

A BIRDERS' GUIDE TO MISSOURI PUBLIC LANDS

HUNTER-DAWSON STATE HISTORICAL SITE-UPDATED 12/16/08

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19.8 acres New Madrid Co. DeLorme 68, H-4

Directions: From I-55 exit #49 (New Madrid), turn onto US 61/62 south and continue for 2.5 miles to Rt. U. Go left (east) onto Rt. U/Dawson Rd. for .8 mile. The historic site office and parking is on the right; the home and grounds are on the left.

When to Visit/Species to Expect: Good birding for passerines in spring migration, possibly also in autumn; nesting species in summer.

Note: This is a delightful site to visit with a non-birder. The mansion tour is a pleasant diversion.

Features of interest to birders: The perimeter of the historical site is comprised of large trees and thick "fencerow" type vegetation. A large open area dominated by a large tree offers good viewing opportunities.

Note: Hunter-Dawson Park located on State Hwy. U adjacent to the Hunter-Dawson State Historic Site is a 24.3 acre city park. Although much is developed, it has a .7 mile walking trail and restroom facilities. The portion contiguous with the historic site and the cemetery are worth exploring.

Toilets: In historic site office.

Camping: None.

Hazards/Limitations:

Nearby Birding Sites: New Madrid Bend Access, St. John's Bayou Access, Donaldson Point CA