



LOCATION: Rice Creek North Regional Trail Corridor is a 696-acre site in the northwest corner of the county. It can be accessed from a parking lot on Co. Rd. I, east of I-35W or from a parking lot on Lexington Ave, south of Co. Rd J. Paved trails connect the two parking lots.

The portion of the corridor south of Col. Rd. I is currently not accessible. Trails should be in place by 2010. MAP #: 1

HABITAT: The main features of the corridor are the Rice Creek floodplain, which is a mixture of grasses, native and invasive, and willow thickets. There is over 50 acres of sand prairie, 40 acres of which was restored in 2001. There are scattered stands of oaks, aspen and a pine plantation. Old fields and cattail marsh make up the remainder of the habitat.

REGULAR BIRDS: Herons, egrets, American Woodcock, Northern Rough-winged and Bank Swallows, Field and Savannah Sparrows, Eastern Towhee. Grassland birds are returning to the prairie areas.

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