole		U		
<input type="checkbox"/> Baltimore Oriole	U	U		
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Redpoll				C
<input type="checkbox"/> American Goldfinch	C	C	C	

Additional Observations

Additional Observations (Continued)

This checklist contains the names of all birds that have been documented at this site by reliable observers, including project coordinator Melissa Driscoll, Carol Schumacker, 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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Checklist



Date: _____

Weather: _____

Observers: _____

Notes: _____



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