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Banding at Prickett's Fort State Park Marion County, West Virginia Spring and Fall Migration 2024

Joey Herron

During the spring and fall 2024 season, 108 birds of 36 species were banded. Seven birds from previous bandings were also captured: a White-eyed Vireo from 2023, a Carolina Wren from earlier in the year, a Blue-winged Warbler from 5/16/23, a Song Sparrow and Magnolia Warbler from earlier in the year, and also a Northern Cardinal and Carolina Chickadee from earlier in the year. One new species was added to the species list this year, a Louisiana Waterthrush bringing the species total to 88. Other highlights this year also included a second and third record for Ovenbird and a second record for Northern Flicker. A record was set for captures of Gray Catbird (9 captures), and the warbler count now stands at 19 different species banded.

Since 2008, I have been conducting a birding class for the Lifelong Learners group of Pierpont Community and Technical College in Fairmont, West Virginia. The spring and fall classes usually consist of one classroom session and three or four field sessions at Prickett's Fort State Park during early May and mid to late September and into mid to late October. Other banding takes place as weather permits and as other groups want demonstrations. On average 20-25 days of banding takes place including spring and fall bandings.

Prickett's Fort State Park is located along the Monongahela River in Marion County and has a diverse habitat including a large riparian area and many wooded areas with trails and openings. The various habitats support a wide variety of species and provide many good opportunities for observing and banding birds. Nets were set above the main trail area, next to the trail parking lot, which is located west of the visitor's center. Four to five nets are used along an abandoned railroad bed running across a power line right of way. The banding has taken place in this same area every spring and fall since starting in 2008.

Of this total of 88 species, 1,482 birds have been banded from the spring of 2008 to the fall of 2024. Over half the bandings, fifty-four and a half percent, are made up of ten species: Northern Cardinal (127), American Goldfinch (105), Song Sparrow (104), Carolina Chickadee (86), Gray Catbird (85), Indigo Bunting (68), Carolina Wren (66), Yellow-rumped Warbler (58), White-eyed Vireo (55) and Eastern Towhee (54). The following chart shows numbers of new birds banded and species banded.

Species	Number Banded 2024	Banded 2008–2024
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	2 (not banded)	28 (captured)
Downy Woodpecker	0	10
Northern Flicker	1	2
Red-bellied Woodpecker	1	4
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	0	1
Acadian Flycatcher	0	4
Least Flycatcher	0	1
Willow Flycatcher	0	1

Flycatcher Sp.	0	1
Eastern Phoebe	0	11
Eastern Wood Pewee	0	1
White-eyed Vireo	7	55
Warbling Vireo	0	5
Philadelphia Vireo (New)	0	1
Red-eyed Vireo	1	22
Blue-headed Vireo	0	1
Yellow-throated Vireo	0	1
Blue Jay	2	11
Carolina Chickadee	3	86
Black-capped Chickadee	0	2
Eastern Tufted Titmouse	1	23
Red-breasted Nuthatch	0	5
White-breasted Nuthatch	0	2
House Wren	0	8
Carolina Wren	6	66
Winter Wren	0	2
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	0	10
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	4	28
Golden-crowned Kinglet	5	10
Eastern Bluebird	0	2
Swainson's Thrush	2	11
Gray-cheeked Thrush	0	1
Hermit Thrush	3	4
Wood Thrush	3	24
American Robin	0	6
Gray Catbird	9	85
Brown Thrasher	3	12
Northern Mockingbird	3	16
Cedar Waxwing	1	9
Louisiana Waterthrush (new)	1	1
Ovenbird	2	3
Blue-winged Warbler	1	13
Swainson's Warbler	0	1
Orange-crowned Warbler	0	2
Nashville Warbler	1	7
Connecticut Warbler	0	3
Kentucky Warbler	0	6
Common Yellowthroat	0	27
American Redstart	3	14
Mourning Warbler	0	2
Blackburnian Warbler	0	2
Northern Parula	1	9
Magnolia Warbler	4	44
Yellow Warbler	0	17

Chestnut-sided Warbler	0	1
Blackpoll Warbler	0	5
Yellow-rumped Warbler	0	58
Prairie Warbler	0	2
Black-throated Green Warbler	0	8
Black-throated Blue Warbler	0	1
Wilson's Warbler	0	5
Hooded Warbler	1	11
Cape May Warbler	0	8
Bay-breasted Warbler	0	2
Yellow-breasted Chat	0	4
Tennessee Warbler	1	17
Yellow-throated Warbler	0	4
Canada Warbler	0	1
Palm Warbler	0	3
Eastern Towhee	5	54
Chipping Sparrow	0	23
Field Sparrow	0	15
Song Sparrow	8	104
Swamp Sparrow	1	3
White-throated Sparrow	7	43
White-crowned Sparrow	1	3
Lincoln's Sparrow	1	4
Dark-eyed Junco	0	2
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	0	3
Scarlet Tanager	0	5
Northern Cardinal	5	127
Indigo Bunting	6	68
Orchard Oriole	4	23
Baltimore Oriole	0	43
American Goldfinch	1	105
Purple Finch	0	2
House Sparrow	0	1
Killdeer	0	1
Red-winged Blackbird	0	1
Totals	88 (2024)	1,482 (all years)

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Blue-winged Warbler



Northern Flicker

Photos by Joey Herron.

Twenty-ninth Report of the West Virginia Bird Records Committee – 2024

Derek Courtney

On March 8, the WV Bird Records Committee convened to review significant bird sightings of 2024 and further back. Spring, across North America, most often conjures up thoughts of migration, with eager birders eagerly awaiting the return of our neotropical migrants. In the non-birder world however, many begin the labors of spring cleaning; tidying up after the cold and snow keep us indoors for much of the winter months. This year's meeting was equal parts evaluating new records and tidying up a few things from the past.

2024 was a really excellent year for bird diversity in West Virginia, a fact which delighted those undertaking some sort of Big Year. Shorebirds in particular really put in a great showing in our state with diversity buoyed by unfortunate drought conditions creating more habitat than we normally see from early spring onward. From a rare bird perspective, things really kicked up in the fall migration period though.

August is usually a time when we can expect some dispersing waders from down south. Last year saw an exceptional record of Tricolored Heron turn up at Marmet Locks in Kanawha County. Richard Gregg spotted this southern species in mid-August while birding one of his favorite local patches. This bird luckily stayed around a few days, allowing several state birders to enjoy its presence. This was the third relatively recent state record, with the most recent prior sighting happening all the way back in 2009. Great find, Richard!

When the weather cooled, the bird finds heated up! Late October saw a gorgeous Western Kingbird grace Harrison County. David Mayle found this western flycatcher hawking insects around the Bridgeport Rec Center. *Tyrannus* species can be really tricky to identify at times, but David's photos were so good that the Committee had little difficulty unanimously accepting this record. If only the bird had stayed around longer for others to see; but this one was a one-day wonder.

Later on, in November, Terry Bronson spied a Black-legged Kittiwake just off the Ohio River at the French Creek Wildlife Area in Pleasants County. This is a species that many had been eagerly awaiting to return to the state for many years. The previous record occurred all the way back in 1963 and, unsurprisingly, was also along the Ohio River. This fantastic sighting represents only the third state record with the first reported in 1902! This bird did not linger long and subsequent attempts to refind it in poor weather were thwarted. Hopefully the 60+ year pattern of recurrence can be shortened with the next one; Ohio River birders ... the gauntlet has been thrown down.

And finishing the year with a bang, superstar birders Aaron Graham and Ariella Malfaro came across a Black-throated Gray Warbler at a Grant County hotspot just two weeks before the year ended. This western warbler definitely shows a pattern of vagrancy to the east, but this is only the second time one has been seen in WV. Fantastic photos made this an easy record to accept. Unfortunately, despite really good habitat to hold a bird like this, and effort by many other birders, this one could not be refound either. With luck, the next Black-throated Gray will be more cooperative. Nevertheless, great find Aaron and Ariella!

The Records Committee also received a wonderful presentation on the MOTUS

tracking system from Committee Member and State Ornithologist, Rich Bailey. With new towers going up every year, the MOTUS data has real potential to answer scientific questions that have gone unanswered for too long. From a birder's perspective, this can also cast an illuminating light on what species pass through our state unseen. Within the past few years, Piping Plover, Red Knot, and Bicknell's Thrush have all flown over wearing MOTUS tags. I also expect the MOTUS data will give birders our best chance at figuring out where and when to look for Kirtland's Warblers, as a few tagged birds have also made their way through WV on their migration route. Thanks again, Rich! Sightings of those four species were recorded in the official state Review List. Interested parties may view those sightings in the Review List color-coded to a MOTUS observer.

While those represented the most recent sightings on which the Committee took action, in order to have as accurate an historical ornithological record as possible, the Committee sought out reports from several older sightings as well. Dr. David Patick was kind enough to submit a report on his 2018 sighting of Ruddy Turnstone in Cabell County that was well-documented with photos and right on-time with late-summer shorebird migration. 2021 saw an exciting occurrence of a quintet of young Roseate Spoonbills in Grant County, originally reported by Diane Holsinger et al. A number of birders around the state were able to see these rather unmistakable birds during their stay and many excellent photos were taken. Richard Gregg, of previously noted Tricolored Heron fame was also gracious in providing the Committee with reports on a 2021 sighting of Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, and a 2023 sighting of Limpkin. Both of these sightings were from Kanawha County and well-documented by many birders. This gives Mr. Gregg 3 accepted records from this year's Committee. I'm not sure if that's a record, but the Committee extends a great deal of thanks to Mr. Gregg and all the other observers who took the time to submit reports this year.

The Committee also decided to take a look at a pair of previously-accepted records that were deemed problematic. Every time the Committee evaluates a rare bird report, its members must consider three factors: 1.) Is the identification correct and exclusive of other species? 2.) Was the bird alive and within the state border? 3.) Was the bird wild, non-captive, non-released, and not an escapee? The Committee decided to re-evaluate those 2 records on points 1 and 2.

Dr. Gary Rankin and Dr. Jesse Fallon both completed their five-year terms of volunteer service on the BRC and rotate off the Committee. The Committee wishes to extend a great deal of thanks to both of them for their service. As they exit, we welcome Josh Holland and Cynthia Mullens who were elected to serve five-year terms. Nathan Rees will serve as our alternate member for the coming year. The Committee looks forward to their contributions and appreciates their willingness to serve. The Committee also wishes to express its gratitude to Wil Hershberger for continuing his role as Secretary. Dr. Derek Courtney was elected to serve as Committee Chairperson and Wade Snyder was re-elected to continue in his capacity as Vice Chairperson.

If anyone has any questions, concerns, comments, or thoughts on how the Bird Records Committee can better serve West Virginia and its birding community, please do not hesitate to contact us. Until the next time, then ... Thanks for all you do! The BRC cannot function without cooperation from the birding community. 2025 is already off to a bang with a sighting of Harlequin Duck already submitted and a potential state-first sighting of Bullock's Oriole as well. Who knows what exciting species will turn up next!

Field Notes
Fall Season
September 1 – November 30, 2024

Casey Rucker

The summer's drought persisted through the fall months despite wetter-than-usual weather during September and November, according to the Northeast Regional Climate Center at Cornell University. All three months of the fall were warmer than average, and the fall season was the fifth-warmest on record.

The following notes were gathered from the West Virginia Birds Listserv, sponsored by the National Audubon Society, and from field notes submitted to the author by email at autoblock@frontiernet.net, and by regular mail. The full content of the reports submitted by the contributors of the WV Listserv may be viewed by visiting the archives at the following web site: <http://list.audubon.org/archives/wv-bird.html>. Observations were sparse, coming from only 20 of West Virginia's 55 counties during the fall season.

Two sightings this fall were third state records. David Myles spotted a **Western Kingbird** in Bridgeport, Harrison County, on October 18. On November 22, Terry Bronson discovered a **Black-legged Kittiwake** at French Creek Wildlife Area in Pleasants County. The fall generally saw few reports, particularly of shorebirds. Diversity plunged this year, with only 148 species reported in the state during the fall months.

Geese, Swans, and Ducks – During the late November Jack O'Connell found a **Snow Goose** in Greenbrier County and Wilma Jarrell spotted a flock of approximately 20 in Wetzel County. **Canada Geese** were as usual widespread throughout the state. Donna Mitchell reported that Bill Roody counted 102 **Tundra Swans** on Teter Creek Lake, Barbour County, on November 24.

West Virginia birders reported fourteen species of **ducks** this season, well below the year before. Reports of the following species came from fewer than six counties, as noted: **Wood Ducks**: Monongalia (DCo), Summers (JP), and Wetzel (WJ) Counties; **Northern Shovelers**: Monongalia (DCo) County; **Gadwalls**: Monongalia (DCo), Summers (MW, JP), and Wetzel (WJ) Counties; **American Wigeons**: Summers County (JP); **Mallards**: Kanawha (RG), Mercer (JP), Monongalia (DCo), Summers (JP), and Wetzel (WJ) Counties; **American Black Ducks**: Monongalia (DCo) and Summers (JP) Counties; **Green-winged Teal**: Summers County (JP); **Ring-necked Ducks**: Monongalia (DCo), Summers (JP), and Wetzel (WJ) Counties; **Surf Scoter**: Monongalia County (DCo); **Black Scoter**: Monongalia County (DCo); **Buffleheads**: Mercer (JJP), Monongalia (DCo), and Summers (JJP) Counties; **Hooded Mergansers**: Monongalia (DCo), Summers (JP), and Wetzel (WJ) Counties; **Common Mergansers**: Mercer (JJP), Monongalia (DCo), and Summers (JP) Counties; and **Ruddy Ducks** Mercer (JJP), Monongalia (DCo), and Summers (JJP) Counties.

Turkeys and Grouse – **Wild Turkeys** were reported in Jefferson (BH), Summers (MW), and Wetzel (WJ) Counties. The editor of these notes jumped a **Ruffed Grouse** in Canaan Valley National Wildlife Refuge, Tucker County, on October 26.

Grebes – **Pied-billed Grebes** appeared in reports from six counties. Derek Courtney and the Mountaineer Audubon Club found a **Horned Grebe** on November 16 at Cheat

Lake, Monongalia County.

Pigeons and Doves – **Rock Pigeons** and **Mourning Doves** continue to reside throughout the state.

Cuckoos – James Phillips reported the only **Cuckoo** sighting of the fall, a **Yellow-billed Cuckoo** in Pipestem, Summers County, on September 18.

Goatsuckers and Swifts – Reports of **Common Nighthawk** came only from Mercer (ChM), and Summers (JJP) Counties this fall. There were only three counties with reports of **Chimney Swifts**, with the latest report coming from James Phillips, reporting from the East River Mountain Overlook hawk watch in Mercer County, on October 4.

Hummingbirds – Birders in ten counties reported sightings of **Ruby-throated Hummingbirds**, through late September. The last report was on October 3, when Bruni Haydl spotted a **Ruby-throated Hummingbird** in her yard in Charles Town, Jefferson County.

Coots – Derek Courtney found six **American Coots** at Cheat Lake, Monongalia County, on November 9.

Plovers – On October 5, David Patick discovered an **American Golden-Plover** at Robert C. Byrd Locks and Dam, Mason County. Reports of **Killdeer** came from only two counties.

Sandpipers – **Sandpiper** reports practically vanished, as West Virginia birders submitted reports of two species: **Dunlin**: Monongalia County (DCo); and **Lesser Yellowlegs**: Mason (DP).

Gulls – The **Black-legged Kittiwake** found by Terry Bronson in Pleasants County is described near the beginning of these notes. Inland seabird reports were practically nonexistent, in keeping with recent years. Derek Courtney and the Mountaineer Audubon Club saw one **Bonaparte's** and 53 **Ring-billed Gulls** at Cheat Lake, Monongalia County, on November 16, and Wilma Jarrell found three **Ring-billed Gulls** on November 3 in Proctor, Wetzel County. The first half of September brought the state's only **tern** sightings, a **Caspian Tern** observed by Terry Bronson at Willow Island Dam, Pleasants County, on the third, and 25 **Common Terns** were seen by Michael Griffith, Janet Keating, and David Patick, on a tip from Brandon Smith, on the thirteenth.

Loons – **Common Loons** were only reported from Monongalia (DCo), Monroe (JP), Raleigh (MAW), and Summers (JP) Counties.

Cormorants – Reports of **Double-crested Cormorants** came from three counties.

Hérons and Egrets – Hulett Good reported the only **Green Heron** of the season, relayed from Shirley Good at Coonskin Lake, Kanawha County, on September 13. **Great Egrets** were reported in three counties and **Great Blue Herons** in only five counties this fall.

Vultures – Reports of **Black Vultures** came from three counties, while six counties had reports of **Turkey Vultures**.

Hawks and Eagles – **Osprey** reports were flat this fall, coming from Kanawha (HG), Mercer (JJP), Summers (JP), and Tucker (CR) Counties. On September 2, Derek Courtney and Hannah Clipp saw a **Swallow-tailed Kite** near Rippon, Jefferson County, where the bird had been seen for a week. James Phillips saw multiple **Golden Eagles** beginning on October 13 through the entire fall season at the East River Mountain hawk watch in Mercer County. A **Northern Harrier** was seen in Canaan Valley, Tucker County, by Herb Meyers on September 6 and by Casey Rucker on September 9. **Sharp-shinned Hawk**

reports came from Mercer (JP) and Tucker (CR) Counties, and **Coopers Hawks** were reported from Mercer County (JP). **Bald Eagles**, and **Red-shouldered** and **Red-tailed hawks** were all fairly well represented in reports throughout the state during the fall season. **Broad-winged Hawks** were observed often by James Phillips at the East River Mountain hawk watch in Mercer County.

Owls – Reports of **owls** were virtually nonexistent this season: **Eastern Screech-Owl**: from Marion County (AW); **Great Horned Owls**: from Marion (AW), Ohio (PM), Summers (JJP), and Wetzel (WJ) Counties, and **Barred Owls** in Jefferson (BH), Marion (AW), Ohio (PM), Summers (JJP), and Wetzel (WJ) Counties.

Kingfishers – Reports of **Belted Kingfisher** were down this fall, with sightings in only five counties.

Woodpeckers – **Red-headed Woodpeckers** appeared in Mercer (JP) and Tucker (MK) Counties. **Red-bellied Woodpeckers**, **Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers**, **Downy Woodpeckers**, **Hairy Woodpeckers**, **Northern Flickers**, and **Pileated Woodpeckers** were widely reported.

Falcons – It was a slow fall for **falcons** in West Virginia; **American Kestrels** appeared in only four counties. One **Merlin** appeared at the East River Mountain hawk watch in Mercer County, on September 21 (JP). There were reports of **Peregrine Falcons** from Mason (DP) and Mercer (JP) Counties.

Flycatchers – The Western Kingbird found by David Myles in mid-October is described near the beginning of these notes. On September 13, James and Judy Phillips hosted an **Olive-sided Flycatcher** at their home in Pipestem, Summers County. Joey Herron found the season's only **Eastern Kingbird** in Marion County in September. **Eastern Wood-Pewees** appeared in reports from Mercer (JP), Monongalia (DCo), Summers (JP), and Wetzel (WJ) Counties. **Eastern Phoebes** were reported from only four counties.

Vireos – **Vireo** reports were also sparse: **White-eyed** from Monongalia (DCo) and Wetzel (WJ) Counties; **Yellow-throated** from Kanawha County (HG), **Blue-headed** from Mercer (JP), Summers (JP), and Tucker (CR) Counties, and **Red-eyed** from Monongalia (DCo), Summers (JP), and Tucker (CR) Counties.

Crows, Jays, and Ravens – **Blue Jays**, **American Crows**, and **Common Ravens** prompted many reports throughout West Virginia.

Chickadees and Titmice – **Carolina Chickadees** and **Tufted Titmice** appeared widely in state reports.

Swallows – James Phillips recorded **Tree Swallows** at the East River Mountain hawk watch in Mercer County from September 6 to October 4. On September 18, Hulett Good watched four **Purple Martins** hawking insects in his yard in Milliken, Kanawha County.

Kinglets – Reports were, once again, few this fall: **Ruby-crowned kinglets** from Cabell (DP), Kanawha (HG), Summers (JJP), and Wetzel (WJ) Counties, and **Golden-crowned Kinglets** from Kanawha (HG) and Summers (MW, JJP) Counties.

Waxwings – **Cedar Waxwing** reports continued down this season, with sightings in seven counties throughout the state.

Nuthatches – In the usual two-year pattern of irruptions, only **White-breasted Nuthatches** exhibited their familiar ubiquity.

Creepers – Reports of **Brown Creeper** came from Jefferson (BH), Tucker (CR), and Wetzel (WJ) Counties.

Gnatcatchers – Birders in Kanawha (HG) and Summers (JP) Counties reported **Blue-gray Gnatcatchers** during September.

Wrens – **Carolina Wrens** were as usual reported throughout the state. Derek Courtney and Mountaineer Audubon saw the only reported **Northern House Wren** of the season, from Little Indian Creek Wildlife Management Area on September 14. James and Judy Phillips found the only reported **Winter Wren** of the season, on November 26 at Mountain Valley Lake, Summers County. On September 28, David Patick discovered two **Marsh Wrens** at Robert C. Byrd Locks and Dam, Mason County.

Catbirds, Thrashers, and Mockingbirds – There were few reports of **Gray Catbirds, Brown Thrashers, and Northern Mockingbirds** throughout the state this fall.

Starlings – Reports from seven counties confirm that **European Starlings** continued to occupy widespread habitats throughout West Virginia.

Thrushes – It was a mediocre fall for **thrush** reports in West Virginia. **Eastern Bluebirds, Swainson’s Thrushes, and American Robins** were all seen widely in reporting counties. A **Veery** was in a report from Mason County (DP), and a **Gray-cheeked Thrush** in Summers County (JP).

Old World Sparrows – The **House Sparrow** prompted reports only from Summers County this fall.

Pipits – Derek Courtney spotted 15 **American Pipits** at Cheat Lake, Monongalia County, on November 9.

Finches and Allies – **Purple and House finches, and American Goldfinches** inspired widespread though sparse reports throughout the state this fall.

Sparrows, Juncos, and Towhees – Michael Griffith discovered a **Nelson’s Sparrow** at Robert C. Byrd Locks and Dam, Mason County, on October 18. The most-frequent **emberizid** species in reports this fall were **Chipping and Field sparrows, Dark-eyed Juncos, White-throated, Song and Lincoln’s sparrows, and Eastern Towhees**. The following **sparrows** were reported only in the counties listed: **Fox** in Wetzel (WJ); **White-crowned** in Monroe (RD), and **Savannah** in Mason (DP).

Blackbirds – Reports of **Icterids** were vanishingly scarce this fall. **Red-winged Blackbirds** and **Common Grackles** were reported in Summers (MW) and Wetzel (WJ), Counties.

Warblers – This fall birders in West Virginia found 24 **warbler** species; reports were down from last year. On September 24, David Patick encountered an **Orange-crowned Warbler** at Ashton Wetlands, Mason County. On September 14, Derek Courtney and the Mountaineer Audubon Club found a **Connecticut Warbler**, among many others, at Indian Creek Wildlife Management Area, Monongalia County. The following **warbler** species are listed below with the counties and contributors. **Warblers** reported this fall included **Ovenbird** – Jefferson (BH) and Wetzel (WJ) Counties; **Worm-eating** – Summers County (JJP); **Blue-winged and Black-and-white** – Kanawha County (HG); **Tennessee** – Greenbrier (JO), Kanawha (HG), Mercer (JP), Summers (JP), and Tucker (CR) Counties; **Nashville** – Jefferson (BH), Mercer (JP), and Summers (JP) Counties; **Common Yellowthroat** – Jefferson (BH), Monongalia (DCo), and Summers (JP) Counties; **Hooded** – Monongalia County (DCo); **American Redstart** – Kanawha (HG), Monongalia (DCo), and Summers (JP) Counties; **Cape May** – Monongalia (DCo), and Summers (JP) Counties; **Magnolia** – Kanawha (HG), Mercer (JP), Monongalia (DCo), and Summers (JP) Counties; **Bay-breasted** – Kanawha (HG) and Monongalia (DCo) Counties; **Blackburnian** –

Summers County (JP); **Yellow** and **Chestnut-sided** – Kanawha County (HG); **Blackpoll** – Mercer (JP) and Summers (JP) Counties; **Palm** – Kanawha (RG), Mercer (JP), Monongalia (DCo), Summers (JP), and Wood (TB) Counties; **Pine** – Kanawha (HG) and Wetzel (WJ) Counties; **Yellow-rumped** – Kanawha (HG, RG), Summers (MW, JP), and Wetzel (WJ) Counties; **Prairie** – Kanawha (HG), Mason (DP), Monongalia (DCo) and Summers (JP) Counties; and **Black-throated Green** – Jefferson (BH), Kanawha (HG), Monongalia (DCo), and Tucker (CR) Counties.

Tanagers, Cardinals, Grosbeaks, and Buntings – Hulett Good once again reported the only **Summer Tanager** of the season, at his home in Milliken, Kanawha County, on September 19. **Scarlet Tanagers, Northern Cardinals, Rose-breasted Grosbeaks,** and **Indigo Buntings** prompted reports from birders in most parts of the state.

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