A BIRDERS’ GUIDE TO MISSOURI PUBLIC LANDS
(RONALD & MAUDE) CONSERVATION AREA
Edge Wade
111 acres  Clinton Co.  DeLorme 27, B-7
MDC owned; for more information call 816-271-3100

Directions: From Plattsburg, go east 3 miles on Hwy. 116, north on Hwy. 33 for two miles, then east on 280 Street 0.5 miles to the entrance.

When to Visit/Species to Expect: This is a gem of a site. The easily accessible varied habitat promises good birding potential any season.

The few birding reports to CACHE have produced a checklist of 89 species as of February, 2012, with a good mix from fowl to flycatchers, warblers and sparrows. A Scissor-tailed Flycatcher was here in July, 2002. The 10 species of warblers reported are mostly from mid May.

Features of interest to birders: This area was developed by the Clinton County Sportsmen’s Club in the 1950s and donated to MDC in 1999. It is well-designed for easy access to small lakes, forest/woods (10 acres), and grassland (83 acres). The internal roads provide good viewing angles from cars for birders with limited walking ability.

The six small impoundments (1.8 to 5.1 acres) and the .9 acre Wood Duck Slough can all be birded on foot or from a car.

Facilities include an outdoor classroom, 8 parking lots, and a one-quarter mile interpretive hiking trail along the Little Platte River.

Toilets: 2 privies

Camping: None

Hazards/Limitations: None noted