Birds and Bird Watchers

Birds of Streambanks & Valleys

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Birding Ethics
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- Birders should not disturb or endanger birds or other wildlife.
- Birders should not harm the natural environment.
- Stay on trails, leave no trace.
- Birders should respect the rights of others and show common courtesy:
  - Obey ‘No Trespassing’ signs
  - Follow the rules on public lands
- Groups need to observe special precautions:
  - Keep group size small, do not stress the environment
  - Assume responsibility for group conduct

Birding Resources
Audubon – Upper Mississippi River Campaign
http://www.audubon.org/campaign/umrc/index.html

Minnesota Ornithologists Union
www.chs.umn.edu/~morn/

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Regional Birding Sites
- Kieck's Lake Park
- Whitman State Wildlife Area
- Whitewater State Park & Whitewater Wildlife Mgmt. Area
- Farmer's Park
- Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge
- Perrot State Park
- Great River Bluffs State Park
- Beaver Creek Valley State Park

Not Far Away

City Birds
- Prairie Island
- Lake Winona
  - Parking at Hwy. 61 and Franklin St. at Lake Park Dr.
- Woodlawn Cemetery & Holzheimer Lodge
- Gavin Heights

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