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<b>VIREOS</b>							<b>Northern Oriole</b>						
<input type="checkbox"/> White-eyed Vireo*	SR	Op	U	U	U		<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Oriole	SR		VU	VU	VU	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue-headed Vireo**	SR	Gen/For	FC	FC	FC		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>FINCHES</b>						
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-throated Vireo*	SR		U	U	U		<input type="checkbox"/> Purple Finch	WR		VU		VU	VU
<input type="checkbox"/> Philadelphia Vireo	TR		VU		VU		<input type="checkbox"/> House Finch	PR		VU	VU	VU	VU
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-eyed Vireo*	SR		A	A	C		<input type="checkbox"/> Red Crossbill	VI	For				R
<b>WARBLERS</b>							<input type="checkbox"/> Pine Siskin	WR		VU		VU	VU
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue-winged Warbler	TR		U		VU		<input type="checkbox"/> American Goldfinch*	PR		U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Golden-winged Warbler	TR		VU		VU		<input type="checkbox"/> Evening Grosbeak	WR		R			R
<input type="checkbox"/> Tennessee Warbler	TR		U		U		<input type="checkbox"/> House Sparrow*	PR		U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Orange-cr. Warbler	TR		VU		VU								
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Parula*	SR		FC	FC	FC								
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow Warbler*	SR	Aq	U	U	VU								
<input type="checkbox"/> Chestnut-sided Warbler	TR		U		U								
<input type="checkbox"/> Magnolia Warbler	TR		U		U								
<input type="checkbox"/> Cape May Warbler	TR		U		VU								
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-thr. Blue Warbler	TR		VU		VU								
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-rumped Warbler	WR		FC	FC	FC	U							
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-thr. Green Warbler*	SR	Gen/For	C	C	C								
<input type="checkbox"/> Blackburnian Warbler	TR		U		U								
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-throated Warbler*	SR		FC	FC	FC								
<input type="checkbox"/> Pine Warbler*	PR	For	C	C	C	VU							
<input type="checkbox"/> Prairie Warbler*	SR	Op	U	U	U								
<input type="checkbox"/> Palm Warbler	TR		U		U								
<input type="checkbox"/> Bay-breasted Warbler	TR	Gen	VU										
<input type="checkbox"/> Blackpoll Warbler	TR	Gen	VU										
<input type="checkbox"/> Cerulean Warbler*	SR		U	U	U	U							
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-and-white Warbler**	SR	Gen	FC	FC	FC								
<input type="checkbox"/> American Redstart*	SR	Gen	U	U	U								
<input type="checkbox"/> Prothonotary Warbler	SR	Aq	VU	VU	VU								
<input type="checkbox"/> Worm-eating Warbler**	SR	Gen	FC	FC	FC								
<input type="checkbox"/> Swainson's Warbler**	SR		U	U	U								
<input type="checkbox"/> Ovenbird**	SR		A	A	FC								
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Waterthrush	TR	Gen	VU		VU								
<input type="checkbox"/> Louisiana Waterthrush*	SR	Gen	U	U	U								
<input type="checkbox"/> Kentucky Warbler*	SR		U	U	U								
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Yellowthroat*	SR	Op	FC	FC	U								
<input type="checkbox"/> Hooded Warbler*	SR		A	A	FC								
<input type="checkbox"/> Canada Warbler	TR		VU		VU								
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-breasted Chat*	SR	Op	U	U	U								
<b>TANAGERS</b>													
<input type="checkbox"/> Summer Tanager*	SR		VU	VU	VU								
<input type="checkbox"/> Scarlet Tanager*	SR		C	C	FC								
<b>CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS, &amp; BUNTINGS</b>													
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Cardinal*	PR		FC	FC	FC	FC							
<input type="checkbox"/> Rose-breasted Grosbeak	TR		U		U								
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue Grosbeak	VI	Op	VU	VU									
<input type="checkbox"/> Indigo Bunting*	SR		C	C	FC								
<b>SPARROWS</b>													
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Towhee*	PR		FC	FC	FC	U							
<input type="checkbox"/> Chipping Sparrow**	SR	Op	FC	FC	FC	VU							
<input type="checkbox"/> Field Sparrow*	PR	Op	U	U	U	U							
<input type="checkbox"/> Vesper Sparrow	VI	Op				VU							
<input type="checkbox"/> Savannah Sparrow	VI	Op				VU							
<input type="checkbox"/> Fox Sparrow	WR		VU		U	VU							
<input type="checkbox"/> Song Sparrow*	WR		U	U	FC	FC							
<input type="checkbox"/> Swamp Sparrow	WR		U		U	U							
<input type="checkbox"/> White-throated Sparrow	WR		U		U	U							
<input type="checkbox"/> White-crowned Sparrow	WR		VU		VU	VU							
<input type="checkbox"/> Dark-eyed Junco	WR		FC		FC	FC							
<b>BLACKBIRDS</b>													
<input type="checkbox"/> Bobolink	VI	Op	VU										
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-winged Blackbird**	SR	Aq	FC	FC	FC								
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Meadowlark*	PR	Op	FC	FC	FC	U							
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Grackle*	PR		U	U	U	U							
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown-headed Cowbird**	SR		U	U	U								
<input type="checkbox"/> Orchard Oriole*	SR	Op	U	U	VU								

## How You Behave Can Save

### Watching wildlife the responsible way...

The thrill of watching a wild animal in its native surroundings is spectacular and awe inspiring. While visiting Big South Fork, or any other natural area, remember:

- Never feed or harass wildlife.
- View wildlife with respect.
- All wildlife is wild and unpredictable. Stay a safe distance from any wild animal —15 feet is recommended.
- All plants and animals within national park areas are protected, it is illegal to collect any wildlife without special permits.

### Birding Ethics

- Be careful not to disturb nesting birds. Eggs or chicks left unattended are vulnerable to extreme temperatures or predators.
- Avoid disrupting the natural behavior of birds. Although an isolated disturbance may not be harmful to an individual's survival, cumulative incidents from other visitors may be detrimental.
- Be extremely cautious and courteous when roadside birding; be sure to pull entirely off the road when observing wildlife and to always be aware of other motorists.

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# Bird Checklist of Big South Fork NRRRA



Cedar waxwing (*Bombycilla cedrorum*)

Bird watching is a very popular activity at Big South Fork NRRRA. Vegetation types found at the park support a wonderful array of bird diversity. This is illustrated by the approximately 160 species recorded within park boundaries during the past 40 years.

Prior to establishment of the park, some species of birds occurred within its present-day boundaries or nearby, but they have not been recorded since. These species include the red-cockaded woodpecker and the Bewick's wren, which are not expected to occur in the area at this time. Regional populations of the golden eagle and the common raven are increasing and these birds could be reported in the near future. The peregrine falcon, which once nested in the area, is likely a rare migrant through the area although there are no recent records of it.

The park is especially rich as a haven for neotropical migrant birds. Neotropical migrants, indicated by boldfacing in the checklist, are species that breed in North America and then migrate to the tropical regions of Central and South America to spend the northern winter. Some birds may be termed partial neotropical migrants; that is, a portion of their population migrates to the tropics for the winter, but a large fraction winters in the southern parts of North America.

Some species of neotropical migrants are currently undergoing population declines throughout their ranges as a result of the effects of forest fragmentation and clearcutting. Protecting large tracts of mature forest may be the best means of ensuring the survival of these species.

Status Codes	
PR	Permanent Resident
SR	Summer Resident
WR	Winter Resident
TR	Transient
VI	Visitor (no pattern of occurrence)

Boldface type indicates neotropical migrant.

Asterisks indicate confirmed (\*\*) and highly probable (\*) breeding in the area.

Abundance Codes	
A	Abundant (26+ likely to be seen/heard in appropriate habitat in one day)
C	Common (11-25 likely to be seen/heard in appropriate habitat in one day)
FC	Fairly Common (3-10 likely to be seen/heard in appropriate habitat in one day)
U	Uncommon (1-2 likely to be seen/heard in appropriate habitat in one day)
VU	Very Uncommon (1-5 records during a season likely)
R	Rare (only 1-3 records ever made)

Seasons of Occurrence	
Sp	Spring (March-May)
Su	Summer (June-July)
Fa	Fall (August-November)
W	Winter (December-February)

Habitat Obligates and Generalists	
Some species breeding in or migrating through Big South Fork NRRRA are often habitat obligates, that is, their occurrence is often restricted to certain habitats found within the area, while other species are habitat generalists and may be found in a wide variety of habitats within the area.	
The following codes are used to indicate the preferences of species with habitat restrictions:	
Gen	Largely confined to the gorge of the Big South Fork and its tributaries.
Aq	Usually associated with aquatic habitats, such as rivers, lakes and ponds.
For	Usually associated with upland pine forests.
Op	Usually associated with open habitats, such as old fields, pastures, homesteads, and recently developed areas.

## Field Information

The following space is provided for those wishing to keep a record of their Big South Fork birding experience.

Date/Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Afield: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Observer(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sky/Wind/Temp: \_\_\_\_\_ Total # Species \_\_\_\_\_  
 Places Visited: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

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<b>LOONS &amp; GREBES</b>						
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Loon	VI	Aq	R			
<input type="checkbox"/> Pied-billed Grebe	VI	Aq	VU		VU	R
<b>WATERFOWL</b>						
<input type="checkbox"/> Canada Goose	PR	Aq	VU	VU	VU	VU
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Duck**	SR	Aq	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mallard	VI	Aq	VU		VU	VU
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue-winged Teal	TR	Aq	R			
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Shoveler	TR	Aq	VU		VU	
<input type="checkbox"/> Green-winged Teal	TR	Aq	R			
<input type="checkbox"/> Surf Scoter	TR	Aq	R			
<input type="checkbox"/> Bufflehead	TR	Aq	R			
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Merganser**	SR	Aq	VU			R
<b>HERONS &amp; VULTURES</b>						
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Blue Heron	PR	Aq	U	U	U	VU
<input type="checkbox"/> Green Heron*	SR	Aq	VU	VU	VU	
<input type="checkbox"/> Black Vulture	PR		U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Turkey Vulture*	PR		FC	FC	FC	FC
<b>HAWKS, EAGLES, FALCONS</b>						
<input type="checkbox"/> Osprey	TR	Aq	VU		VU	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bald Eagle	VI	Gen	VU			VU
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Harrier	WR	Op	VU		VU	VU
<input type="checkbox"/> Sharp-shinned Hawk**	PR	For	VU	VU	VU	VU
<input type="checkbox"/> Cooper's Hawk	PR		VU	VU	VU	VU
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-shouldered Hawk**	PR	Aq	U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Broad-winged Hawk*	SR		U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-tailed Hawk*	PR		U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> American Kestrel	PR	Op	VU	VU	VU	VU
<b>TURKEY &amp; QUAIL</b>						
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruffed Grouse**	PR		U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Wild Turkey**	PR		U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Bobwhite	PR	Op	VU	VU	VU	VU
<b>CRANES, PLOVERS</b>						
<input type="checkbox"/> Sandhill Crane	TR		VU		VU	VU
<input type="checkbox"/> Killdeer**	PR	Op	U	U	U	U
<b>SANDPIPERS &amp; PHALAROPES</b>						
<input type="checkbox"/> Solitary Sandpiper	TR	Aq	VU		VU	
<input type="checkbox"/> Spotted Sandpiper	TR	Aq	VU		VU	
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Snipe	WR	Aq	VU		VU	VU
<input type="checkbox"/> American Woodcock**	PR		VU	VU	VU	VU
<b>DOVES</b>						
<input type="checkbox"/> Rock Pigeon*	PR		VU	VU	VU	VU
<input type="checkbox"/> Mourning Dove*	PR		U	U	U	U
<b>CUCKOOS</b>						
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-billed Cuckoo	TR		VU		VU	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-billed Cuckoo*	SR		U	U	U	
<b>OWLS</b>						
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Screech-Owl*	PR		U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Horned Owl*	PR		U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Barred Owl*	PR		U	U	U	U

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<b>GOATSUCKERS</b>						
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Nighthawk	TR		VU		VU	
<input type="checkbox"/> Whip-poor-will*	SR		FC	FC	U	
<b>SWIFTS &amp; HUMMINGBIRDS</b>						
<input type="checkbox"/> Chimney Swift*	SR		U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-thr. Hummingbird*	SR		U	U	U	
<b>KINGFISHERS</b>						
<input type="checkbox"/> Belted Kingfisher*	PR	Aq	U	U	U	U
<b>WOODPECKERS</b>						
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-headed Woodpecker*	PR		VU	VU	VU	VU
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-bellied Woodpecker*	PR		U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	WR		U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Downy Woodpecker*	PR		U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Hairy Woodpecker*	PR		FC	FC	FC	FC
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Flicker*	PR		U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Pileated Woodpecker*	PR		FC	FC	FC	FC
<b>FLYCATCHERS</b>						
<input type="checkbox"/> Olive-sided Flycatcher	TR		R	VU		VU
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Wood-Pewee*	SR		U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Acadian Flycatcher**	SR	Gen	FC	FC	FC	
<input type="checkbox"/> Least Flycatcher	TR		VU		VU	
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Phoebe**	PR		U	U	U	VU
<input type="checkbox"/> Great Cr. Flycatcher*	SR		U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Kingbird*	SR	Op	FC	FC	U	
<b>MARTINS &amp; SWALLOWS</b>						
<input type="checkbox"/> Purple Martin	SR		VU	VU	VU	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tree Swallow	TR		VU		VU	
<input type="checkbox"/> N. Rough-winged Swallow**	SR	Aq	U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bank Swallow	TR		VU		VU	
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn Swallow**	SR		U	U	U	
<b>JAYS &amp; CROWS</b>						
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue Jay*	PR		FC	FC	FC	FC
<input type="checkbox"/> American Crow**	PR		FC	FC	FC	FC
<b>CHICKADEES &amp; TITMICE</b>						
<input type="checkbox"/> Carolina Chickadee**	PR		C	C	C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Tufted Titmouse**	PR		FC	FC	FC	FC
<b>NUTHATCHES &amp; CREEPERS</b>						
<input type="checkbox"/> Red-breasted Nuthatch	WR	For	VU		VU	VU
<input type="checkbox"/> White-breasted Nuthatch*	PR		FC	FC	FC	FC
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown Creeper	WR		U		U	U
<b>WRENS</b>						
<input type="checkbox"/> Carolina Wren**	PR		U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> House Wren	TR		VU		VU	
<input type="checkbox"/> Winter Wren	WR		U		U	U
<b>KINGLETS &amp; GNATCATCHERS</b>						
<input type="checkbox"/> Golden-crowned Kinglet	WR	For	C		C	C
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-crowned Kinglet	WR		U		U	VU
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue-gray Gnatcatcher**	SR		FC	FC	U	
<b>THRUSHES</b>						
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Bluebird**	PR	Op	FC	FC	FC	FC
<input type="checkbox"/> Veery	TR		VU		VU	
<input type="checkbox"/> Gray-cheeked Thrush	TR		VU		VU	
<input type="checkbox"/> Swainson's Thrush	TR		U		U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Hermit Thrush	WR		U		U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Thrush*	SR		FC	FC	FC	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Robin**	PR	Op	FC	FC	U	U
<b>MOCKINGBIRDS &amp; THRASHERS</b>						
<input type="checkbox"/> Gray Catbird*	SR		U	U	U	
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown Thrasher*	PR	Op	U	U	U	VU
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Mockingbird*	PR	Op	VU	VU	VU	VU
<b>SHRIKES</b>						
<input type="checkbox"/> Loggerhead Shrike	VI	Op	VU	VU	VU	VU
<b>STARLINGS &amp; WAXWINGS</b>						
<input type="checkbox"/> Cedar Waxwing**	PR		U	U	U	U
<input type="checkbox"/> European Starling**	PR		U	U	U	U