

A BIRDERS' GUIDE TO MISSOURI PUBLIC LANDS

BUNCH HOLLOW CONSERVATION AREA

3,294 acres Carroll Co. DeLorme 28, B-4

MDC owned; for information call 660-646-6122

Directions:

From Carrollton, go north about 10 miles on US 65, then 7 miles west and north on Rt. Z. There are three area access options. Turn onto CR 130 to enter the area from the southern side; continue on Rt. Z to CR 120 to enter on the east side; continue to CR 110 to reach isolated parking lot 13 near the northeast corner.

When to Visit/Species to Expect: Cooler months are best. The area has about 1,300 acres in old fields and pastures, 1,400 acres in timber, and 575 in crop fields. A thousand acres are being managed in a restoration project for prairie/savanna/forest. Upland species, grassland, scrub and forest nesters can be expected.

Features of interest to birders:

13 numbered parking lots correspond to numbers on the area map, a useful feature. The lots are numbered roughly west to east. One large pond is viewable from lot 12, off CR 120. Multi-use trails (4.5 miles) connect lots 7, 9, and 10.

Toilets: None

Camping: Primitive only, at all parking lots

Hazards/Limitations: Roads to parking lot 1 and connecting lots 1 and 2 are impassable when wet. Note dove hunting season. Areas between lots 5 and 6 and between 12 and 13 are planted to attract doves. Trails have no short loops.

Nearby Birding Sites: Schifferdecker (W.L.) Memorial CA, Bonanza CA, Fountain Grove CA, Swan Lake NWR, Grand Pass CA