

A BIRDERS' GUIDE TO MISSOURI PUBLIC LANDS

TORONTO SPRINGS CONSERVATION AREA-UPDATED 12/16/08

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569 acres (MDC map lists 586 acres) Camden Co. DeLorme 45, F-8/9

Directions: From Camdenton, Go south on Hwy. 5, east on Hwy. 7 (a total of about 10 miles) to Montreal, then east on Rt. E for 3 miles, then 1.5 east (right) on Rt. A.

From US 54 north of Linn Creek, take Rt. A east.

To access the parking area on the east side for ridgetop trail, continue east on Rt. A beyond the area and turn north onto Rt. C.

When to Visit/Species to Expect: Anytime, but spring and fall are best. Area has good riparian access (expect Acadian Flycatchers and Prothonotary Warblers) and easily reached upland for typical Ozark oak-hickory forest and grassland species. Bachman's Sparrow has been reported.

Features of interest to birders: Three parking areas. A small lot off Rt. A near the southwest corner of the area gives access to a half-mile path leading down to Wet Glaize Creek. The springs are across the creek and to the left from this path. There is no path/trail directly to the springs.

A large lot off Rt. A has creek frontage with access to a mowed trail leading both up and down creek from the lot. A heavily vegetated pond area is adjacent to this lot. It appears to be nearly a freshwater marsh in 2008. Picnic table at this lot.

The lot off Rt. C provides access to a 1.2 mile ridgetop trail (two-track) running west through the heart of the area. This trail leads toward the springs, but does not go down the hill to reach them.

Area has more than 400 acres of forest and woodland, about 150 acres of non-prairie grassland, and 10 acres of savanna, and 5 very small ponds.

Toilets: None

Camping: Primitive

Hazards/Limitations: None noted

Nearby Birding Sites: Lake of the Ozarks SP