

YEAR ROUND BIRDING LOCATIONS

- A** McDavitt and Admiral Roads bisect a large Black Spruce-Tamarack bog. Check for Great Gray Owls (year-round), Black-backed Woodpeckers, White-winged Crossbills (winter), Connecticut Warblers, and Yellow-bellied Flycatchers (Summer). Don't miss the Admiral Road feeders in winter — Boreal Chickadees possible (also Canada Jays, redpolls, and occasionally Pine Marten, Ermine & Fisher).
- B** Stone Lake Road — Watch for Northern Hawk Owls, Great Gray Owls, and Northern Shrikes in winter. Summer breeders include LeConte's Sparrow, Sedge Wren, Black-billed Cuckoo, and American Bittern. This is the only location in the Bog for Yellow Rail (though none heard here for a decade). Scan the lake for Trumpeter Swans, loons, migrating waterfowl, and a possible Moose. Check the public landing in spring migration for warblers.
- C** Listen and look for Boreal Chickadees, Canada Jays, and Great Gray Owls along the Arkola bog stretch. Make sure to stop by our huge feeding array at the Welcome Center — Pine Grosbeaks, Evening Grosbeaks, Common Redpolls, Hoary Redpolls (some years), and more. In summer, listen for Yellow-bellied Flycatchers and Connecticut Warblers.
- D** The hayfields and meadows here are the year-round home of Black-billed Magpies and Sharp-tailed Grouse (the lek is 1.5 miles north of County Road 133 on the east side). In summer, look and listen for Bobolink, LeConte's Sparrow, Sedge Wren, and both species of meadowlark. Snow Buntings and an occasional Snowy Owl may visit in winter. Sandhill Cranes in migration.
- E** Lake Nichols Road is a great place to look for Great Gray Owls at dawn and dusk year-round. Also winter finches, Ruffed Grouse, wolves, roadside wildflowers, and butterflies.

WINTER BIRDING LOCATIONS

- F** County Road 133, County Road 7, and Lake Nichols Road all border large Black Spruce-Tamarack bogs. Scan for Great Gray Owls, Northern Hawk Owls, and Bald Eagles. Don't miss the Morse's feeders on Blue Spruce Road, a mile north of County Road 133. Walk the Warren Woessner Bog Boardwalk at Warren Nelson Bog. Both three-toed woodpeckers, both crossbills, and Canada Jays are possible (1/4 mile north of CR 133).
- G** Scan the open country along County Road 7 for Great Gray Owls, Northern Hawk Owls, Rough-legged Hawks, Northern Shrikes, and Snow Buntings. Sharp-tailed Grouse are possible year-round.

SPRING/SUMMER BIRDING LOCATIONS

- H** Hayfields, pastures, and meadows — great for LeConte's Sparrow, Sedge Wren, Sandhill Crane, Black-billed Magpie, and Black-billed Cuckoos. The pastures at the intersection of Poplar Road and Arkola Avenue (County Road 52) are especially good for Upland Sandpiper, Bobolinks, and meadowlarks (Eastern and Western are possible). A grouse lek is at the southwest corner.
- I** Huge wet willow flats. Listen for American Bittern, Snipe, Sora at dawn and dusk. Sandhill Cranes, moose, and wolves are possible.
- J** Just a nice quiet back road to stop and bird in spring/summer. Deciduous woods, creeks.
- K** Sharp-tailed Grouse lek — activity possible late winter to early May, peaking in April.
- L** Feeding Station (please make a donation if there is a donation box)

Friends of Sax-Zim Bog's Land Preserves: Yellow-bellied Bog (100 ac.), Warren Nelson Memorial Bog (120 ac.), Boreal Chickadee Bog (80 ac.), Indian Pipe Bog (80 ac.), Winterberry Bog (40 ac.), Fermoy Bog (40 ac.) and East Stone Lake Bog (24 ac.)

Avoid the north end of Stickney Road if possible. This is not a birder-friendly location.

Gas; Food; Restroom/Outhouse; Public Access

SAX-ZIM BOG

All-Season Birding Map

