

Highland Scenic Highway Area Bird Inventory

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	Habitat	Status	Abundance	Habitat Codes	NOTES
Loons				E=Forest/field edges	
Red-throated Loon	W	M	R	F=Fields and clearings	
Common Loon	W	M	O	G=Generalist, variety of habitats	
Grebes				H=Hardwood forests	
Pied-billed Grebe	W	M	O	M=Mountain Cliffs	
Horned Grebe	W	M	O	P=Pine forests	
Cormorants				R=Towns and residential areas	
Double-Crested Cormorant	W	M	R	S=High elevation – spruce forests	
				T-Thickets, heaths	
				W=Wetlands, streams, open waters	
Hérons & Bitterns				Status Codes	
				E=Exotic, introduced birds	
				M=Spring and fall migrant	
Great Blue Heron	W	P	O	P=Permanent, occurs in WV year round	
Great Egret	W	S	O	S=Summer resident	
Green Heron	W	S	C	V=Visitant, appears in WV regularly	
				W=Winter resident	
Vultures				Abundance Codes	
Black Vulture	G	S	O	C=Commonly encountered in WV	
Turkey Vulture	G	S	C	O=Occasionally encountered in WV	
Waterfowl				R=Rarely encountered in WV	
Snow Goose	W	M	R		
Canada Goose	W, F	P	C	N - Neotropical	
Tundra Swan	W	M	O		
Wood Duck	W	S	C		
Gadwall	W	M	O		
American Wigeon	W	M	C		
American Black Duck	W	P	C		
Mallard	W	P	C		
Blue-winged Teal	W	S, M	O		
Northern Pintail (N)	W	M	O		
Green-winged Teal **	W	S, M	O		
Ring-necked Duck	W	M	C		
Lesser Scaup	W	M	C		
Bufflehead	W	M	O		
Hooded Merganser	W	S, M	O		
Red-breasted Merganser	W	M	O		
Ruddy Duck	W	M	O		
Eagles & Hawks					
Osprey (N) **	W	S, M	O		
Bald Eagle **	H, W	S	O		
Northern Harrier **	W	S, M	O		
Sharp-shinned Hawk	H, S	P	O		
Cooper's Hawk	H, E	P	O		
Northern Goshawk **	H, S	P	R		
Red-shouldered Hawk	H	S	O		
Broad-winged Hawk (N)	H	S, M	O		
Red-tailed Hawk	E, F	P	C		
Rough-legged Hawk	E, F	M, W	R		
Golden Eagle	M, G	M	R		

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Falcons				Habitat Codes	
American Kestrel	E, F	P	C	E=Forest/field edges F=Fields and clearings	
Gamebirds				G=Generalist, variety of habitats	
Ruffed Grouse	H	P	C	H=Hardwood forests	
Wild Turkey	H, F	P	C	M=Mountain Cliffs	
Northern Bobwhite	F	P	O	P=Pine forests	
Rails, Gallinules &				R=Towns and residential areas S=High elevation – spruce forests T=Thickets, heaths	
American Coot **	W	M	O	W=Wetlands, streams, open waters	
Plovers				Status Codes	
Killdeer	F, R	S, M	C	E=Exotic, introduced birds M=Spring and fall migrant	
Sandpipers				P=Permanent, occurs in WV year round S=Summer resident	
Common Snipe **	W	S, M	O	V=Visitant, appears in WV regularly	
American Woodcock	W,T	S, M	O	W=Winter resident	
Gulls & Terns				Abundance Codes	
Herring Gull	W	M, W	O	C=Commonly encountered in WV O=Occasionally encountered in WV R=Rarely encountered in WV	
Doves				N - Neotropical	
Rock Dove	M, R	P, E	C		
Mourning Dove	F, R	P, E	C		
Cuckoos					
Black-billed Cuckoo (N)	H	S, M	O		
Yellow-billed Cuckoo (N)	H, T, E	S, M	C		
Owls					
Eastern Screech-Owl	H, E	P	C		
Great Horned Owl	H, E	P	C		
Barred Owl	H	P	C		
Short-eared Owl	F, W	M	R		
Northern Saw-whet Owl	S, P, H	P	R		
Goatsuckers					
Common Nighthawk (N)		S, M	O		
Whip-poor-will (N)		S, M	O		
Swifts					
Chimney Swift (N)	R, F	S, M	C		
Hummingbirds					
Ruby-thr. Hummingbirds (N)	E, R	S, M	C		
Kingfishers					
Belted Kingfisher (N)	W	P	C		
Woodpeckers					
Red-headed Woodpecker	H,E	P	R		
Red-bellied Woodpecker	H	P	C		
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker **	H,S	P	R		
Downy Woodpecker	H,E	P	C		
Hairy Woodpecker	P, H, S	P	C		
Northern Flicker	H, S	S, M	C		
Pileated Woodpecker	H	P	C		

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Flycatchers				Habitat Codes	
Olive-sided Flycatcher (N) **	S	S	R	E=Forest/field edges	
Eastern Wood Pewee (N)	H	S	C	F=Fields and clearings	
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher (N) **	S	S, M	R	G=Generalist, variety of habitats	
Acadian Flycatcher (N)	H	S	C	H=Hardwood forests	
Alder Flycatcher (N)	T, W	S	O	M=Mountain Cliffs	
Willow Flycatcher (N)	T, W	S	O	P=Pine forests	
Least Flycatcher (N)	H, E	S	O	R=Towns and residential areas	
Eastern Phoebe (N)	E, M	S	C	S=High elevation – spruce forests	
Great Crested Flycatcher (N)	H	S	C	T=Thickets, heaths	
Eastern Kingbird (N)	E, F	S	C	W=Wetlands, streams, open waters	
Shrikes				Status Codes	
Loggerhead Shrike	F, T	S	R	E=Exotic, introduced birds	
				M=Spring and fall migrant	
Vireos				P=Permanent, occurs in WV year round	
White-eyed Vireo (N)	T, E	S	O	S=Summer resident	
Blue-headed Vireo (N)	H, S	S	C	V=Visitant, appears in WV regularly	
Yellow-throated Vireo (N)	H	S	O	W=Winter resident	
Warbling Vireo (N)	H	S	O		
Red-eyed Vireo (N)	H	S	C	Abundance Codes	
				C=Commonly encountered in WV	
Jays & Crows				O=Occasionally encountered in WV	
Blue Jay	H, R	P	C	R=Rarely encountered in WV	
American Crow	H, F, E	P	C		
Common Raven	H, S, M	P	C	N - Neotropical	
Larks					
Horned Lark	F	P	O		
Swallows					
Purple Martin (N)	R, F	M, S	C		
Tree Swallow (N)	H, E	M, S	C		
N. Rough-wg Swallow (N)	E, W, F	M, S	C		
Bank Swallow (N)	W	M	R		
Cliff Swallow (N)	F	S, M	O		
Barn Swallow (N)	F	S	C		
Chickadees & Titmice					
Black-capped Chickadee	H, P, S	P	C		
Tufted Titmouse	H, P	P	C		
Nuthatches					
Red-breasted Nuthatch	S, H	P	O		
White-breasted Nuthatch	H	P	C		
Creepers					
Brown Creeper	H, S	P	O		
Wrens					
Carolina Wren	H, R	P	C		
Bewick's Wren **	F	S	R		
House Wren	F, T, R	S	C		
Winter Wren	S, H	P	O		
Sedge Wren **	F, W	S	R		
Kinglets & Gnatcatchers					
Golden-crowned Kinglet	S, H	P	C		
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	H	M, W	O		
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (N)	H	S	C		

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Thrushes				Habitat Codes	
Eastern Bluebird	F, E	P	C	E=Forest/field edges	
Veery (N)	H, S	S, M	O	F=Fields and clearings	
Swainson's Thrush (N)	S	S,M	O	G=Generalist, variety of habitats	
Hermit Thrush (N)	S, H	S, M	O	H=Hardwood forests	
Wood Thrush (N)	H	S	C	M=Mountain Cliffs	
American Robin	G	P	C	P=Pine forests	
Mockingbirds & Thrashers				R=Towns and residential areas	
Gray Catbird (N)	H, T	S	C	S=High elevation – spruce forests	
Northern Mockingbird	T, F	P	O	T-Thickets, heaths	
Brown Thrasher	T, F	S	C	W=Wetlands, streams, open waters	
Starlings				Status Codes	
European Starling	G	P, E	C	E=Exotic, introduced birds	
Waxwings				M=Spring and fall migrant	
Cedar waxwing	F, T	P	C	P=Permanent, occurs in WV year round	
Wood warblers				S=Summer resident	
Blue-winged Warblers (N)	H, T	S	C	V=Visitant, appears in WV regularly	
Golden-winged Warbler (N)	H, T	S	O	W=Winter resident	
Tennessee Warbler (N)	G	M	C	Abundance Codes	
Nashville Warbler (N) **	E, W	S, M	O	C=Commonly encountered in WV	
Northern Parula (N)	H	S	C	O=Occasionally encountered in WV	
Yellow Warbler (N)	E, T	S	C	R=Rarely encountered in WV	
Chestnut-sided Warbler (N)	F, T	S,M	C	N - Neotropical	
Magnolia Warbler (N)	T, S	S,M	O		
Cape May Warbler (N)	G	M	O		
Black-throated Blue Warbler (N)	S, H	S, M	C		
Yellow-rumped Warbler (N)	S, T	M, S	O		
Black-throated Green Warbler (N)	H	S, M	C		
Blackburnian Warbler (N)	S, H	S, M	O		
Yellow-throated Warbler (N)	H	S	C		
Pine Warbler (N)	P	S	O		
Prairie Warbler (N)	H, T	S	C		
Palm Warbler (N)	F, T	M	R		
Bay-breasted Warbler (N)	G	M	O		
Blackpoll Warbler (N)	G	M	O		
Cerulean Warbler (N)	H	S	C		
Black-and-white Warbler (N)	H	S, M	C		
American Redstart (N)	H	S, M	C		
Worm-eating Warbler (N)	H	S	C		
Ovenbird (N)	H	S	C		
Northern Waterthrush (N)	W, S	S, M	O		
Louisiana Waterthrush (N)	H, W	S	C		
Kentucky Warbler (N)	H	S	C		
Connecticut Warbler (N)	T	M	R		
Mourning Warbler (N)	S, H, T	S	O		
Common Yellowthroat (N)	T, F	S	C		
Hooded Warbler (N)	H	S	C		
Wilson's Warbler (N)	G	M	O		
Canada Warbler (N)	H, S, T	S	O		
Yellow-breasted Chat (N)	T	S	C		
Tanagers					
Scarlet Tanager (N)	H	S	C		
Towhees & Sparrows					
Eastern Towhee	H, F	P	C		
Chipping Sparrow	R, E, T	S	C		
Field Sparrow	E, F	S	C		

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Towhees & Sparrows (Cont)	Vesper Sparrow	F	S, M	O	Habitat Codes	
	Savannah Sparrow	F	S	O	E=Forest/field edges	
	Grasshopper Sparrow	F	S	O	F=Fields and clearings	
	Fox Sparrow	F, T	W, M	O	G=Generalist, variety of habitats	
	Song Sparrow	F, T, R	P	C	H=Hardwood forests	
	Swamp Sparrow	W	P	O	M=Mountain Cliffs	
	White-throated Sparrow **	F, T, W	W, M, S	O	P=Pine forests	
	White-crowned Sparrow	P, H	W, M	O	R=Towns and residential areas	
	Dark-eyed Junco	S, H, E	P	C	S=High elevation – spruce forests	
					T-Thickets, heaths	
					W=Wetlands, streams, open waters	
Cardinals & Grosbeaks	Northern Cardinal	F, T, R	P	C	Status Codes	
	Rose-breasted Grosbeak (N)	H	S	O	E=Exotic, introduced birds	
	Indigo Bunting	E	S	C	M=Spring and fall migrant	
					P=Permanent, occurs in WV year round	
					S=Summer resident	
					V=Visitant, appears in WV regularly	
Blackbirds & Orioles	Bobolink (N)	F	S, M	O	W=Winter resident	
	Red-winged Blackbird	F, W	P	C		
	Eastern Meadowlark	F	P	C	Abundance Codes	
	Rusty Blackbird	T, W	M, W	O	C=Commonly encountered in WV	
	Common Grackle	F, R	S, M	C	O=Occasionally encountered in WV	
	Brown-headed Cowbird	H	P	C	R=Rarely encountered in WV	
	Orchard Oriole (N)	F, H	S	O		
	Baltimore Oriole (N)	F, R	S	C	N - Neotropical	
Finches	Purple Finch	S, H	P	O		
	House Finch	R	P	C		
	Red Crossbill **	S, P	W, S	O		
	Common Redpoll	T	V	O		
	Pine Siskin	H, S	W, M, S	O		
	American Goldfinch	E, F, R	P	C		
	Evening Grosbeak	S, H, R	V	O		
Weaver Finches	House Sparrow	R, F	P, E	C		
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