

## A BIRDERS' GUIDE TO MISSOURI PUBLIC LANDS

### **HART CREEK CONSERVATION AREA ERIC SEAMAN (REVISED 1 NOVEMBER, 2009) 657 ACRES BOONE CO. DELORME 38, C-1 MDC OWNED FOR INFORMATION CALL 573-884-6861**

Directions: From Highway 63, take Route A to Hartsburg. The area is bordered on the south by the Katy Trail. There is access from the trail near mile marker 154 on the north side of the trail. By vehicle, travel northwest of Hartsburg on Hart Creek Road. There are marked parking lots off Hart Creek road and on Jemerson Creek Road.

When to visit/species to expect: This is a great place to take in colors in the fall. The main ridge trail has a scenic overlook to view the Missouri River and points around Hartsburg.

Features of interest to birders: Two large fields, pond, scrub/brush and wet forest. The access from Jemerson Creek Road features sinkholes and small waterfalls known as "Jemerson Creek". Pond (4 acres) is accessible from Hart Creek Road. Hiking trail is accessible from Hart Creek Road and the Katy Trail Access.

Toilets: None.

Camping: Primitive camping is allowed on the extreme southwest corner of the area near the access from the Katy Trail.

Hazards/Limitations: Trail is steep and slippery after snow or rain. Biking is allowed on the steep trail. Entire area is open for firearms hunting seasons and it is popular during dove season.

Nearby Birding Sites: Hartsburg Access, Katy Trail State Park at Hartsburg.