

Guidelines WV Bird List

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The purpose of the National Audubon Society sponsored WV Bird Listserv is to provide a forum avian communication among the state birders. Like other state bird listservs, some guidelines are needed to best meet this goal. These guidelines are designed to promote birding in West Virginia, communication among list members, and to foster avian conservation. Guidelines are also designed to meet the requests of list members.

First, members must first recognize that I ([Ronald A. Canterbury](#)) volunteer as list owner and that each member may request in writing to me changes to their individual subscriptions, such as having acknowledgment of receipt of a post Write directly to me for changes to or modification of your account rather than the entire list.

I have changed the list so that folks are able to respond only to the original sender of a post and NOT the entire list. If you want to comment on a particular subject to the entire list, then you must now make a new post. The reason for this change is to protect those who might fail to remember that they were responding to the entire list rather than a single person. In other words, "thinking you are responding to a single individual (the person who sent the original post) instead of everyone (all list members)."

Below is a list of rules that will allow the list to run a little more efficiently:

- (1) Please include your name, city or location, county of residence, and return e-mail at the end of each post (for those not familiar with many e-mail programs, many of them allow you to set your name/address as an automated response at the end of your e-mail). Listing your e-mail at the bottom of your post is optional if your e-mail address is in your header.
- (2) Limit your discussion to birds of West Virginia. Please subscribe to other list (e.g., Virginia or Maryland) if you want to read what is going on in other states or e-mail among your friends or birding colleagues off-list regarding neat sightings from other areas and the word still gets around.
- (3) Please limit your discussion to WV birds. Although I find it much enjoyable to read about other natural history topics, many others may not have the time or interest outside their devotion to WV birding. If you want to discuss another topic outside of birds, e.g., plant diseases, then please find a way to link it to WV birds. A good list to post natural history discussions is: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestVirginiaNaturalHistory/>
- (4) Please provide details of rare sightings, such as location, time of day and year, etc. If your unsure whether to post something or whether a certain avian species is considered rare in West Virginia, then consult some of our expert amateur and/or professional birders in the state, books, state lists, WV DNR, or Brooks Bird Club (BBC) before posting.
- (5) Large attachments are NOT recommended because of the risk of transmitting a virus or computer bug. A good place to post pictures and other neat items is to make yourself a web site (or have one made) and refer the readers to the URL.
- (6) All post related to Audubon programs, announcements, etc. are permitted. This includes post from the national office and local chapters.
- (7) No personal exchanges
- (8) Guidelines will be sent to all new list members