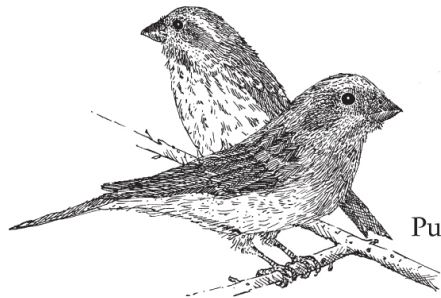




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Species	Status	Hab.	Sp	S	F	W
☐ Blue-winged Warbler	TR	Op	VU		VU	
☐ Golden-winged Warbler	TR	Op			R	
☐ Tennessee Warbler	TR	For, Op	VU		U	
☐ Orange-crowned Warbler	TR	For			R	
☐ Northern Parula **	SR	For	U	U	VU	
☐ Yellow Warbler	TR	Op	VU			
☐ Chestnut-sided Warbler	TR	Op, For	U		U	
☐ Magnolia Warbler	TR	For	U		U	
☐ Cape May Warbler	TR	For	VU		R	
☐ Black-throated Blue Warbler	TR	For	R			
☐ Yellow-rumped Warbler	WR	For	U		FC	FC
☐ Black-thr. Green Warbler **	SR	For	C	C	U	
☐ Blackburnian Warbler	TR	For	VU		U	
☐ Yellow-throated Warbler *	SR	For	FC	FC	U	
☐ Pine Warbler **	PR	For	U	U	U	R
☐ Prairie Warbler *	SR	Op	U	U		
☐ Palm Warbler	TR	Gen	VU		U	
☐ Bay-breasted Warbler	TR	For	VU		U	
☐ Blackpoll Warbler	TR	For	VU			
☐ Cerulean Warbler **	SR	For	R	R		
☐ Black-and-white Warbler **	SR	For	FC	FC	U	
☐ American Redstart	TR	For	U		U	
☐ Worm-eating Warbler **	SR	For	FC	FC	U	
☐ Swainson's Warbler **	SR	For	U	U		



Purple Finch

☐ Ovenbird **	SR	For	C	C	U	
☐ Northern Waterthrush	TR	For	VU			
☐ Louisiana Waterthrush **	SR	Aq	FC	FC	VU	
☐ Kentucky Warbler **	SR	For	U	U	VU	
☐ Connecticut Warbler	TR	For	R			
☐ Common Yellowthroat *	SR	Op	U	U	U	
☐ Hooded Warbler **	SR	For	C	C	FC	
☐ Wilson's Warbler	TR	For			R	
☐ Canada Warbler	TR	For			VU	
☐ Yellow-breasted Chat *	SR	Op	U	U	VU	
☐ Summer Tanager *	SR	For	U	U	U	
☐ Scarlet Tanager **	SR	For	FC	C	U	
☐ Eastern Towhee **	PR	For	FC	FC	FC	U



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A Checklist of Birds in the Obed Wild and Scenic River



Cover Photo: Ovenbird near Lilly Bluff, OBRI,
29 September 2006, taken by S. J. Stedman

Dr. Stephen J. Stedman (Tennessee Technological University), Dr. Charles P. Nicholson (Tennessee Ornithological Society) and NPS data provided much of the information in the preceding checklist.

The Obed Wild and Scenic River is comprised of an area of about 5,000 acres located in Morgan County, Tennessee. It was established in 1976 to provide protection to unique resources found along the Obed and Emory Rivers and their major tributaries. An amendment to the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act states that the park was created to protect the park’s free-flowing streams, wildlife resources, primitive character, and other “outstandingly remarkable values” for the benefit of future and the many fine natural features found nearby.

The Obed Wild and Scenic River has dozens of different bird species that fly amongst the trees and ridges of the park. Many common birds such as the cardinal, the crow, and the turkey vulture are visible throughout the year at all times of day. Some birds, such as the barred owl, are experts at using their camouflaging feathers to make seeing them an occasional experience. Many Obed hikers will see or hear a variety of birds throughout the park on a typical walk.

About 160 bird species have been recorded within Obed Wild and Scenic River during the past two decades. Prior to the establishment of the Wild and Scenic River, 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 this time: Golden Eagle, Peregrine Falcon, Red-cockaded Woodpecker, Common Raven, and Bewick’s Wren.

The Obed Wild and Scenic River 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 because of the effects of forest fragmentation and clear cutting. Protecting large tracts of mature forest may be the best means of ensuring the survival of these species.

If you encounter species of birds not on the park checklist, please send information about when and where you noted them to the Park Headquarters (Attn: Chief of Resource Management, BSFNRRRA, 4564 Leatherwood Road, Oneida, TN 37841).

Status Codes		Habitat Obligates and Generalists	
PR	Permanent Resident	Some species breeding in or migrating through the Obed 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:	
SR	Summer Resident		
WR	Winter Resident		
TR	Transient		
VI	Visitor (no pattern of occurrence)		
Abundance Codes		Gen	Largely confined to the gorge of the Obed and its tributaries.
(how often the species is likely to be seen/heard in appropriate habitat in one day)		Aq	Usually associated with aquatic habitats, such as rivers, lakes and ponds.
		A	Abundant (26+)
		C	Common (11-25)
		FC	Fairly Common (3-10)
		U	Uncommon (1-2)
VU	Very Uncommon (1-5)	For	Usually associated with upland pine forests.
R	Rare (only 1-3)	Op	Usually associated with open habitats, such as old fields, pastures, homesteads, and recently developed areas.
Seasons of Occurrence		Asterisks indicate breeding in areas:	
Sp	Spring (March-May)	Confirmed (**) observed nest, eggs, nestlings, dependent fledglings, adults tending young; Highly Probable (*) observed territorial behavior, courtship, paired birds during appropriate season)	
Su	Summer (June-July)		
Fa	Fall (August-November)		
W	Winter (December-February)		

Field Information

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

Date/Time:_____ Afield:_____

Observer(s):_____

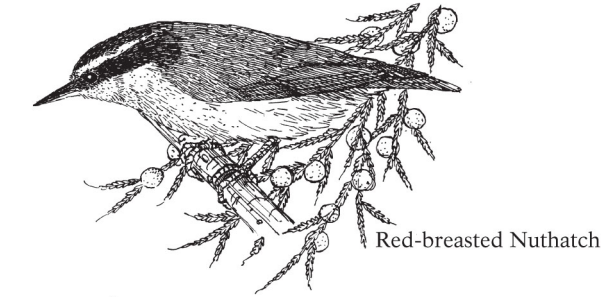
Sky/Wind/Temp:_____ Total # Species_____

Places Visited:_____

Notes:_____

Species	Status	Hab.	Sp	S	F	W
☐ Canada Goose *	PR	Aq	U	VU	VU	VU
☐ Wood Duck **	PR	Aq	U	U	VU	U
☐ American Black Duck	TR	Aq	R			
☐ Mallard	PR	Aq	VU	R	R	
☐ Blue-winged Teal	TR	Aq	R			
☐ Northern Shoveler	TR	Aq	R			
☐ Green-winged Teal	TR	Aq	R			
☐ Bufflehead	TR	Aq	R			
☐ Hooded Merganser	TR	Aq	R			R
☐ Ruffed Grouse **	PR	For	U	U	U	U
☐ Wild Turkey **	PR	Gen	U	U	U	U
☐ Northern Bobwhite	PR	Op	VU	VU	R	
☐ Great Blue Heron **	PR	Aq	U	U	U	U
☐ Green Heron *	SR	Aq	VU	R	VU	
☐ Black Vulture *	PR	Gen	FC	U	U	FC
☐ Turkey Vulture *	PR	Gen	FC	FC	FC	FC
☐ Osprey **	SR	Aq	VR	VU	VU	
☐ Bald Eagle	TR	Aq		R	R	R
☐ Northern Harrier	TR	Op			R	
☐ Sharp-shinned Hawk *	PR	For	U	VU	VU	VU
☐ Cooper's Hawk *	PR	For	VU	R	VU	VU
☐ Red-shouldered Hawk **	PR	Gen	U	U	U	U
☐ Broad-winged Hawk **	SR	For	U	U	U	
☐ Red-tailed Hawk	PR	Gen	U	U	U	U
☐ American Kestrel	UN	Op	R	R	VU	R
☐ Peregrine Falcon	TR	Op				R
☐ Merlin	TR	Op	R			
☐ American Coot	TR	Aq	R			
☐ Sandhill Crane	TR	Aq			VU	VU
☐ Killdeer	VR	Aq, Op			VU	VU
☐ Spotted Sandpiper	TR	Aq	VU	VU	VU	
☐ American Woodcock **	PR	Gen	VU	VU	VU	VU
☐ Rock Pigeon **	PR	Gen	VU	VU	VU	VU
☐ Mourning Dove **	PR	Gen	FC	FC	FC	FC
☐ Yellow-billed Cuckoo **	SR	For	VU	U	VU	
☐ Black-billed Cuckoo	TR	For		R		
☐ Barn Owl	VR	Gen				R
☐ Eastern Screech-Owl **	PR	For	U	U	U	U
☐ Great Horned Owl *	PR	Gen	U	U	U	U
☐ Barred Owl **	PR	For	U	U	U	U
☐ Northern Saw-whet Owl	VR	For				R
☐ Common Nighthawk	TR	Op		R	U	
☐ Chuck-will's-widow *	SR	For	VU	VU		
☐ Whip-poor-will *	SR	For	U	U	VU	
☐ Chimney Swift	SR	Gen	U	U	U	
☐ Ruby-throat Hummingbird *	SR	Gen	U	U	U	
☐ Belted Kingfisher *	PR	Aq	U	U	U	U
☐ Red-headed Woodpecker	PR	For	VU	R	VU	
☐ Red-bellied Woodpecker **	PR	For	U	U	U	U
☐ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	VR	For	VU		U	U

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☐ Downy Woodpecker **	PR	For	FC	U	FC	FC
☐ Hairy Woodpecker **	PR	For	U	U	U	U
☐ Northern Flicker **	PR	For	U	U	U	U
☐ Pileated Woodpecker **	PR	For	FC	U	FC	FC
☐ Eastern Wood-Pewee *	SR	For	U	U	U	
☐ Acadian Flycatcher *	SR	For	U	U	VU	
☐ Least Flycatcher	TR	For	R			
☐ Eastern Phoebe **	PR	Gen	FC	FC	FC	U
☐ Great Crested Flycatcher *	SR	For	U	U	U	
☐ Eastern Kingbird	TR	Op		R	R	
☐ White-eyed Vireo *	SR	Op	FC	FC	FC	
☐ Yellow-throated Vireo *	SR	For	FC	FC	FC	
☐ Blue-headed Vireo **	SR	For	C	C	C	R
☐ Warbling Vireo	TR	For			R	
☐ Philadelphia Vireo	TR	For			R	
☐ Red-eyed Vireo **	SR	For	C	A	U	
☐ Blue Jay **	PR	For	FC	FC	C	FC
☐ American Crow **	PR	Gen	C	C	C	C
☐ Horned Lark	VR	Op	R		R	
☐ Purple Martin	VR	Gen	VU	VU		
☐ Tree Swallow **	SR	Aq, Op	R	VU		



☐ N. Rough-winged Swallow **	SR	Gen	U	U	VU	
☐ Bank Swallow	TR	Gen	R			
☐ Barn Swallow **	SR	Op	U	U	VU	
☐ Carolina Chickadee **	PR	For	FC	FC	FC	FC
☐ Tufted Titmouse **	PR	For	FC	FC	FC	FC
☐ Red-breasted Nuthatch	WR	For	VU	R	VU	U
☐ White-breasted Nuthatch **	PR	For	FC	FC	FC	FC
☐ Brown Creeper	WR	For	VU	U	U	
☐ Carolina Wren **	PR	Gen	C	C	C	FC
☐ House Wren	TR	For	VU	VU		
☐ Winter Wren	WR	For	VU	U	FC	
☐ Golden-crowned Kinglet	WR	For	U	U	FC	
☐ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	WR	For	U	U	U	
☐ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher **	SR	For	FC	C	U	
☐ Eastern Bluebird **	PR	Op	U	U	U	U
☐ Veery	TR	For	R		VU	
☐ Gray-cheeked Thrush	TR	For			R	
☐ Swainson's Thrush	TR	For	U		U	
☐ Hermit Thrush	WR	For	VU		U	U
☐ Wood Thrush **	SR	For	U	FC	U	
☐ American Robin *	PR	For,Op	U	U	FC	U
☐ Gray Catbird **	SR	For	U	R	U	
☐ Northern Mockingbird	VR	Op		R	R	
☐ Brown Thrasher **	PR	Op	U	U	U	VU
☐ European Starling	PR	Op	VU	U	FC	U
☐ American Pipit	VR	Op				R
☐ Cedar Waxwing **	PR	For, Op	VU	R	VU	VU