

Birds of the Monongehela National Forest Checklist

THE MONONGAHELA NATIONAL FOREST - over 908,000 acres of diverse habitat used by 230 species of birds.

The Monongahela is located in the Appalachian Mountains of east central West Virginia at elevations of 1,000 to 4,861 feet. The forest stands of various tree species and age classes, and non-forest areas--such as wetlands, cliffs, grassy meadows, and cascading streams--all provide places for birds to feed, rest, and raise their young. This diverse landscape provides habitat for 70 species of resident birds, 89 breeding neotropical migrants, and 71 nonbreeding migratory bird species.

The Forest Service encourages you to try birding on the National Forest. Special efforts are taken to protect and provide the necessary habitats for birds--food-producing trees and shrubs are planted for food and cover; during timber harvest/firewood cutting, many cavity trees and snags are saved for nesting, feeding, and roosting sites. Through birding, you can become familiar with the forest Service's role in protection and management which includes recreation, timber, wildlife, water, wilderness, and range resources.

This bird checklist was compiled to make your visit to the Monongahela National Forest more enjoyable, and to provide the opportunity for added wildlife appreciation.

Codes used in this bird checklist:

Status

R = year round resident of the forest

B = breeds but leaves the area for the winter

N = nonbreeding spring and/or fall migrant (only stops on the Forest to rest and

feed)

V = accidental or casual visitor (occasionally visits the area)

W = winter visitor to the Forest

Habitat Frequented

O = Open Areas (meadows, utility corridor, pasture)

W = Lakes, Ponds, Streams, Wetlands

C = Conifer Forest (Spruce, Pine, Hemlock, etc.)

H = Deciduous Forest (Oak, Maple, Beech, etc.)

B = Brush, Shrubs, Thickets

E = Forest Edge

Please send reports of any rare bird sightings (northern goshawk, cerulean warbler, bald eagle, peregrine falcon, and any species not appearing on this checklist) to: Forest Biologist, Monongahela National Forest, 200 Sycamore Street, Elkins, WV 26241-3962. Please include name, address, and phone number with date and location of sighting.

SPECIES	STATUS	HABITATS
___ LOONS (Gaviidae)		
___ Loon, Common	N	W
GREBES (Podicipedidae)		
___ Grebe, Horned	N	W
___ Grebe, Pied-billed	B, W	W
CORMORANTS (Phalacrocoracidae)		
___ Cormorant, Double-crested	N	W
HERONS (Ardeidae)		
___ Bittern, American	B	W
___ Egret, Cattle	N, V	W
___ Egret, Great	N, V	W
___ Heron, Great Blue	B	W
___ Heron, Green-backed	B	W
___ Heron, Little Blue	N, V	W
IBISES (Threskiornithidae)		
___ Ibis, White	N, V	W
SWANS, GEESE AND DUCKS (ANATIDAE)		
___ Bufflehead	N	W
___ Canvasback	N	W
___ Duck, American Black	B, W	W
___ Duck, Ring-necked	N	W
___ Duck, Ruddy	N	W
___ Duck, Wood	B, W	W
___ Gadwall	N	W
___ Goldeneye, Common	N	W
___ Goose, Canada	R	O, W
___ Goose, Snow	N	W
___ Mallard	B, W	W
___ Merganser, Common	N	W
___ Merganser, Hooded	B	W
___ Merganser, Red-breasted	N	W
___ Oldsquaw	N	W
___ Pintail, Northern	N	W
___ Redhead	N	W
___ Scaup, Lesser	N	W
___ Scoter, White-winged	N	W
___ Swan, Tundra	N	W
___ Teal, Blue-winged	N	W
___ Teal, Green-winged	B	W
___ Wigeon, American	N	W
VULTURES (Cathartidae)		
___ Vulture, Black	B	O, C, H, E
___ Vulture, Turkey	B, W	O, C, H, E
HAWKS and EAGLES (Accipitridae)		

___ Eagle, Bald	B	O,C,H,W
___ Eagle, Golden	N	
___ Goshawk, Northern	R	C,H
___ Harrier, Northern	B,W	O,W
___ Hawk, Broad-winged	B	H
___ Hawk, Cooper's	R	C, H,E
___ Hawk, Red-Shouldered	B,W	H,E
___ Hawk, Red-tailed		B,W O,H,E
___ Hawk, Rough-legged		N,W
___ Hawk, Sharp-shinned		R C,H,E
___ Osprey		N W
FALCONS (Falconidae)		
___ Falcon, Peregrine		B O,H
___ Kestrel, American		R O,E
___ Merlin		N
QUAIL, GROUSE and TURKEYS (Phasianidae)		
___ Bobwhite, Northern		R O,B,E
___ Grouse, Ruffed		R C,H,B,E
___ Turkey, Wild		R O,C,H,E
RAILS, GALLINULES and COOTS (Rallidae)		
___ Coot, American		N W
___ Moorhen, Common		N W
___ Rail, Virginia		N W
___ Sora		N W
CRANES (Gruidae)		
___ Crane, Sandhill		V W
PLOVERS (Charadriidae)		
___ Killdeer		B O,W
___ Plover, Black-bellied		N W
___ Plover, Lesser Golden		N W
___ Plover, Semipalmated		N W
SANDPIPERS (Scolopacidae)		
___ Sandpiper, Least		N W
___ Sandpiper, Semipalmated		N W
___ Sandpiper, Solitary		N W
___ Sandpiper, Spotted		B W
___ Sandpiper, Upland		N W
___ Snipe, Common		B,W W
___ Woodcock, American		B,W O,W,B,E
___ Yellowlegs, Greater		N W
___ Yellowlegs, Lesser		N W
SKUAS, GULLS and TERNS (Laridae)		
___ Gull, Bonaparte's		N W
___ Gull, Herring		N W
___ Gull, Ring-billed		N W
PIGEONS and DOVES (Columbidae)		

___ Dove, Mourning	B,W	O,B,E
___ Dove, Rock	R	O
CUCKOOS (Cuculidae)		
___ Cuckoo, Black-billed	B	H,B,E
___ Cuckoo, Yellow-billed	B	H,B,E
BARN OWLS (Tytonidae)		
___ Barn-Owl, Common	R	O,E
TYPICAL OWLS (Strigidae)		
___ Owl, Barred	R	C,H
___ Owl, Great Horned	R	C,H,E
___ Owl, Long-eared	R	C,H
___ Owl, Northern Saw-whet	R	C,H
___ Owl, Short-eared	V	
___ Owl, Snowy	V	
___ Screech-Owl, Eastern	R	O,C,H,E
GOATSUCKERS (Caprimulgidae)		
___ Nighthawk, Common	B	O
___ Whippoorwill	B	C,H,E
SWIFTS (Apodidae)		
___ Swift, Chimney	B	O
HUMMINGBIRDS (Trochilidae)		
___ Hummingbird, Ruby-throated	B	O,H,E
___ Hummingbird, Rufous	V	
KINGFISHERS (Alcedinidae)		
___ Kingfisher, Belted	B,W	W
WOODPECKERS (Picidae)		
___ Flicker, Northern	B,W	O,C,H,E
___ Sapsucker, Yellow-bellied	B,W	C,H
___ Woodpecker, Downy	R	C,H,E
___ Woodpecker, Hairy	R	C,H,E
___ Woodpecker, Pileated	R	C,H
___ Woodpecker, Red-bellied	R	C,H,E
___ Woodpecker, Red-headed	R	O,H,E
TYRANT FLYCATCHERS (Tyrannidae)		
___ Flycatcher, Acadian	B	H
___ Flycatcher, Alder	B	O,B,E
___ Flycatcher, Great-Crested	B	H,E
___ Flycatcher, Least	B	H,E
___ Flycatcher, Olive-sided	B	C,H,E
___ Flycatcher, Willow	B	O,B,E
___ Flycatcher, Yellow-bellied	B	C,E
___ Kingbird, Eastern	B	O,E
___ Phoebe, Eastern	B	O,E
___ Wood-Pewee, Eastern	B	C,H,E
LARKS, (Alaudidae)		
___ Lark, Horned	R	O

SWALLOWS (Hirundinidae)

___Swallow, Bank	B	O,W
___Swallow, Barn	B	O
___Swallow, Cliff	B	O
___Swallow, Northern Rough-winged	B	O
___Swallow, Tree	B	O

JAYS and CROWS (Corvidae)

___Crow, American	R	O,C,H,E
___Jay, Blue	R	O,C,H,B,E
___Raven, Common	R	O,C,H,E

CHICKADEES and TITMICE (Paridae)

___Chickadee, Black-capped	R	O,C,H,B,E
___Chickadee, Carolina	R	C,H,B,E
___Titmouse, Tufted	R	C,H,E

NUTHATCHES, (Sittidae)

___Nuthatch, Red-breasted	R	C
___Nuthatch, White-breasted	R	C,H,E

CREEPERS (Certhiidae)

___Creeper, Brown	B,W	C,H
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WRENS (Troglodytidae)

___Wren, Bewick's	B	O,B,E
___Wren, Carolina	R	O,B,E
___Wren, House	B	O,H,B,E
___Wren, Marsh	V	W
___Wren, Sedge	B	W
___Wren, Winter	B,W	C,H,B

THRUSHES (Muscicapidae)

___Bluebird, Eastern	B,W	O,E
___Gnatcatcher, Blue-gray	B	H,B,E
___Kinglet, Golden-crowned	B,W	C
___Kinglet, Ruby-crowned	N	
___Robin, American	B	O,C,H,B,E
___Thrush, Gray-cheeked	N	
___Thrush, Hermit	B	C,H
___Thrush, Swainson's	B	C
___Thrush, Wood	B	C,H
___Veery	B	C,H,B

MOCKINGBIRDS and THRASHERS (Mimidae)

___Catbird, Gray	B	B,E
___Mockingbird, Northern	R	O,B,E
___Thrasher, Brown	B	B,E

PIPITS and WAGTAILS (Motacillidae)

___Pipit, American	N	
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WAXWINGS (Bombycillidae)

___Waxwing, Cedar	B	C,H,B,E
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STARLINGS (Sturnidae)

___ Starling, European	R	O,E
VIREOS (Vireonidae)		
___ Vireo, Philadelphia	N	
___ Vireo, Red-eyed	B	H
___ Vireo, Solitary	B	C,H
___ Vireo, Warbling	B	C,H
___ Vireo, White-eyed	B	H,B,E
___ Vireo, Yellow-throated	B	H
WOOD WARBLERS, TANAGERS, SPARROWS and		
BLACKBIRDS (Emberizidae)		
___ Chat, Yellow-breasted	B	O,B,E
___ Ovenbird	B	C,H
___ Parula, Northern	B	C,H
___ Redstart, American	B	H,B,E
___ Warbler, Bay-breasted	N	
___ Warbler, Black-and-White	B	H
___ Warbler, Blackburnian	B	C,H
___ Warbler, Blackpoll	N	
___ Warbler, Black-throated Blue	B	C,H
___ Warbler, Black-throated Green	B	C,H
___ Warbler, Blue-winged	B	H,B,E
___ Warbler, Canada	B	C,H,B,E
___ Warbler, Cape May	N	
___ Warbler, Cerulean	B	H
___ Warbler, Chestnut-sided	B	B,E
___ Warbler, Connecticut	N	
___ Warbler, Golden-winged	B	O,B,E
___ Warbler, Hooded	B	H,E
___ Warbler, Kentucky	B	H
___ Warbler, Magnolia	B	C,B,E
___ Warbler, Mourning	B	B,E
___ Warbler, Nashville	B	C,H,B,E
___ Warbler, Orange-crowned	N	
___ Warbler, Palm	N	
___ Warbler, Pine	B	C
___ Warbler, Prairie	B	O,B
___ Warbler, Prothonotary	N	
___ Warbler, Swainson's	B	C,H
___ Warbler, Tennessee	N	
___ Warbler, Wilson's	N	
___ Warbler, Worm-eating	B	H
___ Warbler, Yellow	B	B,E
___ Warbler, Yellow-rumped	B	C,E
___ Warbler, Yellow-throated	B	C,H
___ Waterthrush, Northern	B	W
___ Waterthrush, Louisiana	B	W

___ Yellowthroat, Common	B	O,B,E
Tanagers		
___ Tanager, Scarlet	B	C,H
___ Tanager, Summer	B	H
Grosbeak, Buntings, Tanagers and Sparrows		
___ Bunting, Indigo	B	B,E
___ Bunting, Snow	N	
___ Cardinal, Northern	R	H,B,E
___ Grosbeak, Rose-breasted	B	H,B,E
___ Junco, Dark-eyed	B,W	O,C,H,B,E
___ Sparrow, American Tree	N	
___ Sparrow, Chipping	B	O,H,E
___ Sparrow, Field	B,W	O,B,E
___ Sparrow, Fox	N	
___ Sparrow, Grasshopper	B	O
___ Sparrow, Henslow's	B	O
___ Sparrow, Lark	B	O
___ Sparrow, Lincoln's	N	
___ Sparrow, Savannah	B	O
___ Sparrow, Song	R	O,B,E
___ Sparrow, Swamp	B,W	W
___ Sparrow, Vesper	B	O,E
___ Sparrow, White-crowned	N	
___ Sparrow, White-throated	B,W	C,H,B,E
___ Towhee, Rufous-sided	B,W	O,B,E
Blackbirds and Orioles		
___ Bobolink	B	O
___ Blackbird, Red-winged	B	O,W
___ Blackbird, Rusty	N	
___ Cowbird, Brown-headed	B	O,C,H,E
___ Grackle, Common	B	O
___ Meadowlark, Eastern	B,W	O
___ Oriole, Orchard	B	O,E
___ Oriole, Northern	B	O,H,E
FINCHES (Fringillidae)		
___ Crossbill, Red	B,W	C
___ Crossbill, White-winged	N	
___ Finch, Purple	B,W	C,E
___ Finch, House	R	O
___ Goldfinch, American	B,W	O,E
___ Grosbeak, Evening	W	
___ Grosbeak, Pine	N	
___ Redpoll, Common	W	
___ Siskin, Pine	B	C
WEAVERS (Passeridae)		
___ Sparrow, House	R	

