

# Birds on the Daniel Boone National Forest

**Yellow-Throated Warbler**



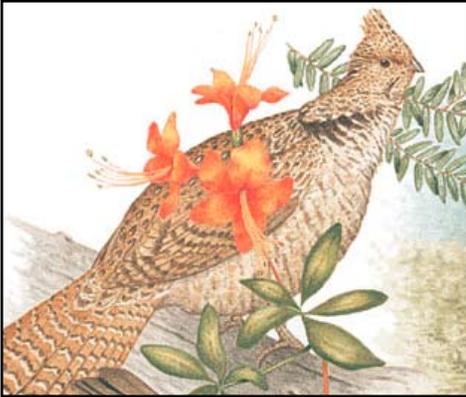
**Scarlet Tanager**



**Kentucky Warbler**



**Ruffed Grouse**



**Prothonotary Warbler**



**Cliff Swallow**



**Acadian Flycatcher**



**Eastern Meadowlark**



**Peregrine Falcon**



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The Daniel Boone National Forest, administered by the Forest Service under the United States Department of Agriculture, manages over 707,000 acres in 21 counties of eastern Kentucky. These acres are intermingled with private land throughout the Cumberland Plateau region of the state. The terrain is rugged over most of the forest, ranging in elevation from 620 feet along the Kentucky River to 2812 feet on Pine Mountain.

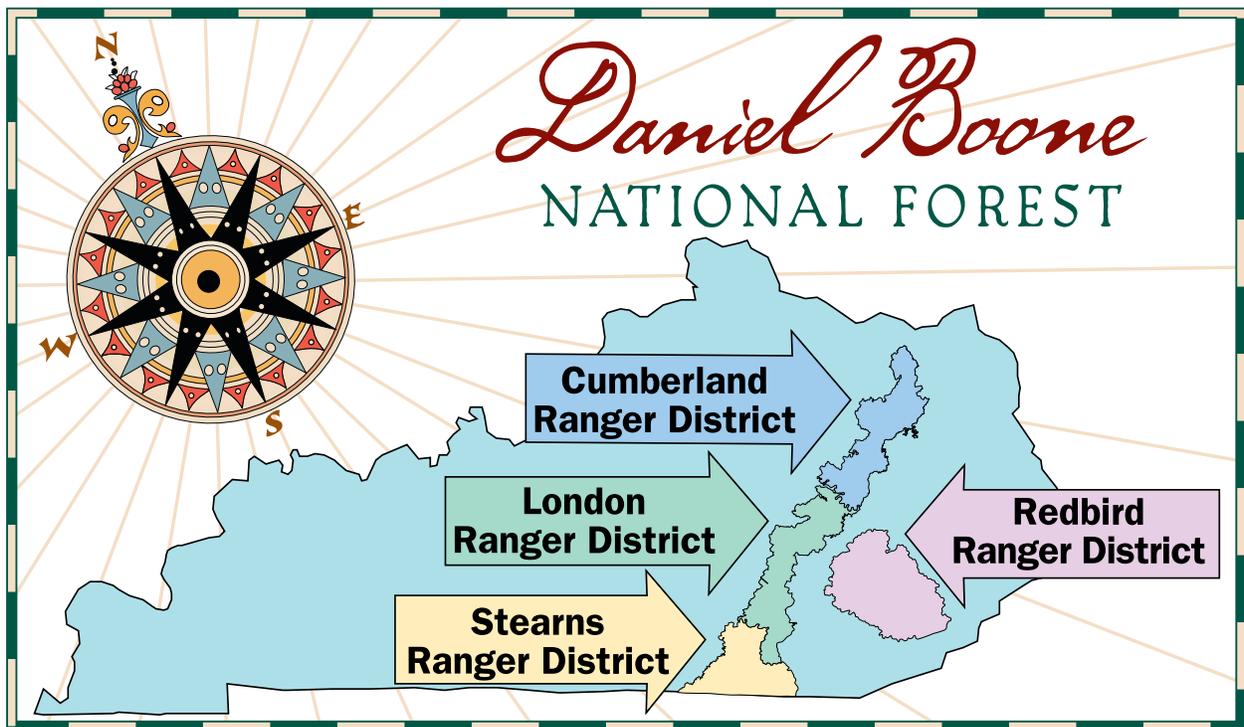
Within the boundaries of the Daniel Boone National Forest, there is a home for both the rare and the ordinary. Management efforts to promote biological diversity provide habitat for an array of resident and migratory bird species. Habitat on the forest varies from open fields to

old growth forests, from wetlands to large lakes.

Daniel Boone National Forest is one of three areas in Kentucky designated by the American Bird Conservancy as being an "Important Bird Area." Important Bird Areas are places that have concentrations of either endangered or declining birds, significant populations of birds with very small ranges, or large concentrations of migratory birds.

This checklist includes bird species that have been documented and confirmed to occur on the Daniel Boone National Forest, based on observations by Forest Service personnel, ornithologists, and other birding enthusiasts.

Bring your binoculars and come join us for a day of bird watching!



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## Bird Watching - How to Get Started

- Start in your own backyard; learn the common birds first, then expand your skills.
- Binoculars and a bird field guide are useful tools for bird identification.
- Look for identifying features: size, color, marks, and patterns.
- Learn the habitats associated with particular bird species.

## Some Birding Ethics

- Observe and photograph birds from a distance, especially during the nesting season.
- Protect and respect bird habitat; stay on existing roads and trails.
- Properly dispose of fishing line, hooks, and plastic six-pack rings.
- Keep cats indoors when possible, especially during nesting season.

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### BIRD CHECKLIST

The bird list is arranged in the order established by the American Ornithologists' Union. The following keys are provided as helpful information for species identification:

#### Season of Occurrence

- Y** Year-round presence  
**S** Summer resident; breeding bird  
**W** Winter resident  
**T** Transient during migration

#### Abundance

- C** Common; typically widespread and numerous in appropriate habitat  
**F** Fairly common; usually seen in appropriate habitat  
**U** Uncommon; usually present, but sometimes not encountered, even in appropriate habitat  
**R** Rare; sparsely distributed or only occasionally seen  
**A** Accidental or extremely rare; seldom present, but reported once to several times  
**X** Extirpated

#### Habitat Association

- 0** Primarily settled areas  
**1** Large reservoirs, open water, shorelines  
**2** Shallow waters, wetlands, ponds  
**3** Grasslands  
**4** Forest edges, overgrown fields  
**5** Upland forest  
**6** Woodland coves, floodplains  
**7** Creeks, rivers

Should you observe a bird species on national forest lands listed as rare, accidental, or not included on this checklist, please notify a biologist with the Daniel Boone National Forest or report your finding online at [www.biology.eku.edu/KOS/rarebird.htm](http://www.biology.eku.edu/KOS/rarebird.htm). Your assistance in documenting rare species is appreciated.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Weather: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Species: \_\_\_\_\_

Observer: \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>SWANS, GEESE &amp; DUCKS</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>H</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Greater White-fronted Goose	W	A	1/2
<input type="checkbox"/> Snow Goose	W	R	1/2
<input type="checkbox"/> Canada Goose	Y	C	0/1/2
<input type="checkbox"/> Mute Swan	T	A	1/2
<input type="checkbox"/> Tundra Swan	T	A	1/2
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Duck	Y	F	2/7
<input type="checkbox"/> Gadwall	W	U	2
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<input type="checkbox"/> American Black Duck	W	F	2/7
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<input type="checkbox"/> Ring-necked Duck	W	U	1/2
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<input type="checkbox"/> Surf Scoter	T	A	1
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<input type="checkbox"/> Black Scoter	T	A	1
<input type="checkbox"/> Long-tailed Duck	W	A	1
<input type="checkbox"/> Bufflehead	W	U	1
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Goldeneye	W	R	1
<input type="checkbox"/> Hooded Merganser	Y	U	1/2
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Merganser	W	R	1
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-breasted Merganser	W	U	1
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruddy Duck	W	U	1
<b>GROUSE, TURKEY &amp; QUAIL</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruffed Grouse	Y	U	4/5/6
<input type="checkbox"/> Wild Turkey	Y	C	0/4/5
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Bobwhite	Y	U	3/4
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<b>GREBES</b>			
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<b>WADING BIRDS</b>			
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<input type="checkbox"/> Snowy Egret	T	R	1/2
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<input type="checkbox"/> Black-crowned Night-Heron	T	R	1/2

<b>VULTURES</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>H</b>
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<input type="checkbox"/> Turkey Vulture	Y	C	All
<b>OSPREY, EAGLES &amp; HAWKS</b>			
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<input type="checkbox"/> Cooper's Hawk	Y	U	All
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-shouldered Hawk	Y	F	All
<input type="checkbox"/> Broad-winged Hawk	S	F	4/5
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-tailed Hawk	Y	F	All
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<input type="checkbox"/> Short-billed Dowitcher	T	R	1/2
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<input type="checkbox"/> American Woodcock	Y	U	2/4
<input type="checkbox"/> Bonaparte's Gull	T	U	1/2
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<b>CUCKOOS</b>			
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<input type="checkbox"/> Barn Owl	Y	A	0/3
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<input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-throated Hummingbird	S	C	0/4/5/6
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<i>Flycatchers</i>			
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<i>Swallows</i>			
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<i>Gnatcatcher &amp; Thrushes</i>			
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<i>Mockingbirds &amp; Thrashers</i>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Gray Catbird	S	F	4
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Mockingbird	Y	F	0/4
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown Thrasher	Y	F	0/4
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<input type="checkbox"/> European Starling	Y	C	0/3/4
<i>Wagtails &amp; Pipits</i>			
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<i>Waxwings</i>	<b>S</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>H</b>
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<input type="checkbox"/> Blackpoll Warbler	T	U	4/5/6
<input type="checkbox"/> Cerulean Warbler	S	U	5/6
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-and-white Warbler	S	C	5/6
<input type="checkbox"/> American Redstart	S	U	4/5/6
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<input type="checkbox"/> Worm-eating Warbler	S	F	6
<input type="checkbox"/> Swainson's Warbler	S	R	6
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<input type="checkbox"/> Kentucky Warbler	S	C	4/5/6
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<input type="checkbox"/> Mourning Warbler	T	R	4
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Yellowthroat	S	F	0/4
<input type="checkbox"/> Hooded Warbler	S	C	4/5/6
<input type="checkbox"/> Wilson's Warbler	T	U	4
<input type="checkbox"/> Canada Warbler	T	U	4/6
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-breasted Chat	S	F	4
<i>Tanagers</i>	S	A	H
<input type="checkbox"/> Summer Tanager	S	C	4/5
<input type="checkbox"/> Scarlet Tanager	S	C	4/5/6

<i>Towhees &amp; Sparrows</i>	<b>S</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>H</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Towhee	Y	C	4
<input type="checkbox"/> American Tree Sparrow	W	R	0/3/4
<input type="checkbox"/> Chipping Sparrow	Y	C	0/4/5
<input type="checkbox"/> Field Sparrow	Y	F	0/3/4
<input type="checkbox"/> Vesper Sparrow	T	R	0/3
<input type="checkbox"/> Savannah Sparrow	T	U	3
<input type="checkbox"/> Grasshopper Sparrow	S	R	3
<input type="checkbox"/> Henslow's Sparrow	S	R	3
<input type="checkbox"/> Fox Sparrow	W	U	4
<input type="checkbox"/> Song Sparrow	Y	F	0/3/4
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<input type="checkbox"/> Dark-eyed Junco	W	C	0/4/5
<input type="checkbox"/> Lapland Longspur	W	A	3
<input type="checkbox"/> Snow Bunting	W	A	3
<i>Grosbeaks &amp; Buntings</i>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Cardinal	Y	C	All
<input type="checkbox"/> Rose-breasted			
<input type="checkbox"/> Grosbeak	T	U	4/5
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue Grosbeak	S	U	3/4
<input type="checkbox"/> Indigo Bunting	S	C	0/4/5
<input type="checkbox"/> Dickcissel	S	A	3
<i>Blackbirds &amp; Orioles</i>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Bobolink	T	R	0/3
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-winged Blackbird	Y	F	0/2/3
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Meadowlark	Y	C	0/3
<input type="checkbox"/> Rusty Blackbird	W	R	0/2
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Grackle	Y	C	0/2
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown-headed Cowbird	Y	F	All
<input type="checkbox"/> Orchard Oriole	S	U	0/4
<input type="checkbox"/> Baltimore Oriole	S	R	0/4
<i>Finches</i>			
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<i>Old World Sparrows</i>			
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