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Locations of Birding Sites in the Central Platte River Valley

Latitude/longitude coordinates are included for nearly all sites, more detailed descriptions and mapped directions of the sites can also be found in *A Nebraska Bird-finding Guide* (Johnsgard, 2012) (<http://digitalcommons.unl.edu/biosciornithology/51>). Additional site information is available online at the Nebraska Birding Trails website: (<http://nebraskabirdingtrails.com>).

ADAMS COUNTY

Kenesaw WPA. Area: 161 acres. Located 0.5 mile east and 0.5 mile south of Kenesaw. Lat/Long 40.602 N/98.645 W.

Weseman WPA. Area: 80 acres. Located 9 miles west and 4 miles south of Hastings, or 0.25 mile west of Assumption. Lat/Long 42.756 N/97.095 W.

BUFFALO COUNTY

Bassway Strip WMA. Area: 725 acres. Located 6 miles east of Kearney and west of I-80 exit 279 south on U.S. Highway 10 on marked access road. Lat/Long 40.686 N/98.943 W.

Blue Hole WMA. Area: 530 acres. Located 2 miles south of Elm Creek. Lat/Long 40.683 N/99.327 W.

Rowe Sanctuary and Iain Nicolson Audubon Center. Area: ca. 2,000 acres. Located 2 miles south and 2 miles west of I-80 exit 285, on Elm Island Road. Lat/Long 40.178 N/98.531 W.

CLAY COUNTY

Bluewing WMA. Area: 160 acres. Located 4 miles west and 0.5 mile south of Edgar. Lat/Long 40.365 N/98.042 W.

Bulrush WMA. Area: 160 acres. Located 3.5 miles west of Edgar.

Lat/Long 40.392 N/98.076 W.

Eckhardt WPA. Area: 66 acres. Located 8 miles east and 4 miles south of Clay Center.

Lat/Long 40.465 N/99.903 W.

Harms WPA. Area: 33 acres. Located 2 miles east and 2.5 miles south of Clay Center.

Lat/Long 49.490 N/98.010 W.

Glenvil WPA. Area: 83 acres. Located 1.5 mile east and 1.5 mile south of Glenvil.

Lat/Long 40.475 N/98.220 W.

Green Acres WPA. Area: 48 acres. Located 6 miles east and 4 miles south of Clay Center, or 1.5 miles east and 6.5 miles north of Edgar.

Lat/Long 40.460 N/97.938 W.

Green Wing WMA. Area: 53 acres. Located 0.5 mile east and 3 miles north of Ong.

Lat/Long 40.443 N/97.829 W.

Greenhead WMA. Area: 60 acres. Located 6 miles east and 6 miles south of Clay Center.

Lat/Long 40.444 N/97.940 W.

Hansen WPA. Area: 296 acres. Located 0.25 mile west and 3.5 miles north of Ong.

Lat/Long 40.449 N/97.848 W.

Harvard WPA. Area: 760 acres. Located 2 miles west of Harvard.

Lat/Long 40.614 N/98.181 W.

Hultine WPA. Area: 583 acres. Located 6 miles east of Harvard.

Lat/Long 40.628 N/97.973 W.

Kissinger Basin WMA. 490 acres. Located 0.5 mile north of Fairfield.

Lat/Long 40.445 N/98.099 W.

Lange WPA. Area: 56 acres. Located 0.25 mile east and 2 miles south of Sutton.

Lat/Long 40.563 N/97.846 W.

Massie WPA. Area: 494 acres. Located 3 miles south and 0.5 mile east of Clay Center.

Lat/Long 40.479 N/98.083 W.

Meadowlark WPA. Area: 80 acres. Located 3 miles east and 3 miles south of Clay Center. Lat/Long 40.474 N/99.995 W.

Moger WPA. Area: 72 acres. Located 3 miles east and 2 miles south of Clay Center.

Lat/Long 40.483 N/97.899 W.

North Hultine WPA. Area: 240 acres. Located 6 miles east and 1 mile north of Harvard.

Lat/Long 40.499 N/97.714 W.

Shuck WPA. Area: 89 acres. Located 1 mile west and 5.5 miles south of Geneva.

Lat/Long 40.458 N/99.997 W.

Smith WPA. Area: 226 acres. Located 6 miles south and 3.5 miles east of Clay Center, or four miles north of Edgar.

Lat/Long 40.439 N/97.974 W

Theesen WPA. Area: 46 acres. Located 1.5 mile northwest of Glenville.

Lat/Long 40.512 N/98.273 W.

Verona WPA. Area: 160 acres. Located 4.5 miles east and 1.5 miles north of Clay Center.

Lat/Long 40.512 N/98.273 W.

White Front WMA. Area: 280 acres. Located 2 miles west and 1.5 mile north of Clay Center.

Lat/Long 40.550 N/-98.082 W.

DAWSON COUNTY

Bittern's Call WMA. Area: 80 acres. Located about 10 miles north of Lexington on Highway 21. Lat/Long 40.842 N/99.846 W.

Cozad WMA. Area: 198 acres. Located 1 mile south and 1 mile east of Cozad.

Lat./Long. 40.837 N/99.981 W

Darr Strip WMA. Area: 976 acres. Located 1 mile south of Darr.

Lat/Long 40.810 N/99.899 W.

Dogwood WMA. Area: 402 acres. Located 4 miles west and 3 miles south of Overton.

Lat/Long 40.699 N/99.627 W.

East Willow Island WMA. Area: 37 acres. Located 3 miles west and 1 mile south of Cozad.

Lat/Long 40.863 N/100.036 W

J-2 Hydroplant. Located 6 miles south and west of Lexington on U.S. 283.

Lat/Long 40.414 N/99.490 W.

Johnson Lake SRA. Area: 2,229 acres. Located 7 miles south of Lexington on U.S. Highway 283.
Lat/Long 40.685 N/99.830 W.

West Cozad WMA. Area: 50 acres. Located 2 miles west and 1 mile south of Cozad
Lat/Long 40.685 N/99.830 W.

Willow Island WMA. Area 80 acres. Located five miles west of Cozad.
Lat/Long 40.876 N/100.063 W.

FRONTIER COUNTY

Red Willow Reservoir SRA/WMA. Area: 43 acres. Located 30 miles south of Curtis.
Lat/Long 40.372 N/100.711 W (WMA), 40.360 N/100.664 (SRA).

Medicine Creek Reservoir (Harry Strunk Lake) and Medicine Creek SRA/WMA. Area: SRA 1,768 acres, WMA 6,726 acres. Located 33 miles south of Stockville.
Lat/Long 40.437 N/100.265 (WMA), 40.379 N/100.212 (SRA).

GOSPER COUNTY

Elley Lagoon WPA. Area: 62 acres. Located 3 miles south and 2 miles west of Bertrand.
Lat/Long 40.486 N/99.684 W.

Elwood Reservoir WMA. Area: 2,200 acres. Located 2 miles north of Elwood.
Lat/Long 40.627 N/99.858 W.

Peterson WPA. Area: 1,154 acres. Located 1 mile west and 2 miles south of Bertrand.
Lat/Long 40.489 N/99.658 W.

Victor Lake WPA. Area: 238 acres. Located 4 miles north, 3 miles east, and 1 mile north of Bertrand.
Lat/Long 40.594 N/99.654 W.

HALL COUNTY

Crane Trust (previously The Platte River Whooping Crane Maintenance Trust). Located 2 miles south on Alda Road from I-80 Exit 305, turn east on Whooping Crane Drive, then continue east on Sandhill Crane Drive about 1 mile to headquarters.
Lat/Long 40.472 N/98.275 W.

Hannon WPA. Area: 659 acres. Located 1 mile east and 2 miles north of the I-80 Shelton Exit 292.

Lat/Long 40.752 N/98.697 W.

Loch Linda WMA. Area: 38 acres. Located 1 mile north, 2 miles east, 1 mile south over Interstate 80 and 2 miles east from Alda I-80 exit 305.

Lat/Long 40.815 N/8.425 W.

Martin's Reach WMA. Area: 89 acres. Located 0.5 mile south and 3 miles west of Wood River I-80 exit 300.

Lat/Long 40.736 N/98.641 W.

Mormon Island Crane Meadows. Area: 2,500 acres. Located 1 mile south of I-80 exit 312 on U.S. Highway 281 then west on Elm Island Road.

Lat/Long 40.492 N/98.223 W.

Mormon Island SRA. Area: 152 acres. Located 0.25 mile north of I-80 exit 312 at Grand Island. Lat/Long 40.825 N/98.371 W.

Nebraska Nature and Visitor Center. Area: 30 acres. Located at south end of I-80 Exit 305 near Alda.

Lat/Long 40.474 N/98.293 W.

HAMILTON COUNTY

Deep Well WMA. Area: 240 acres. Located 3.5 miles south of Phillips.

Lat/Long 40.845 N/98.221 W.

Gadwall WMA. Area: 90 acres. Located 1 mile west and 4.5 miles north of Aurora.

Lat/Long 40.940 N/98.037 W.

Nelson WPA. Area 143 acres. Located 3 miles north of Stockham.

Lat/Long 40.759 N/97.937 W.

Pintail WMA. Area: 500 acres. Located 2.5 miles south and 2 miles east of the Aurora I-80 exit 332.

Lat/Long 40.785 N/97.954 W.

Springer WPA. Area: 397 acres. Located 6 miles west and 1 mile south of Aurora.

Lat/Long 40.849 N/98.128 W.

Troester Basin WPA. Area: 150 acres. Located 4.5 miles north and 0.5 mile east of Stockham. Lat/Long 40.797 N/97.924 W

KEARNEY COUNTY

Bluestem WPA. Area: 76 acres. Located 3 miles south and 5 miles east of Axtell.

Lat/Long 40.441 N/99.058 W.

Clark WPA. Area: 450 acres. Located 3 miles north of Hildreth.

Lat/Long 40.378 N/99.053 W.

Fort Kearney SRA. Area: 163 acres. Located 4 miles south and 5 miles east of Kearney.

Lat/Long 40.655 N/98.996 W.

Frerichs WPA. Area: 43 acres. Located 2 miles east and 0.5 mile north of Wilcox.

Lat/Long 40.372 N/99.125 W.

Gleason WPA. Area: 570 acres. Located 4 miles south and 4 miles west of Minden.

Lat/Long 40.435 N/99.025 W.

Jensen WPA. Area: 465 acres. Located 6 miles north of Campbell.

Lat/Long 40.400 N/97.744 W.

Killdeer Basin WPA. Area: 36 acres. Located 3 miles west and 3.6 miles north of Hildreth.

Lat/Long 40.389 N/99.104 W

Lindau WPA. Area: 152 acres. Located 5 miles north and 0.5 mile east of Hildreth.

Lat/Long 40.402 N/99.036 W.

Prairie Dog WPA. Area: 471 acres. Located 5.5 miles south of Axtel, or 2 miles east and 2 miles north of Wilcox.

Lat/Long 40.402 N/99.130 W.

Youngson WPA. Area: 113 acres. Located 6 miles south and 5 miles east of Norman.

Lat/Long 40.396 N/98.785 W.

LINCOLN COUNTY

Buffalo Bill's Ranch State Historic Park and SRA. Area (Park and SRA): 233 acres. Located 2 miles west and 1 mile north of the city of North Platte (intersection of U.S. Highway 83 and U.S. Highway 30).

Lat/Long 41.162 N/100.795 W.

Chester Island WMA. Area: 69 acres. Located 1 mile south and 2 miles west of I-80 exit 199.

Lat/Long 40.991 N/100.391 W.

Lake Malony SRA. Area: ca. 1,100 acres. Located 6 miles south of North Platte on U.S. Highway 83.
Lat/Long 41.048 N/100.800 W.

Muskrat Run WMA. Area: 224 acres. Located 6 miles east and 1 mile north of Hershey.
Lat/Long 41.196 N/100.894 W.

North River WMA. Area: 681 acres. Located 3 miles north of Hershey.
Lat/Long 41.202 N/100.983 W.

Platte WMA. Area: 242 acres. Located 6 miles east of Maxwell.
Lat/Long 41.099 N/100.654 W.

Sutherland Reservoir SRA. Area: 3,057 acres. Located 2 miles south of Sutherland on State Highway 25.
Lat/Long 41.106 N/101.131 W.

MERRICK COUNTY

Bader Memorial Park and Natural Area. Area: 200 acres. Located 3 miles south of Chapman.
Lat/Long 41.006 N/98.086 W.

PHELPS COUNTY

Atlanta WPA. Area: 1,112 acres. Located 0.5 mile north of Atlanta, or 6 miles west and 3 miles south of Holdrege.
Lat/Long 40.382 N/99.478 W.

Cottonwood WPA. Area: 550 acres. Located 1 mile north and 1.5 mile east of Bertrand.
Lat/Long 40.547 N/99.584 W.

Funk Lagoon WPA. Area: 1,989 acres. Located 1 mile east and 3 miles north of Funk.
Lat/Long 40.498 N/99.227 W.

High Basin WMA. Area: 118 acres. Located 2 miles north of Bertrand.
Lat/Long 40.565 N/99.640 W.

Johnson Lagoon WPA. Area: 578 acres. Located 7 miles north and 2.5 miles east of Holdrege.
Lat/Long 40.556 N/99.326 W.

Jones Marsh WPA. Area: 166 acres. Located 3 miles west and 3 miles south of Holdrege.
Lat/Long 40.390 N/99.432 W.

Linder WPA. Area: 160 acres, located 1 mile north and 5 miles east of Bertrand.

Lat/Long 40.541 N/99.534 W.

Sacramento-Wilcox WMA. Area (including West Sacramento, South Sacramento and Southeast Sacramento): 3,023 acres. Located about 2.5 miles west of Wilcox.

Lat/Long 40.372 N/99.241 W.

West Sacramento WMA. Area: 388 acres. Located 4 miles south and 4 miles west of Holdrege.

Lat/Long 40.364 N/99.313 W.