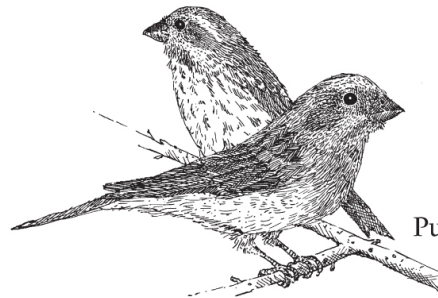




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Purple Finch

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Species	Status	Hab.	Sp	S	F	W
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<input type="checkbox"/> Evening Grosbeak	WR		R			R
<input type="checkbox"/> House Sparrow*	PR		U	U	U	U

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A Checklist of Birds in the Big South Fork



The Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area is comprised of an area of about 125,000 acres located in McCreary County, Kentucky and Fentress, Morgan, Pickett, and Scott counties, Tennessee. It was established in 1974 to provide protection for the watershed of the Big South Fork of the Cumberland River and the many fine natural features found nearby.

About 160 species of birds have been recorded within the Big South Fork NRRRA during the past two decades. Prior to establishment of the National Area, some species of birds occurred within its present-day boundaries or nearby, but they have not been recorded since. The following species may one day be recorded in the area again, but they are not expected at the time: Golden Eagle, Peregrine Falcon, Red-cockaded Woodpecker, Common Raven, Bewick's Wren.

The National Area is especially rich as a haven for species of 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. Italics in the checklist indicate partial Neotropical migrants.

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)

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 to 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 the Big South Fork 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.

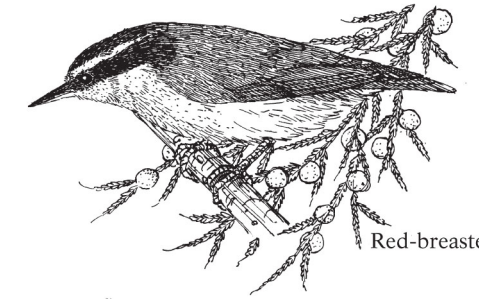
Field Information

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: _____

Species	Status	Hab.	Sp	S	F	W
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Loon	VI	Aq	R			
<input type="checkbox"/> Pied-billed Grebe	VI	Aq	VU		VU	R
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Red-breasted Nuthatch

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