

Not R2 Sensitive Species and Not of Concern

Recommendations and Evaluations

Common Name: Eastern Meadowlark

Scientific Name: *Sturnella magna*

Recommendation: Not R2 Sensitive Species and Not of Concern

Recommendation Rationale:

This species is likely to be only a rare and sporadic breeder on the eastern most NFS lands in R2. It can be easily confused with the western meadowlark that is abundant in this same range, making monitoring of eastern birds per se difficult. However, because preferred habitat of eastern and western birds are so similar, and western birds are reasonably well monitored by existing programs, there does not appear to be concern that NFS management actions might affect eastern meadowlark habitat and not be detected by existing monitoring programs. Western meadowlark population and habitat trends appear stable at this time. For these reasons, SS designation in R2 is not warranted at this time.