

# The Blue Ridge Center for Environmental Stewardship

Our 900 acres consist of open fields, fence rows, riparian areas, deciduous forests, wetlands, ponds and rock outcrops. Such diverse habitats ensure rich bird life. So far, 25 species of warblers have been identified and our bird list stands at about 130 species, with more being added all the time. Wading birds such as herons are a common occurrence but red-headed woodpeckers are not. Open area species such as mourning doves and field sparrows as well as birds of prey benefit from the powerline cut and open fields. Wood ducks and double-crested cormorants are regular visitors to Gordon Pond and eastern bluebirds, Carolina wrens and tree swallows take full advantage of our 90+ bluebird boxes.

## Season:

**s** = spring (March – May)

**S** = summer (June – August)

**F** = fall (September – November)

**W** = winter (December – February)

## Abundance:

**c** = common; likely to be seen in correct habitat.

**u** = uncommon; present in correct habitat but not always seen.

**o** = occasional; seen only a few times per season.

**r** = rare; unlikely to be seen, occurs irregularly

## H = Habitat(s):

**O** = Open areas (Butterfly Alley)

**P** = Ponds (Gordon, Wortman, Button Bush)

**W** = Wetland

**S** = Streams (Piney Run, Sweet Run)

**F** = Forest (Farmstead Loop, Legacy Loop)

**E** = Forest Edge (Butterfly Alley)

## Other Symbols:

**\*** = confirmed or probable breeder.

**➔** = expected, but not confirmed.

SPECIES:	s	S	F	W	H
<b>CORMORANTS (<i>Phalacrocoracidae</i>)</b>					
_ Double-crested Cormorant	o	o	o		P
<b>HERONS &amp; BITTERNs (<i>Ardeidae</i>)</b>					
_ Great Blue Heron	c	c	c	c	PW
_ Green Heron	u	c	u		PW
<b>NEW WORLD VULTURES (<i>Cathartidae</i>)</b>					
_ Turkey Vulture	c	c	c	c	OFE
_ Black Vulture*	c	c	c	c	OFE
<b>SWANS, GEESE, &amp; DUCKS (<i>Anatidae</i>)</b>					
_ Canada Goose*	c	c	c	c	OP
_ Wood Duck*	u	u	u		PSF
_ Gadwall	o		o		PW
_ American Wigeon➔					
_ American Black Duck	o		o	o	PSW
_ Mallard*	c	c	c	c	PW
_ Green-winged Teal➔					
_ Ring-necked Duck➔					
_ Bufflehead➔					
_ Hooded Merganser➔					
<b>HAWKS &amp; EAGLES (<i>Accipitidae</i>)</b>					
_ Northern Harrier	u		u	u	O
_ Sharp-shinned Hawk	u	?	c	u	FE
_ Cooper's Hawk	u	u	u	u	FE
_ Red-shouldered Hawk*	c	c	c	c	FE
_ Broad-winged Hawk*	u	u	c	c	F
_ Red-tailed Hawk*	c	c	c	c	OFE
_ Bald Eagle					OE
_ Osprey	o		o		P
<b>FALCONS (<i>Falconidae</i>)</b>					
_ American Kestrel	c	c	c	c	OE
<b>TURKEY &amp; GROUSE (<i>Phasianidae</i>)</b>					
_ Ruffed Grouse*	o	o	o	o	FE
_ Wild Turkey*	c	c	c	c	OFE
<b>PLOVERS (<i>Charadriidae</i>)</b>					
_ Killdeer	o	o	o	o	OP

SPECIES:	s	S	F	W	H
<b>SHOREBIRDS (<i>Scolopacidae</i>)</b>					
_ Greater Yellowlegs➔					
_ Lesser Yellowlegs➔					
_ Solitary Sandpiper➔					
_ Common Snipe➔					
_ American Woodcock➔					
<b>GULLS (<i>Laridae</i>)</b>					
_ Ring-billed Gull➔	u	o	u	u	
<b>PIGEONS &amp; DOVES (<i>Columbidae</i>)</b>					
_ Rock Pigeon	c	c	c	c	O
_ Mourning Dove*	c	c	c	c	OE
<b>CUCKOOS (<i>Cuculidae</i>)</b>					
_ Black-billed Cuckoo➔					FE
_ Yellow-billed Cuckoo*	u	c	u	c	FE
<b>OWLS (<i>Strigidae</i>)</b>					
_ Eastern Screech Owl➔	o	o	o	o	F
_ Great Horned Owl*	u	u	u	u	FE
_ Barred Owl*	u	u	u	u	FS
<b>NIGHTHAWKS (<i>Caprimulgidae</i>)</b>					
_ Common Nighthawk➔					
<b>SWIFTS (<i>Apodidae</i>)</b>					
_ Chimney Swift*	c	c	c		O
<b>HUMMINGBIRDS (<i>Trochilidae</i>)</b>					
_ Ruby-throated Hummingbird*	u	u	u		OFE
<b>KINGFISHERS (<i>Alcedinidae</i>)</b>					
_ Belted Kingfisher	u	u	u	o	PWS
<b>WOODPECKERS (<i>Picidae</i>)</b>					
_ Red-headed Woodpecker	o		o		OFE
_ Red-bellied Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c	FE
_ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	u		u	u	F
_ Downy Woodpecker*	c	c	c	c	FE
_ Hairy Woodpecker*	u	u	u	u	FE
_ Northern Flicker*	c	c	c	c	OFE
_ Pileated Woodpecker*	u	u	u	u	F
<b>FLYCATCHERS (<i>Tyrannidae</i>)</b>					

SPECIES:	s	S	F	W	H
_ Eastern Wood-Pewee*	c	c	c		FE
_ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher➔					
_ Acadian Flycatcher*	c	c	c		F
_ Alder Flycatcher	r				OFE
_ Willow Flycatcher➔					
_ Least Flycatcher➔					
_ Eastern Phoebe*	c	c	c		OE
_ Great Crested Flycatcher*	c	c	c		FE
_ Eastern Kingbird*	u	u	u		OE
<b>VIREOS (<i>Vireonidae</i>)</b>					
_ White-eyed Vireo*	c	c	c		FE
_ Blue-headed Vireo	o		o		F
_ Yellow-throated Vireo*	u	u	u		F
_ Philadelphia Vireo	r		r		F
_ Red-eyed Vireo*	c	c	c		F
<b>JAYS, CROWS, &amp; RAVENS (<i>Corvidae</i>)</b>					
_ Blue Jay*	c	c	c	c	OFE
_ American Crow*	c	c	c	c	OFE
_ Fish Crow*	u	u	u	u	OFE
_ Common Raven*	u	u	u	u	OFE
<b>SWALLOWS (<i>Hiruninidae</i>)</b>					
_ Purple Martin	u	u	u		O
_ Tree Swallow*	c	c	c		O
_ Bank Swallow➔					
_ Northern Rough-winged Swallow	u		u		O
_ Barn Swallow*	c	c	c		O
<b>CHICKADEES &amp; TITMICE (<i>Paridae</i>)</b>					
_ Carolina Chickadee*	c	c	c	c	FE
_ Black-capped Chickadee				r	OFE
_ Tufted Titmouse*	c	c	c	c	FE
<b>NUTHATCHES (<i>Sittidae</i>)</b>					
_ White-breasted Nuthatch*	c	c	c	c	FE
<b>CREEPERS (<i>Certhiidae</i>)</b>					
_ Brown Creeper	u		u	u	F
<b>WRENS (<i>Troglodytidae</i>)</b>					

# BIRDS

of the Blue Ridge Center  
for Environmental Stewardship



SPECIES:	s	S	F	W	H
__ Carolina Wren*	c	c	c	c	OFE
__ House Wren*	c	c	c		OFE
__ Winter Wren	o		o	u	F
<b>KINGLETS (<i>Regulidae</i>)</b>					
__ Golden-crowned Kinglet	u		u	u	F
__ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	u		u	o	F
<b>GNATCATCHERS (<i>Sylviidae</i>)</b>					
__ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*	c	c	c		F
<b>THRUSHES (<i>Turdidae</i>)</b>					
__ Eastern Bluebird*	c	c	c	c	OE
__ Veery	o		o		F
__ Gray-cheeked Thrush→					
__ Bicknell's Thrush→					
__ Swainson's Thrush→					
__ Hermit Thrush	u		u	u	F
__ Wood Thrush*	c	c	c		F
__ American Robin*	c	c	c	c	OFE
<b>MOCKINGBIRDS &amp; THRASHERS (<i>Mimidae</i>)</b>					
__ Gray Catbird*	c	c	c		FE
__ Northern Mockingbird*	c	c	c	c	OFE
__ Brown Thrasher*	u	u	u		FE
<b>STARLINGS (<i>Sturnidae</i>)</b>					
__ European Starling*	c	c	c	c	OE
<b>WAXWINGS (<i>Bombycillidae</i>)</b>					
__ Cedar Waxwing*	u	u	u	u	FE
<b>WARBLERS (<i>Parulidae</i>)</b>					
__ Blue-winged Warbler*	u	u	u		FE
__ Tennessee Warbler→					
__ Orange-crowned Warbler			r		FE
__ Nashville Warbler	o		o		FE
__ Northern Parula*	u	u	u		F
__ Yellow Warbler*	u	u	u		FE
__ Chestnut-sided Warbler→					
__ Magnolia Warbler	u		u		FE
__ Cape May Warbler→					

SPECIES:	s	S	F	W	H
__ Black-throated Blue Warbler	o		o		F
__ Yellow-rumped Warbler	c		c	u	FE
__ Black-throated Green Warbler	u		u		F
__ Blackburnian Warbler	o		o		F
__ Pine Warbler*	u	u	u		F
__ Prairie Warbler*	u	u	u		OF
__ Palm Warbler	u		u		F
__ Bay-breasted Warbler	o		o		F
__ Blackpoll Warbler	c		c		
__ Cerulean Warbler*	u	u	u		F
__ Black-and-white Warbler*	u	u	u		F
__ American Redstart*	u	u	u		FE
__ Worm-eating Warbler*	u	u	u		F
__ Ovenbird*	c	c	c		F
__ Northern Waterthrush	o		o		PS
__ Louisian Waterthrush*	u	u	u		PS
__ Kentucky Warbler*	u	u	u		F
__ Common Yellowthroat*	c	c	c		OFE
__ Hooded Warbler*	u	u	u		FE
__ Wilson's Warbler			o		F
__ Canada Warbler→					
__ Yellow-breasted Chat*	c	c	c		OFE
<b>TANAGERS (<i>Thraupidae</i>)</b>					
__ Summer Tanager→					
__ Scarlet Tanager*	c	c	c		F
<b>TOWHEES &amp; SPARROWS (<i>Emberizidae</i>)</b>					
__ Eastern Towhee*	c	c	c	o	FE
__ American Tree Sparrow→					
__ Chipping Sparrow*	c	c	c		OFE
__ Field Sparrow*	c	c	c	c	OFE
__ Vesper Sparrow	o		o		OE
__ Lark Sparrow			r		O
__ Savannah Sparrow→					
__ Grasshopper Sparrow*	u	u	u		O
__ Fox Sparrow	u		u	o	F

SPECIES:	s	S	F	W	H
__ Song Sparrow*	c	c	c		OFE
__ Lincoln's Sparrow	o		o		O
__ Swamp Sparrow	o		o	o	OW
__ White-throated Sparrow	c		c	c	FE
__ White-crowned Sparrow	u		u	u	OF
__ Dark-eyed Junco	c		c	c	OFE
<b>GROSBEAKS &amp; BUNTINGS (<i>Cardinalidae</i>)</b>					
__ Northern Cardinal*	c	c	c	c	FE
__ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	u		u		FE
__ Blue Grosbeak	u	u	u		FE
__ Indigo Bunting*	c	c	c		FE
<b>BLACKBIRDS &amp; ORIOLES (<i>Icteridae</i>)</b>					
__ Bobolink→					
__ Red-winged Blackbird*	u	u	u	o	OW
__ Eastern Meadowlark*	u	u	u	o	O
__ Rusty Blackbird→					
__ Common Grackle*	c	c	c	c	O
__ Brown-headed Cowbird*	c	c	c	o	OFE
__ Baltimore Oriole*	u	u	u		F
__ Orchard Oriole*	u	u	u		OE
<b>FINCHES (<i>Fringillidae</i>)</b>					
__ Purple Finch	u		u	o	FE
__ House Finch*	c	c	c	c	O
__ Pine Siskin→					
__ American Goldfinch*	c	c	c	c	OE
__ Evening Grosbeak					
<b>OLD WORLD SPARROWS (<i>Passeridae</i>)</b>					
__ House Sparrow*	c	c	c	c	OFE

Please help us keep an accurate account of the diversity of birds found at the Blue Ridge Center by sending reports of your sightings, especially any species marked as expected, but not confirmed on this list, to: **Blue Ridge Center for Environmental Stewardship, 11661 Harpers Ferry Road, Purcellville, VA 20132.** Please be sure to include the date, time, and location of your sighting as well as your name, address, and a phone number so that we can contact you if needed.

Cover illustration by Dusty Vaughn