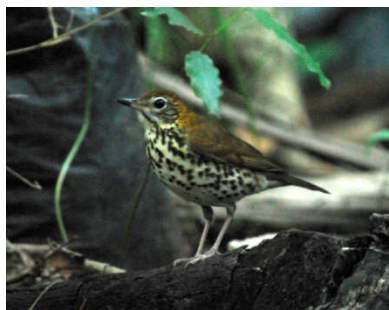


1. C.P. Adams Park & Hastings SNA

There is no other bird song that can be as soothing as the Wood Thrush. On a late spring morning you can be treated to this song when you visit C.P. Adams Park and search the eastern most side that borders on the Hastings SNA. The Wood Thrush's preferred habitat of deciduous forest found on the hillsides is also home to many song birds including Ovenbird, Great-crested Flycatcher, Rose-breasted Grosbeak and Indigo Bunting. The most diligent birder might even find a Cerulean Warbler or Yellow-billed Cuckoo in these woods. There is a lot to explore at this Park and your hike will be easy as much of the area is maintained by the Parks Department for an 18-hole disc golf course. If you walk the perimeter of the park you will soon find the trails leading to fine birding opportunity. You could even use the city trail system to easily bike & bird here and then make your way to other parks for a longer trip.



Great Crested Flycatcher
Photo by Jim Williams



Wood Thrush
Photo by Jim Williams

To get to this birding hot spot take 18th Street east off of State Hwy 61 follow this road past the bridge crossing the Vermillion River and the State Veteran's Home. A gravel parking area is located on the east side which gives access to both C.P. Adams and the Hastings SNA. If you follow the paved trail down the hill on the north side of the park you can find a place to see Bullfrog Pond. This wetland is one of two backwaters along the Vermillion River in this area. Each spring many migrating waterfowl can be found here. American White Pelicans are numerous at times. Wading birds like Great Blue Heron and Great Egret hunt the shoreline. Rare sightings here include a Tri-colored Heron but Hooded Merganser and Wood Duck are common.

This location has all things we want of a birding destination. It is part of a recognized IBA, has a proven track record of attracting many varied species of birds and is located right in the City. What more can you as for!



C. P. Adams Park