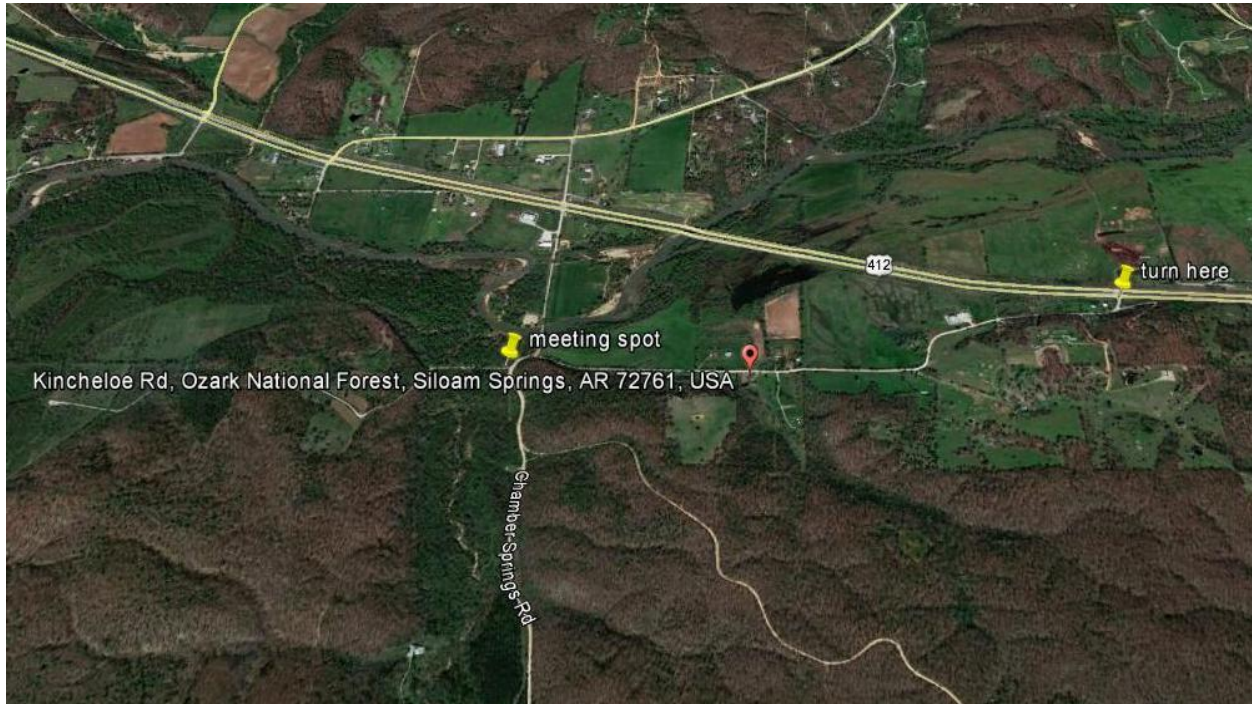


WEDINGTON SMALL GAME AREA

OZARK National Forest

The 450 acre Wedington Small Game Area (WSGA) is located on the northwest corner of the Wedington Unit of the Ozark-St. Francis NF, approx. 16 miles west of Fayetteville and approx. 4 miles east of Siloam Springs. The 15,000 acre Wedington Unit is designated as an Urban Forest.



DIRECTIONS: From the intersection of HWY 412 and Interstate 540 in Springdale, go WEST approx. 13.2 miles on HWY 412.



Note that Kincheloe Road bisects 412, with turns north AND south. If you are driving from Springdale, you will first pass Kincheloe Rd on your north at approx. 12.6-12.7 miles; don't turn. Keep going another 0.5 miles and turn left SOUTH onto Kincheloe Road and travel WEST for approx. 1.3 miles to Forest Service road 1754 (an extension of Kincheloe Road). For our annual NWAAS woodcock field trip, we usually meet at the intersection of Kincheloe Road and Forest Service Road 1754 (shown on the map above as Kincheloe Road). If you want to search for this area on Google Earth, try Kincheloe Road Siloam

Springs, AR.

WSGA combines highly diverse Ozark habitats. These include mature bottomland hardwood forest, riparian forest along the Illinois River, springs feeding small creeks, blufflines, and small open fields that are maintained in an open condition. Naturally the birds found here at any season are diverse. American Woodcocks are readily seen and heard in the fields during February and March. Cerulean Warbler has been found in the mature hardwood bottoms. Wood Ducks, Fish Crows, etc are associated in proper season with the Illinois River corridor. Overall, WSGA has been “under birded,” so there is lots to discover there!

Reconstruction of Forest Road 1754 makes it easy to drive in almost any type of vehicle. Therefore the area is easy to bird, no matter whether you are a big time hiker or someone who prefers to stick close to the car.

BEWARE: This area is set up for hunting small game (as the name suggests), so be careful about open seasons.

The map below shows the meeting spot for annual woodcock field trip in February, plus the fields in the area where woodcocks are often seen and heard at this time.

