

A BIRDERS' GUIDE TO MISSOURI PUBLIC LANDS

SALINE VALLEY CONSERVATION AREA--Updated: 8/16/2008

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4892 acres, Miller Co., DeLorme 45, B-9

Directions: From US 54 go 2.3 miles southeast of Eldon on Rt. M. Alternate access: MO 17 bisects the eastern portion of the area.

When to Visit/Species to Expect: Anytime. Good, varied access to view migrating songbirds; riparian nesters; winter sparrows.

Features of interest to birders: Eleven parking areas offer “jumping off points” for creek access, rambles along two-track paths (old farm roads), walks along gravel roads with little traffic, or bushwhacking through grass (some old fields are planted in native warm season grasses). There are no designated trails.

Five permanent streams offer riparian habitat; ridgetops have small glades; cold water marsh and spring (6 acres) off Rock Hole Rd. west from Rt. M. has good view for wetland species.

Toilets: 1 pit toilet at campground

Camping: Seven-site primitive campground

Hazards/Limitations: Area creeks subject to quick rises from upstream rains.

Nearby Birding Sites: Tuscumbia Access, Rocky Mount Towersite, Bagnell Dam Access