

## A BIRDERS' GUIDE TO MISSOURI PUBLIC LANDS

### **HAZEL HILL LAKE**

**502 acres Johnson Co. DeLorme 35, C-8**

**MDC owned; for information call 660-530-5500**

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Directions: From Warrensburg, go 5 miles north on Hwy. 13, then about 3 miles west on Rt. OO. The main parking lot, boat ramp and privy are off NW 575, a right turn off Rt. OO. This is on the south side of the lake. A second lot, on the northeast corner of the area, is reached by continuing east on NW 575, then going north on NW 201. To reach the third lot, stay on Rt. OO, going north beyond the junction with NW 575. The lake cannot be seen from this lot.

When to Visit/Species to Expect: Anytime. In summer, swallows often perch on the snags; flycatchers frequent the shoreline trees. Look for Belted Kingfishers. Check the lake fall through early spring for waterfowl, and the surrounding area for a good mix of sparrows. A Common Loon was seen here in June, 2009.

Features of interest to birders: Although there is no designated trail, a path from the main parking area goes through a wooded area along a creek where passerines may be found. Upland species are found near the lots away from the 72-acre lake. Two small ponds are east of the lake, accessible from the lot on NW 201.

Toilets: 1 privy at the main parking lot

Camping: None

Hazards/Limitations: Fishing and boating activity can be heavy in summer.

Nearby Birding Sites: Holden City Lake, Knob Noster SP, Perry (Ralph and Martha) Mem. CA, Maple Leaf Lake CA