

## A BIRDERS' GUIDE TO MISSOURI PUBLIC LANDS

### **SAND PRAIRIE CONSERVATION AREA-UPDATED 5/3/2010**

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**200 acres Scott Co. DeLorme 68, A-4**

**MDC owned; for information call 573-290-5730**

Directions: From I-55 south of Cape Girardeau, take Exit 80 (Benton), go southeast (left) on Hwy. 77 for about 2 miles to CR 333. Turn left (north) onto CR 333 and go about 2 miles to the area on the right, beyond CR 344.

When to Visit/Species to Expect: Anytime. A broad spectrum of sparrows is a special draw for this underbirded area, but a surprising variety of other birds has been found. Mimics are present in warm seasons; shorebirds have been seen during migration. Bewick's Wrens have been found on the area.

Features of interest to birders: Access is at small parking area on CR 333. This remnant area of sand-loving plant communities is being restored with native grassland species. The area is nearly flat, but the sharp-eyed birder will note sand blows and swales where birds may be skulking in the sand savanna and prairie landscape.

Toilets: None

Camping: None

Hazards/Limitations: None noted

Nearby Birding Sites: General Watkins CA, Delaney (Robert G.) Lake CA