

## Birding Opportunities at Black Lake Bog SNA

This SNA is located in a remote area of eastern Pine County along the Minnesota-Wisconsin border. It is adjacent to a Natural Area in Wisconsin. The Minnesota portion of this natural area is over 1400 acres in size. The SNA includes black ash, black spruce, tamarack forest, meadow and open bog habitats. These forests and bogs provide habitat for a variety of boreal species. Ruffed Grouse, Gray Jay, Merlin, Common Raven, Veery, and 14 species of warblers were recorded during the one year survey. The area is remote and fairly inaccessible, and even access to the area is challenging. It can be reached from Markville with difficulty by car on 18.7 miles of County Road, township road, forest road, and eventually by foot or ATV/OHM along the Gandy Dancer ATV/OHM trail, which runs along the western boundary of the SNA. As there is no access to the interior of the SNA, birding is limited to the trail and vicinity.

### 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"/> Mallard	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue-winged Teal	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ring-necked Duck	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruffed Grouse	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Blue Heron	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Turkey Vulture	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sharp-shinned Hawk	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Broad-winged Hawk	U	O	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-tailed Hawk	U	U	U	O
<input type="checkbox"/> American Kestrel	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Merlin	O	O	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Solitary Sandpiper	O	U	O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mourning Dove	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Belted Kingfisher	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	U	O	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Downy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Flicker	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pileated Woodpecker	U	U	U	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Phoebe	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Crested Flycatcher	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Kingbird	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-eyed Vireo	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Gray Jay	U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue Jay	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> American Crow	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Raven	U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Tree Swallow	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn Swallow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-capped Chickadee	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-breasted Nuthatch	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> White-breasted Nuthatch	U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Golden-crowned Kinglet	C	U	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C		C	

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<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Bluebird	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Veery	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Gray-cheeked Thrush	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Swainson's Thrush	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Hermit Thrush	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Robin	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Gray Catbird	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Cedar Waxwing	C	U	C	O
<input type="checkbox"/> Golden-winged Warbler	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tennessee Warbler	C		C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Nashville Warbler	C		C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Chestnut-sided Warbler	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Magnolia Warbler	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-rumped Warbler	C	U	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-throated Green Warbler	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Palm Warbler	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blackpoll Warbler	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-and-white Warbler	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Redstart	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ovenbird	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Waterthrush	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Yellowthroat	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Chipping Sparrow	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Song Sparrow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Swamp Sparrow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dark-eyed Junco	C		C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Rose-breasted Grosbeak	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-winged Blackbird	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Rusty Blackbird	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown-headed Cowbird	C	C	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Baltimore Oriole	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Purple Finch	C	O	C	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Pine Siskin	C	O	C	U
<input type="checkbox"/> American Goldfinch	C	C	C	C

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## Scientific and Natural Area

# Checklist

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 US 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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