A BIRDERS’ GUIDE TO MISSOURI PUBLIC LANDS

BLOCH MEMORIAL POND (LANCASTER)
Edge Wade, spring 2015
7 acres Schuyler Co. DeLorme 17, A-8/9
GPS: 40.5930433702,-92.520644951
Owned by City of Lancaster; MDC agreement; for information call 660-785-2420

Directions: From Lancaster, north on US 63 about 4 miles. Pond is on the east side, immediately south of the Iowa/Missouri state line. The main entrance road goes along the south side toward the boat ramp parking area; access to the north side (other than walking around the pond) is off the paved road at the state line.

ADA Information: Portions of the lake may be seen from an auto from the road to the boat ramp on the south side and from a parking area on the north side.

When to Visit/Species to Expect: Anytime in fall/winter/early spring when the pond is not frozen may produce a variety of waterfowl. Presence of trees attracts a good variety of passerines to this tiny oasis amid farmland.

Features of interest to birders: Although there are no designated trails, a walk around the lake on mown grass is pleasant and can be productive. Trees at lakeside and in the stand to the east harbor a good variety of species. The northwest and west portions may have Marsh Wrens, Green Herons, or bitterns.

Toilets: None

Camping: None

Hazards/Limitations: None noted.

Nearby Birding Sites: Lancaster New City Lake, Lancaster Water Works Lake, Rebel’s Cove CA.