

# WEST VIRGINIA BIRD REVIEW LIST

BLACK = West Virginia Birds; George A. Hall (1983)

BLUE = Supplement III to the List of West Virginia; George A. Hall; Redstart 58:107-109.

CYAN = Supplement IV to the List of West Virginia; George A. Hall; Redstart 63:41-44.

BLUE-GREEN = West Virginia Bird Records Committee Vote.

BRICK = Birds of the Lower Ohio River Valley in West Virginia; Kiff, Igou, Slack, Wilson;  
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RED = Redstart Papers.

MAGENTA = Redstart Field Notes.

DARK GREEN = American Birds (Field Notes).

LIGHT GREEN = Argabrite's records.

ORANGE = Subspecies.

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck *Dendrocygna autumnalis*:

1. 05/01-2/94; Robert C. Byrd Locks & Dam; Mason Co.; M Griffith; W Argabrite & others; Redstart 62:124-126.
2. 09/05/94; Apple Grove, Mason Co.; W Argabrite; Redstart 62:124-126.
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Pacific Black Brant *Branta bernicla nigricans* (subspecies):

1. 05/4-5/02; WVU Farm, Preston Co.; G Felton; J Felton, J Jacobs, M Jacobs & S Schneider; WVBRC #2002-1. Redstart 70:66-68.
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Cackling Goose *Branta hutchinsii*:

1. 01/18-26/97; Robert C. Byrd Locks & Dam, Mason Co.; W Argabrite, M Griffith & G Rankin; WVBRC #2004-6.
2. 02/12/04; Washington, Wood Co.; J Benedetti, F Esker, Jeanette Esker, Jeffery Esker, R Esker & R Johnson; WVBRC #2004-5.
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Trumpeter Swan *Cygnus buccinator*:

1. 11/30/1875; Letart Island on the Ohio River, Mason Co.
2. 02/28/98; Greenbottom WMA, Cabell Co.; W. Argabrite, M. Griffith & K. Peters; WVBRC #98-6A & #98-6B.
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King Eider *Somateria spectabilis*:

1. 11/28/53; Ohio River, Cabell Co.; T Milewski & F Fitch; Wilson Bull. 66:141.
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Harlequin Duck *Histrionicus histrionicus* (Hypothetical):

1. 01/22/74; New River near Hinton, Summers Co.; J L Smith; Redstart 43:73.
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Eared Grebe *Podiceps nigricollis* (Hypothetical):

1. 02/12/55; Ohio River at Wheeling, Ohio Co.; T E Shields; Redstart 22:29.
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Great Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo*:

1. 11/??/14; Ohio River at Parkersburg, Wood Co.; P C Bibbee; Birds of West Virginia (1929).
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Anhinga *Anhinga anhinga* (Hypothetical):

1. 09/??/90; Tagart's Valley River at Elkins, Randolph Co.; Peter Zurbuch (DNR).
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Magnificent Frigatebird *Fregata magnificens* (Hypothetical):

1. 09/29/88; Ohio River, Cabell Co.; W Tolin & M Zeto (DNR); Redstart 56:38.
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Tricolored Heron *Egretta tricolor*:

1. 07/31 – 8/22/02; Shenandoah River, Jefferson Co.; M Orsie; C Del-Colle & J Trapp; WVBRC #2002-3 & 2002-4. Redstart 70:39-41.
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Glossy Ibis *Plegadis falcinellus*:

1. 05/17-18/93; Apple Grove, Mason Co.; W & P Argabrite; M Griffith, G Rankin; Redstart 61:57-59.
2. 05/06-09/07; Greenbottom WMA, Cabell Co.; W Argabrite & M Griffith; M Orise, D Patrick, G Rankin & many others; WVBRC #07-5-1.
3. 07/21/07; Reedsville, Preston Co.; G Felton; WVBRC #5-2.
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Swallow-tailed Kite *Elanoides forficatus*:

1. 09/03/08; Mill Hill, Greenbrier Co.; F McConnell.
2. 05/07/88; Elkins, Randolph Co.; Walter Lesser; American Birds 42:434.
3. 09/20/97; East River Mtn., Mercer Co.; A & G McRae, R Waldrop & 6 others; WVBRC #98-3A & #98-3B.
4. 08/20-27/07; Elmwood, Wayne Co.; S Cade; G Rankin, W Argabrite, K Cade, M Griffith, M Orsie, D Patick & many others; WVBRC #07-8.
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White-tailed Kite *Elanus leucurus* (Hypothetical):

1. 07/25/01 to 08/25/01; near Blair, Logan Co.; D Chamblin; F Ammer, P Wood, A Gatesman, D Mortensen, J Simmons & J Williams; WVBRC #01-8.
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Mississippi Kite *Ictinia mississippiensis* (Hypothetical):

1. 08/11/03; Princeton, Mercer Co.; J Phillips; WVBRC #03-1.
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Swainson's Hawk *Buteo swainsoni*:

1. 09/16/1897; White Sulphur Springs, Greenbrier Co.; M M Collins; Hawkeye Ornithologist and Oologist 2:1-3.
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Gyr Falcon *Falco rusticolus* (Hypothetical):

1. 09/22/00; Monroe Co.; M Corley, J Davis, L Knupp, M Morgan, G Pence, J Phillips; WABRC #2000-1-A.
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Yellow Rail *Coturnicops noveboracensis*:

1. ??/??/20; Near Poca, Putnam Co.; A S Morgan; Birds of the Great Kanawha Valley.
2. 09/06/35; Near Bolga, Barbour Co.; M Brooks; Auk 53:96-98.
3. 10/08/39; Clinton, Ohio Co.; G F Flouer; Auk 57:413-414.
4. 08/22/84; Canaan Valley, Tucker Co.; E Hutton; Redstart 52:47.
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Black Rail *Laterallus jamaicensis* (Hypothetical):

1. 04/28/55; Bluefield, Mercer Co.; M Dickinson.
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Clapper Rail *Rallus longirostris* (Hypothetical):

1. ??/??/??; Ohio River; F J Frye; E A Brooks notebooks.
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Piping Plover *Charadrius melodus*:

1. 04/14/40; Leetown, Jefferson Co.; J L Poland; Redstart 8:88-92.
2. 07/26/85; South Charleston, Kanawha Co.; J Smith; Redstart 54:54.
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Black-necked Stilt *Himantopus mexicanus*:

1. 05/15-17/93; Greenbottom WMA, Cabell Co.; W Argabrite; M Griffith & others; Redstart 61:57-59.
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Hudsonian Godwit *Limosa haemastica*:

1. 09/28/67; Near Benwood, Marshall Co.; J Cole; Redstart 35:59.
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Marbled Godwit *Limosa fedoa*:

1. 08/08/86; Near Hamlin, Lincoln Co.; T Igou; & others Redstart 53:138.
2. 08/05/87; Ashton, Mason Co.; W Argabrite; Redstart 55:105-106.
3. 04/21/88, Huntington, Cabell Co.; W Argabrite; M Griffith & others; Redstart 55:117.
4. 04/19/98, Robert C Byrd Locks & Dam, Mason Co.; W Argabrite; M Griffith; WVBRC #01-2
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Great Knot *Calidris tenuirostris*:

1. 08/13/07; Winfield Locks & Dam, Putnam Co.; S Gillispie; W Argabrite, K Kazmierski, D Patick; WVBRC #07-7.
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Red Knot *Calidris canutus*:

1. 05/14-16/07; Robert C. Byrd Locks & Dam, Mason Co.; W Argabrite; M Griffith, M Orise, D Patick & others; WVBRC #07-6.
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Red Phalarope *Phalaropus fulicaria*:

1. 11/01/51; Mouth of Crab Creek, Mason Co.; E Seeber; Birds of the Lower Ohio River Valley in West Virginia (1952), Seeber & Edeburn; uncertain record.
2. 11/03/61; Oglebay Park, Ohio Co.; G H Breiding; Wilson Bull. 74:288.
3. 09/29/64; Near Charleston, Kanawha Co.; C O Handley Sr.
4. 03/07/76; St. Albans, Kanawha Co.; J & R Ashworth; Redstart 44:68-70.
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Parasitic Jaeger *Stercorarius parasiticus*:

1. 09/14/63; St. Albans, Kanawha Co.; A. Shreve; Redstart 31:11.
2. 10/09/73; East Lynn Lake, Wayne Co.; C W Nelson; American Birds 28:52-56.
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Long-tailed Jaeger *Stercorarius longicaudus*:

1. 08/24-26/05; Charles Town, Jefferson Co.; M Orsie; W Argabrite, J Browning & W Hershberger; WVBRC #2005-4.
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Franklin's Gull *Larus pipixcan*:

1. 03/30-31/92; Huntington, Cabell Co.; J Hubbard; W Argabrite, M Griffith, G Rankin & others; Redstart 59:90-92.
2. 05/27/96; Huntington, Cabell Co.; H Slack; W Argabrite, M Griffith, J & JA Hubbard; WVBRC #96-1, #97-1A & #97-1B. Redstart 64:47-49.
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Little Gull *Larus minutus* (*Hypothetical*):

1. 02/07/98; French Creek Wildlife Area, Belmont, Pleasants Co.; B. Thompson & J. Zickefoose; WVBRC #98-5A & #98-5B.
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Lesser Black-backed Gull *Larus fuscus*:

1. 11/26-27/99; Ohio River, Mason Co.; M Griffith; J Fout, K Peters; WVBRC #99-6-A.
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Glaucous Gull *Larus hyperboreus*:

1. 01/10-15/99; Ohio River, Parkersburg, Wood Co.; J. Benedetti, C. Gildersleeve, G. Haynes, B. Murphy, others; WVBRC #99-2.
2. 01/29/07; Robert C. Byrd Locks & Dam, Mason Co.; W Argabrite; WVBRC #07-2-1; and Ohio River at Lesage, Cabell Co.; H Slack; WVBRC #07-2-2.
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Great Black-backed Gull *Larus marinus*:

1. 02/16/45; Cheat Lake, Monongalia Co.; M Brooks; Auk 62:634.
2. 05/11/55; Oglebay Park, Ohio Co.; T Shields.
3. 04/09/57; Ohio River, Hancock Co.; C Conrad.
4. 01/10-16/99; Ohio River, Wood Co.; W Murphy; W Argabrite, M Griffith, G Rankin, P Zucker; WVBRC #99-3-A
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Sabine's Gull *Xema sabini*:

1. 09/24/93; Buckley Island, Wood Co.; P Morrison & M Ellis; Redstart 62:120-121.
2. 09/04/97; Ohio River above Point Pleasant, Mason Co.; W Argabrite; WVBRC #98-2.
3. 09/19/00; Hancock Co.; R Donaghy, J Fenske & W Yoder; WABRC #2000-2-A.
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Black-legged Kittiwake *Rissa tridactyla*:

1. ??/??/02; Ohio River, Wood Co.; E A Brooks; A check-list of WV Birds Bull 316.
2. 10/25/63; Dunlow, Wayne Co.; R M Edeburn; Wilson Bull. 76:214-215.
3. 10/30/67; Huntington, Cabell Co.; W Argabrite; **Not a good record.**
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Sooty Tern *Sterna fuscata*:

1. 07/31/26; Near Charleston, Kanawha Co.; I H Johnston; Auk 43:535-536.
2. 08/02/26; Near Wheeling, Ohio Co..
3. 08/??/75; Gauley Bridge, Fayette Co.; P Phillips.
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Eurasian Collared-Dove *Streptopelia decaocto* (Hypothetical):

1. 06/24/06; Robert C. Byrd Locks & Dam, Mason Co.; W Argabrite & M Griffith; WVBRC #07-1.
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White-winged Dove *Zenaida asiatica* (Hypothetical):

1. 05/09/05; Huntington, Cabell Co.; D Rieger; WVBRC #05-1.
2. 06/21/05; Near Moorefield, Hardy Co.; K King & P King; WVBRC #05-3.
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Inca Dove *Columbina inca*:

1. 12/03-16/06; Huntington, Cabell Co.; D Rieger & C Rieger; W Argabrite, M Griffith, M Orsie, D Patick, G Rankin & many others; WVBRC #07-3.
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Northern Hawk Owl *Surnia ulula* (Hypothetical):

1. 12/05/85; Union, Monroe Co.; Glen Betler; American Birds 40:279-282.
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Lesser Nighthawk *Chordeiles acutipennis*:

1. 04/28/04; Glenville, Gilmer Co; G E Hall; WVBRC #04-2.
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Green Violet-ear *Colibri thalassinus*:

1. 06/26/03-08/20/03; Terra Alta, Preston Co.; K Minor; Hundreds of observers; WVBRC #04-1.
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Black-chinned Hummingbird *Archilochus alexandri*:

1. 10/11/06-01/30/07; Near Shephedstown, Jefferson Co.; L Wiseman; W Hershberger, S Wiedensaul & many others; WVBRC #07-1.
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Black-backed Woodpecker *Picoides arcticus* (*Hypothetical*):

1. 03/04/62; Arroyo, Hancock Co.; E R Chandler; Redstart 29-97.
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Vermilion Flycatcher *Pyrocephalus rubinus* (*Hypothetical*):

1. 05/12/56; Wellsburg, Brooke Co.; W Jennings & several others; Redstart 43:90-107.
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Ash-throated Flycatcher *Myiarchus cinerascens*:

1. 12/15/90; Jefferson Co.; R S Dean & W L Hershberger; Redstart 58:61-62.
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Scissor-tailed Flycatcher *Tyrannus forficatus*:

1. Early 1950s; Barboursville, Cabell Co.; R Estler.
2. 05/21/70; Charleston, Kanawha Co.; A Shreve & several observers.
3. 09/02/06; Near Hillsboro, Pocahontas Co.; D Holsinger, G Byrne & E Oswald; WVBRC #06-1.
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Bell's Vireo *Vireo bellii* (*Hypothetical*):

1. 05/02/87; Greenbottom WMA, Cabell Co.; W Argabrite & A Torn; Redstart 55:77-79.
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Boreal Chickadee *Poecile hudsonica*:

1. 11/10/69; Morgantown, Monongalia Co.; G Hall; Redstart 37:61.
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Bicknell's Thrush *Catharus bicknelli*:

1. 05/16/40; Morgantown, Monongalia Co.; W Lunk; Auk 58:264.
2. 05/06/61; Charleston, Kanawha Co.; R & G Ballentine; Redstart 28:101.
3. 09/16/61; Wheeling, Ohio Co.; G Breiding; Redstart 29:50-51.
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Varied Thrush *Ixoreus naevius*:

1. 09/29/93; Allegheny Front Migration Observatory, Tucker Co.; J Ward & others; Redstart 62:50-52.
2. 12/27/01, near Williamstown, Wood Co.; P Collins, K & S Allman, H, L & D Collins; WVBRC #01-10
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Virginia's Warbler *Vermivora virginiae*:

1. 02/10-17/07; Harpers Ferry, Jefferson Co.; D Myles & K Myles; M Orsie, W Argabrite & many others; WVBRC #07-4.
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Kirtland's Warbler *Dendroica kirtlandii* (*Hypothetical*):

1. 05/19/37; Ice's Ferry, Monongalia Co.; M Brooks & I Boggs; Redstart 4:61.
2. 05/16/43; Morgantown, Monongalia Co.; I Boggs.
3. Early 1940s; Wheeling, Ohio Co.; W Wylie.
4. 05/16/54; Morgantown, Monongalia Co.; G Hall.
5. 05/17/83; Near Williamstown, Wood Co.; P Collett; Redstart 50:107-108.

Western Tanager *Piranga ludoviciana* (*Hypothetical*):

1. 06/05/44; Junction of Holly & Elk River, Braxton Co.; J Monroe; Redstart 12:46.
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Green-tailed Towhee *Pipilo chlorurus*:

1. 12/19/57-04/17/58; Ona, Cabell Co.; M Kiff & L Kiff, others; Edeburn et al., 1960.
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Spotted Towhee *Pipilo maculatus*:

1. Winter of 68-69; Charleston, Kanawha Co.; C Handley, Sr; Redstart (future).
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Canyon Towhee *Pipilo fuscus* (Hypothetical):

1. 10/??/69; Morgantown, Monongalia Co.; R & M Brooks.
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Lark Bunting *Calamospiza melanocorys*:

1. 01/01/49; Kanawha City, Kanawha Co.; W DeGarmo & C Handley, Sr.
2. 12/??/66; Moargantown, Monongalia Co.; M Brooks.
3. 05/09/67; Lewisburg, Greenbrier Co.; C Handley.
4. 10/31/69; Lewisburg, Greenbrier Co.; C Handley.
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Baird's Sparrow *Ammodramus bairdii* (Hypothetical):

1. 10/25/84; WVU Forest, Preston Co.; G H Breiding; Redstart 52:61-62.
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Le Conte's Sparrow *Ammodramus leconteii*:

1. 10/08/36; Beech Bottom Swamp, Brooke Co.; G Sutton & Haller; Cardinal 3:101-123.
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Smith's Longspur *Calcarius pictus*:

1. 04/05/87; Gallipolis Locks, Mason Co.; W L Argabrite; J Fletcher, M Griffith & others; Redstart 55:57-59.
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Painted Bunting *Passerina ciris* (*Hypothetical*):

1. 04/27/79; Blue Jay, Raleigh Co.; B James; Redstart 47:122.
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Hoary Redpoll *Carduelis hornemanni*:

1. 12/21/93; Ashton, Mason Co.; W Argabrite & S Smith; M Griffith, G Rankin; Redstart 62:81-82.
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