

Birding in The Confluence

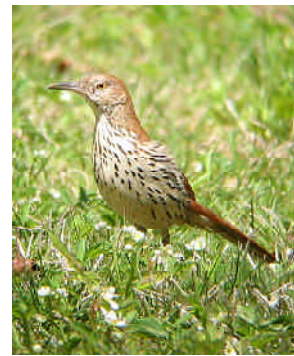
Birding in The Confluence is a guide to sites that attract a wide variety of birds to the St. Louis bi-state metropolitan area. These **Primary Birding Sites** and sites near The Confluence have been identified as good places to enjoy wildlife in a natural habitat.

For more information on birding in The confluence visit the website at www.confluencegreenway.org. Click on recreation and select birding. We are working on a birding checklist to the sites that you can download from your home computer and brought with you on your birding trips.



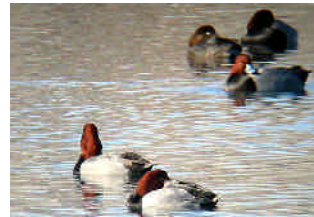
- 1 **Columbia Bottom Conservation Area**
Missouri Department of Conservation
314/877-6014
www.mdc.mo.gov/areas/areas/bottom/
- 2 **Edward "Ted" and Pat Jones – Confluence Point State Park**
Missouri Department of Natural Resources
636/899-1135
www.mostateparks.com/confluence.htm
- 3 **Frank Holten State Park**
Illinois Department of Natural Resources
217/782-6752
www.dnr.state.il.us/lands/landmgt/PARKS/
- 4 **Horseshoe Lake State Park**
Illinois Department of Natural Resources
618/931-0270
www.dnr.state.il.us/lands/landmgt/PARKS/
- 5 **Marais Temps Clair Conservation Area**
Missouri Department of Conservation
314/877-6014
www.mdc.mo.gov/areas/stlouis
- 6 **National Great Rivers Museum at Melvin Price Lock and Dam**
US Army Corps of Engineers
877-462-6979
www.mvs.usace.army.mil/Rivers
- 7 **Old Chain of Rocks Bridge**
Trailnet
314/416-9930 or 618/874-8554
www.trailnet.org
- 8 **Pere Marquette State Park**
Illinois Department of Natural Resources
618/786-3323
www.dnr.state.il.us/lands/landmgt/parks/r4/peremarq.htm

- 9 **Riverlands Migratory Bird Sanctuary**
US Army Corps of Engineers
636/899-2602
www.mvs.usace.army.mil/Rivers
- 10 **Two Rivers National Wildlife Refuge**
Headquarters – Calhoun Division
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
618/833-2524
www.midwest.fws.gov/tworivers
- 11 **Sites near The Confluence:**
Creve Coeur Park
St. Louis County Parks
314/615-7275
www.stlouisco.com/parks/Creve.html
- 12 **Forest Park**
St. Louis City Department of Parks
314/289-5300
www.stlouis.missouri.org/citygov/parks/forestpark/
- 13 **Tower Grove Park**
314/771-2679
www.stlouis.missouri.org/parks/tower-grove/
- 14 **August A. Busch Conservation Area**
Weldon Spring Conservation Area
Missouri Department of Conservation
636/441-4554
www.mdc.mo.gov/areas/cnc/busch/
www.conservation.state.mo.us/areas/natareas
- 15 **Powder Valley Conservation Area**
Missouri Department of Conservation
314/301-1500
www.mdc.mo.gov/areas/cnc/powder/



Attracting Birds to Your Backyard

Enjoy birding in your backyard by following some simple guidelines. Birds need food, water, shelter from predators, and places to raise their young. Provide birds with the foods they love and the flowers, shrubs, and trees that provide an attractive habitat. Watch the wild birds flock to your backyard. Keep a field guide and your binoculars handy and enjoy the different birds each season brings.



For more information about Conservation, Heritage & Recreation resources in

The Confluence
www.confluencegreenway.org
314.436.1324 or 618.874.8556



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The Confluence

A Globally Important Bird Area & Migratory "Flyway"

The mighty Mississippi River flows through the heart of our nation. It draws millions of visitors each year from all over the world who come to experience the mystery and magnificence of this old river valley rich in history, culture, habitat, and recreation. But they aren't the only visitors passing through – 40% of all North American waterfowl use the river as a migratory flyway, and 326-bird species (60% of all species in North America) pass through The Confluence in their spring and fall migrations.

Embracing Conservation

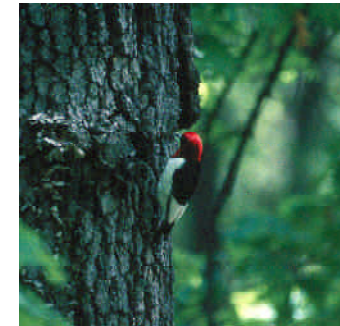
Today, thousands of acres of new public open space preserve vital wildlife habitat in The Confluence. This key stretch of the Mississippi Flyway supports hundreds of plant and animal species, which depend on healthy, diverse habitats for survival. The river corridor's precious "green foundation," protected and restored, is a critical legacy for future generations.

Endangered Birds

Make A Valiant

Return to The Confluence

The Bald Eagle is one of the greatest conservation success stories in recovery and reintroduction of an endangered species. While a few hundred eagles used to winter along the Mississippi River, there are now thousands. In fact, Missouri boasts the highest number of wintering eagles in the lower 48 states. Peregrine Falcons, once extinct in the eastern U.S., now nest on buildings, towers, and bridges along this stretch of the river. The Upper Mississippi River area is home to many other birds whose populations have been in decline including Red-shouldered Hawks, neo-tropical migrants such as the Cerulean and Prothonotary Warblers, and Redheaded Woodpeckers.



Birding in The Confluence

A Conservation, Heritage, & Recreation Corridor



*Experience Nature's Beauty...
Reconnect to the Rivers...
Explore The Confluence!*

North America's mightiest rivers, the Mississippi, the Missouri and the Illinois, meet in the heart of the St. Louis region. The Confluence celebrates these rivers through a growing network of natural areas, outdoor recreation and education facilities, and historic sites.

2007 Special Birding Events in The Confluence

Eagle Days at the Old Chain of Rocks Bridge

January 13 & 14, 2007 www.trailnet.org

View eagles fishing, riding ice floes, soaring overhead or roosting in trees along the Mississippi River from scopes provided on this historic Route 66 Bridge near I-270. Lewis & Clark re-enactors and an eagle education program will be part of this 12th annual event.

Wings of Spring – Confluence Birding Festival

Riverlands Migratory Bird Sanctuary, West Alton, MO

May 4 & 5, 2007 www.wingsofspring.org

Programs and events for all levels of birding interest will be offered including on-site tours of migratory shore birds and guided birding tours at other Confluence sites.



Information on these primary birding sites shown on this map is provided on the reverse side of this brochure.

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- Interpretive Center
- ▲ Confluence Historic Site
- Other Confluence Destinations
- Water Taxi (recommended & existing)
- ▲ Recreational Boat Ramp
- Major Pedestrian River Crossing
- Existing & Funded Corridors
- Recommended Corridors
- Project Boundary