

Birding Opportunities at Gully Fen

Gully Fen SNA is a large unit (1,610 acres), and includes calcareous seepage fens, tamarack and shrub seepage swamps, conifer and hardwood swamps, and rich fens. The name is derived from the nearby town of Gully and the 100-acre Calcareous Fen located here. The area is located just North of prominent beach ridges(moraines?) adjacent to Glacial Lake Agassiz, so there is a marked contrast in the landscape in the area. Open water in nearby rice paddies attract Bald Eagles, while the coniferous forest in the unit harbors Northern Goshawks, and surrounding prairies support Northern Harriers. Common Ravens, Black-billed Magpies, White-throated sparrow, Black-and-White warblers, LeConte's Sparrow and Brewer's Blackbirds are just a few of the 100+ bird species that have been spotted here.

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
☐ Canada Goose	C	C	C	
☐ Wood Duck		O		
☐ Mallard		O		
☐ Ruffed Grouse	U		U	
☐ Sharp-tailed Grouse	O			
☐ American Bittern		O		
☐ Great Blue Heron			O	
☐ Turkey Vulture		U	U	
☐ Bald Eagle	O	O	O	O
☐ Northern Harrier		U	U	
☐ Sharp-shinned Hawk			U	
☐ Cooper's Hawk	U			
☐ Northern Goshawk				O
☐ Broad-winged Hawk			O	
☐ Swainson's Hawk		O		
☐ Red-tailed Hawk			U	
☐ Golden Eagle	R			
☐ Sora	O			
☐ Killdeer		U		
☐ Upland Sandpiper	O			
☐ Wilson's Snipe	U		U	
☐ Black Tern		O		
☐ Mourning Dove	C	C	C	
☐ Black-billed Cuckoo		O		
☐ Northern Hawk Owl	O			O
☐ Great Gray Owl	O			
☐ Chimney Swift	O			
☐ Ruby-throated Hummingbird		U		U

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☐ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		U		
☐ Downy Woodpecker	U	C	C	U
☐ Hairy Woodpecker	U	C	C	C
☐ Northern Flicker	U		U	
☐ Pileated Woodpecker			O	
☐ Olive-sided Flycatcher		O		
☐ Eastern Wood-Pewee		U	U	
☐ Alder Flycatcher		C		
☐ Willow Flycatcher		U		
☐ Least Flycatcher	C	U	U	
☐ Eastern Phoebe	C	C	U	
☐ Great Crested Flycatcher	U	C		
☐ Eastern Kingbird	U	U	U	
☐ Yellow-throated Vireo	O			
☐ Warbling Vireo	U	O		
☐ Red-eyed Vireo	C	C	C	
☐ Blue Jay	C	C	C	C
☐ Black-billed Magpie	U	U	U	U
☐ American Crow	C	C	C	
☐ Common Raven	C	C	C	C
☐ Tree Swallow	U	U		
☐ Barn Swallow	C	U	U	
☐ Black-capped Chickadee	C	C	C	C
☐ White-breasted Nuthatch		C	C	
☐ House Wren	C	C	C	
☐ Winter Wren		O		
☐ Sedge Wren	C	C	O	
☐ Marsh Wren	O			
☐ Golden-crowned Kinglet			O	
☐ Ruby-crowned Kinglet			O	
☐ Eastern Bluebird	C	C	C	
☐ Veery	C	C		
☐ Hermit Thrush			O	

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☐ American Robin	C	U	C	
☐ Gray Catbird		U	U	
☐ European Starling	C	C	C	
☐ Cedar Waxwing		C	C	
☐ Tennessee Warbler	O			
☐ Nashville Warbler	U	U	U	
☐ Yellow Warbler	C	C		
☐ Chestnut-sided Warbler	C	U		
☐ Black-and-white Warbler	C	C	C	
☐ American Redstart	C			
☐ Ovenbird	C	C		
☐ Common Yellowthroat	C	C	U	
☐ Scarlet Tanager		O		
☐ American Tree Sparrow			O	
☐ Chipping Sparrow	C	U		
☐ Clay-colored Sparrow	U	U		
☐ Field Sparrow			O	
☐ Vesper Sparrow		O		
☐ Savannah Sparrow	C	C	C	
☐ Grasshopper Sparrow		O		
☐ Le Conte's Sparrow	C	C		
☐ Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow		R		
☐ Fox Sparrow			O	
☐ Song Sparrow	C	C	C	
☐ Lincoln's Sparrow			O	
☐ Swamp Sparrow	C	C	C	
☐ White-throated Sparrow	C	C	C	
☐ Harris's Sparrow			O	
☐ White-crowned Sparrow			O	
☐ Dark-eyed Junco			O	
☐ Snow Bunting				C
☐ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	C	C		

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☐ Bobolink	C	C	U	
☐ Red-winged Blackbird	C	C	U	
☐ Western Meadowlark	C	C	U	
☐ Brewer's Blackbird	C		U	
☐ Common Grackle	U	U		
☐ Brown-headed Cowbird	C	C		
☐ Baltimore Oriole	U	U		
☐ Pine Grosbeak				C
☐ Common Redpoll				C
☐ Pine Siskin	O			U
☐ American Goldfinch	C	C	C	
☐ House Sparrow			U	

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Gully Fen

Scientific and Natural Area

✓ BIRD Checklist



Date: _____

Weather: _____

Observers: _____

Notes: _____



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