

Rating: 5.

Swampy woodland and thickets. Whether you call it Angler's Club, Angler's Lake, or Angler's Park, this location offers great views of warblers in migration, and is undoubtedly the best spot in the county for Prothonotary Warbler in migration. The odd Black-crowned Night-Heron or Little Blue Heron may be found here from time to time. Carolina Wrens nested near the gate in the osage orange hedgerow in 2000. Green Herons are common here in migration.

Directions: From the corner of Veterans Pkwy. and Morrisey Dr. (US-150), take Morrisey north a couple blocks to Lafayette Street. Turn right (east) on Lafayette and proceed until Lafayette dead-ends at a fence; this fence is the west edge of the park. Park on the road here and go through the gate, but remember to close it behind you.

4. MILLER PARK (Southwest)

Key species: Waterfowl, grebes, Red-headed Woodpecker.

Rating: 2.

A large park including a good-sized lake and parkland. Check the south basin carefully for diving ducks and grebes. Black Scoter has occurred in the past, and Horned Grebe is a regular migrant here. You may also want to check the flock of Mallards for the resident Mallard x Wood Duck hybrid. Ring-billed Gulls are often found here from fall to spring. This is probably the only spot to easily see Red-headed Woodpeckers within the city limits: they are common in the tall oaks. The cemetery to the west (just across Morris) should be checked for warblers in spring and fall, and for finches in winter. Evening Grosbeak and both crossbills have been found here in the past.

Directions: From the corner of

Veterans Pkwy and Main St., take Veterans west to Morris Avenue and turn right (north) on Morris. Go north on Morris until you see a grassy hillside on the right and a cemetery on the left. The entrance to Miller Park is on the right. If you get to a four-way stop, you've gone too far.

5. MITSUBISHI POND (West-Central Edge)

Key species: waterfowl, Rough-legged Hawk

Rating: 2.

A small pond. Greater White-fronted Goose and American Black Duck appear to be somewhat regular here. Ross's Goose has been seen flying over here, and Rough-legged Hawks can often be found in the area during winter.

Directions: From the intersection of Market St. (IL-9) and Interstate 55-74, drive west on Market to Mitsubishi Motorway (a stoplight here). Take Mitsubishi north. After a mile or two, you will see the

Mitsubishi Motors plant and a pond on the right (east) side of the road. You may park on the shoulder or drive into the parking lot on the east side to view the pond.

6. WHITE OAK LAKE (West-Central)

Key species: Waterbirds (ducks, grebes, loons, geese, gulls, terns).

Rating: 3.

A large (one mile circumference) lake. There is almost always a nice variety of waterfowl here in migration; it is also a good spot to see numbers of Horned Grebes. From time to time you might even find a few loons, gulls, or terns. Every year or so, it even offers a surprise: Oldsquaw (now called Long-tailed Duck), Eared Grebe, Eurasian Wigeon, and Black Scoter have all occurred here.

Directions: From the corner of Main St. and Hovey Ave. in Normal, take Hovey west a few blocks to a four-way stop at Cottage Avenue. There's a Jewel-Osco and



The Blue-winged Warbler is among the many migrants seen at Ewing Park. Drawing by Michael Retter.