

Birding Opportunities at Lake Bronson Aspen Prairie Parkland SNA

For a true wilderness prairie parkland experience visit the 196-acre Lake Bronson SNA. Although close to Lake Bronson State park, this SNA is not directly accessible from any road and is challenging to find once you “get in there.” The level topography of Lake Bronson SNA supports a mixture of prairie and wetland vegetation interspersed with aspen woodland and bordered by the Two Rivers River/Ditch on the north side. Canoeing down the river is one way to access the SNA. Highlights of the over 80 bird species seen here include Osprey, American Bittern, American Woodcock, five swallow species, and Sandhill Cranes.

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	O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Mallard	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue-winged Teal	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruffed Grouse	C	U	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Pied-billed Grebe	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Double-crested Cormorant			O	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Bittern	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Blue Heron			O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Osprey			O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Harrier		U		
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Goshawk			O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-tailed Hawk	C		C	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Kestrel			U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Virginia Rail	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Sora	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sandhill Crane	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Spotted Sandpiper		O		
<input type="checkbox"/> Upland Sandpiper	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Wilson's Snipe	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> American Woodcock	U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mourning Dove	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Nighthawk	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-throated Hummingbird			O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Belted Kingfisher		C	C	

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<input type="checkbox"/> Downy Woodpecker	C			
<input type="checkbox"/> Hairy Woodpecker		U		
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Flicker		U		
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Wood-Pewee		U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Alder Flycatcher		U		
<input type="checkbox"/> Least Flycatcher	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Phoebe		U		
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Crested Flycatcher	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-throated Vireo	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Warbling Vireo	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-eyed Vireo		C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue Jay	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> American Crow	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Raven	O			O
<input type="checkbox"/> Tree Swallow	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Rough-winged Swallow		U		
<input type="checkbox"/> Bank Swallow		C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Cliff Swallow		C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn Swallow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-capped Chickadee	C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-breasted Nuthatch	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> White-breasted Nuthatch			C	
<input type="checkbox"/> House Wren	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Sedge Wren	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Marsh Wren	U			
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Bluebird	U			
<input type="checkbox"/> Veery	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Robin		U		
<input type="checkbox"/> Gray Catbird	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tennessee Warbler	O		O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Nashville Warbler	O			

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<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow Warbler	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Blackburnian Warbler	U			
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-and-white Warbler	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> American Redstart	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ovenbird	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Waterthrush		R		
<input type="checkbox"/> Louisiana Waterthrush			O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mourning Warbler			O	
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Yellowthroat	C	C	C	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Scarlet Tanager		O		
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<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Towhee	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Clay-colored Sparrow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Savannah Sparrow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> Le Conte's Sparrow	O			
<input type="checkbox"/> Song Sparrow	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Swamp Sparrow	C	C	C	
<input type="checkbox"/> White-throated Sparrow	C			
<input type="checkbox"/> Snow Bunting				C
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<input type="checkbox"/> Rose-breasted Grosbeak	C			
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<input type="checkbox"/> Bobolink	C			
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-winged Blackbird		C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Western Meadowlark			U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Grackle	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown-headed Cowbird	C	C		
<input type="checkbox"/> Baltimore Oriole	C	C		
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<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 Schumacher, 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 Lintemann. 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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Lake Bronson Aspen Prairie Parkland Scientific and Natural Area



Date: _____

Weather: _____

Observers: _____

Notes: _____



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