

## SPECIES ACCOUNTS FOR SELECT ORR BIRDS

**Ross's Goose (*Chen rossii*—occasional):** Ross's goose is a regular migrant and wintering bird in Tennessee, though fairly uncommon away from the Mississippi River Valley. They are often seen migrating, flying, and/or foraging with snow geese (TWRA 2012). Individual Ross's geese have been observed twice on the Reservation, in the months of January and February. The most recent record is from just northeast of the ORNL Swan Pond in January 2012, among a flock of Canada geese.

**Cackling Goose (*Branta hutchinsii*—occasional):** Observed several times on the ORR but only one known occurrence of one individual since this species split from Canada goose. Found in association with Canada geese by Michael Plaster, photographed by Wade GeFellers, at the ORNL Swan Pond on November 25, 2014.

**Canada Goose (*Branta canadensis*—year-round):** Krumholz (1954) reported six Canada geese using White Oak Lake as a nighttime resting spot for several weeks between October 1952 and May 1953. It is not known if the geese Krumholz observed were of the giant "*maxima*" race, the race re-introduced in East Tennessee on the Melton Hill Reservoir in 1972 (Nicholson 1972) after being extirpated from the state near the turn of the 20th century (Hanson 1965). Canada geese rapidly expanded throughout the state in the 1970s and 1980s, leading many agencies to implement nuisance control measures in the 1990s. Approximately 1,450 birds were relocated off the ORR, including 506 from 1995 to 1999 (Roy et al. 2004) and another ~950 from 2004 to 2013. A federal permit was obtained to addle goose eggs on the ORR, and 454 eggs were addled from 2005 to 2014. Additional goose control measures on the ORR included harassment and habitat manipulations to discourage geese. These efforts resulted in a reduction in the Canada goose population on the ORR from ~1,500 birds in 1990 to ~1,400 birds in 2004 (Roy et al. 2004), to <100 birds by 2013. Although ~95% of ORR Canada geese are non-migratory residents, Roy et al. (2004) documented movements of 28 "Reservation" geese to other states and Canada, including one adult female that traveled 1,206 miles (1,940 km) (straight line distance) to Nunavut, Canada, and returned to the ORR.

**Mute Swan (*Cygnus olor*—year-round):** There are no known records of wild mute swans on the ORR. "Domesticated," pinioned mute swans, however, were present on the ORNL Swan Pond from 1964 to 2004 and produced a number of cygnets. The last four mute swans on the pond were rounded up and donated to a private Scott County landowner in 2004.

**White-winged Scoter (*Melanitta fusca*—occasional):** This scoter turned up at numerous locations throughout East Tennessee in late winter 2013–14. Three birds were reported on Melton Hill Embayment by Beth Schilling on February 10, 2014, and by Stephany McNew and Colin Sumerall on February 15, 2014 (eBird). Ron Hoff and Dollyann Myers reported one female white-winged scoter near Solway Bridge on March 13, 2014 (TN-Bird).

**Common Goldeneye (*Bucephala clangula*—winter):** Two individuals were reported at approximately Clinch River mile 44.4, mid-channel near the Knox/Anderson county line, along the southwest side of Haw Ridge Park, by Kelly Roy on January 2, 2010, on a Knoxville Christmas Count. A female common goldeneye was reported by Michael Plaster (eBird) at the Swan Pond at ORNL on April 5, 2013.

**Northern Bobwhite (*Colinus virginianus*—year-round):** Krumholz (1954) recorded this species in the area of White Oak Lake. Howell (1958) reported it for the Melton Valley Area but noted that it was disappearing from that area. Northern bobwhites were recorded on the ORR along transmission line corridors during a study conducted in 1974 and were found to be more prevalent along narrower (13 yd [12 m] wide), as opposed to wider (33.4 yd [30.5 m] wider), corridors (Anderson et al. 1977). Kroodsma (1984a, 1984b) recorded northern bobwhite along power-line edges on the ORR in the mid to late 1970s.

The most common areas noted for this species during PIF surveys have been at Dyllis Orchard/Raby Road (1996–2003, 2005, 2007–08), Freels Bend (1996–2001, 2003, 2006, 2011, 2012) and Poplar Creek (1996–2000, 2002–03, 2008). A recent grassland bird survey noted no northern bobwhites in exotic grass fields and only low numbers in early successional and mid-successional cover types (Brinkley and Buehler 2012). This species has shown a general decline in observations since 1995 (Appendix B). Efforts are ongoing on the Reservation to maintain early successional habitat for this species, including prescribed burns, establishment of native grasses, and thinning of pine stands.

**Ruffed Grouse (*Bonasa umbellus*—year-round):** This species is quite rare on the ORR and has never been recorded on a PIF survey, even though it can be found in good numbers, in some years, ~6 miles (10 km) northwest of the Reservation (south of Big Brushy Mountain). Krumholz (1954) recorded this species in the area of White Oak Lake, and there have been a number of anecdotal records for this species on the ORR. It has been observed on Pine Ridge near Gum Branch Road (single specimen). Another grouse was flushed two consecutive mornings in November 2005 on Haw Ridge, ~0.6 mile (1 km) south of Kerr Hollow Quarry. More recent confirmations of this species have come from two fatal window strikes at ORNL buildings, one in November 2008 at the Spallation Neutron Source, and one in August 2010 at Building 4500N.

**Horned Grebe (*Podiceps auritus*—winter):** This species has been recorded at least eight times on the ORR since 1994. It occurs during the winter season and has been found on the ORR in the months of November, January, February, and March. The most recent observations came from the K1007-P1 Pond at ETTP (Fig. 4) in late March 2012 and from near Solway Bridge, as reported by Ron Hoff and Dollyann Myers, on March 13, 2014 (TN-Bird).

**Red-necked Grebe (*Podiceps grisegena*—occasional):** Two red-necked grebes were well-documented on Melton Hill Lake just above Melton Hill Dam from March 10 to March 28, 2014. These birds were seen on both the Roane County and Loudon County sides of the lake. Observers included Mike Ryon, Beth Schilling, Scott Somershoe, several of the authors, and other individuals. Extremely cold weather (particularly in the northeast) in the winter of 2013–14 pushed several species, including this one, farther south than usual. Red-necked grebes were observed on East Tennessee lakes in unprecedented numbers in February and March 2014.

**Eared Grebe (*Podiceps nigricollis*—occasional):** One record (one individual) from May 24, 1995, above Melton Hill Dam at approximately Clinch River mile 23.6 (kilometer 38) (observed by Jim Evans and Brenda O’Neal).

**Anhinga (*Anhinga anhinga*—occasional):** One record of one individual from June 2, 1994, at the ORNL Swan Pond. This bird was observed by David Cox, Jim Lane, and Brenda O’Neal. Recent conversations with Jim Lane, a wildlife professional with TWRA, leave little doubt as to this record. Not only was he emphatic that this bird was not a cormorant, but the logbook entry itself originally listed “cormorant” (meaning the much more common double-crested cormorant). That entry was crossed out and replaced with “American Anhinga,” initialed, and dated the same day by Brenda O’Neal. The observers stated they were surprised it was not a cormorant. Mitchell et al. (1996) and Mann et al. (1997) previously reported the date of this observation as June 20, 1994, but that is a misprint; the correct date is June 2, 1994. East Tennessee anhinga records are extremely rare but have occurred previously, including a flyover in Hamilton County on October 11, 1987 (Dubke 1993). More recently, an adult female anhinga was photographed in Van Buren County on April 8, 2013. Anhingas are deemed “In Need of Management” in Tennessee.

**American White Pelican (*Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*—occasional):** A single white pelican was observed on Melton Hill Lake west of Gallaher Bend, in what is known as Reactor Cove (in the vicinity

of a heron rookery) on April 26, 2010. Observers included Jim Evans, Neil Giffen, Mike Ryon, Beth Wade, and Murray Wade. There have been several additional, but undocumented, reports of both white and brown pelicans (*Pelecanus occidentalis*) on boundary waters of the ORR.

**Least Bittern (*Ixobrychus exilis*—occasional):** Recorded three times (seen and heard) by Neil Giffen at the K1007-P1 Pond—on July 1, 2012; May 16, 2013; and July 11, 2013. The timing of these records coincides well with the extensive growth of aquatic vegetation at this location related to remediation work at the P1 Pond. Least bitterns are deemed “In Need of Management” in Tennessee.

**American Bittern (*Botaurus lentiginosus*—occasional):** One record of one individual at Freels Bend, photographed by Evan Buck on April 19, 2017. Also observed by Dr. David Buehler and UT ornithology students at that time.

**Great Egret (*Ardea alba*—summer):** Krumholz (1954) documented this species in the White Oak Creek study area. Mitchell et al. 1996 reported great egrets for Poplar Creek, ETPP Beaver Pond Complex, ORNL Swan Pond, upper and lower White Oak Lake, Freels Bend Land Bridge, and the K901-A Pond at ETPP. It has been documented in a number of locations on the ORR since that time, including White Oak Lake, ORNL Swan Pond, Intermediate Holding Pond (ORNL) and the K1007-P1 Pond at ETPP. This egret is most commonly seen on the ORR between July and September. Although most field guides list great egrets as a migrant in East Tennessee, it has been observed every month from March through November on the ORR. The only confirmed breeding of this species in East Tennessee at the time of Nicholson’s (1997) breeding atlas project was in Hamilton County in 1990. This species has become much more common in East Tennessee since that time and is now a likely breeder on, or near, the ORR. Great egrets are deemed “In Need of Management” in Tennessee.

**Snowy Egret (*Egretta thula*—occasional):** A single snowy egret was recorded on the ORR at the ETPP Beaver Pond Complex in the spring of 1996 (Mitchell et al. 1996). Snowy egrets are deemed “In Need of Management” in Tennessee.

**Little Blue Heron (*Egretta caerulea*—migrant):** This species was first reported on the ORR by Krumholz (1954) in the White Oak Creek area. There were several sightings of probably one individual little blue heron in several wetlands across the ORR between July and September 1995 (Mitchell et al. 1996). In July 2010, single birds were recorded at the K1007P1 Pond (ETPP) and at the Intermediate Holding Pond off Lagoon Road at ORNL. The most recent sighting occurred August 9, 2013, at the Intermediate Holding Pond, adjacent to White Oak Creek mile 2.1 (kilometer 3.4). This immature bird was found by Kitty McCracken and subsequently observed and photographed (see Appendix F) by Kelly Roy and Trent Jett. Most, if not all, of these sightings have been of immature birds. Little blue herons are deemed “In Need of Management” in Tennessee.

**Black-crowned Night-Heron (*Nycticorax nycticorax*—summer):** Krumholz (1954) and Mitchell et al. (1996) recorded this species on the ORR, and it has been recorded in several areas of the ORR during PIF surveys. Consistent sightings have come from the Clinch River at Freels Bend (as recently as May 2014) and at Gallaher Bend. Other reliable locations for this species include several rookeries in the area, including one in Reactor Cove, one on White Oak Creek embayment, and one on Duct Island. This species was delisted in Tennessee in 1994, after having undergone status changes from “In Need of Management” to “Threatened” and back to “In Need Of Management” (Nicholson (1997). It is most commonly found from March to October.

**White Ibis (*Eudocemus albus*—occasional):** Howell (1958) reported an immature white ibis as a flyover southwest of the Solway Bridge over the Clinch River in August. The next documented record for this species on the ORR was also an immature white ibis, recorded at the Intermediate Holding Pond (ORNL)

in July 2010. Two immature white ibises were observed in August 1996 in the City of Oak Ridge, approximately 0.9 mile (1.5 km) from the ORR boundary.

**Bald Eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*—year-round):** Bald eagle numbers are increasing on the ORR with growing evidence that they are year-round residents, although they can be difficult to find in the months of September through November. They have long been known as a winter visitor to the ORR, dating back to at least the early 1950s (Krumholz 1954). Mitchell et al. (1996) recorded bald eagles near Jones Island Road in 1994 and at Solway Bend, Bearden Creek (Clinch River), Hickory Creek Bend (Clinch River), Freels Bend Cabin, and Solway Bridge in 1996. In spring 2011, an eagle nest was found on Duct Island at a bend in Poplar Creek near ETPP in Roane County. The Duct Island eagle pair is known to have successfully fledged five eaglets from 2011 to 2014. A second ORR eagle nest was confirmed at the “Narrows” of Walker Branch on Melton Hill Reservoir in Anderson County on May 1, 2013, and one eaglet was observed on the nest on that date. In addition to the two nest locations, the Solway Bridge, Bearden Creek, and Brashear Island areas continue to produce fairly reliable bald eagle sightings. Interestingly, ORR bald eagle habitat suitability work conducted 20 years ago (Buehler 1994) ranked the Duct Island site as “unsuitable” eagle habitat (score of 0 out of 10), while the Walker Branch Narrows site was ranked good (habitat score of 6.1–8.0 out of 10). Bald eagles are deemed “In Need of Management” in Tennessee and were federally delisted in 2007.

**Northern Harrier (*Circus cyaneus*—winter):** Krumholz (1954) documented this species in the White Oak Lake study area, and Mitchell et al. (1996) recorded this species in the McNew Hollow/Hembree Marsh area, Raccoon Creek, 0800 Area along the Clinch River, and Freels Bend. It is a fairly regular winter species around ORR fields and wetlands, although Mitchell et al. (1996) recorded four specimens in September 1994, rather early in the season. The fields at Freels Bend, between November and April, likely offer the best viewing opportunities, although Chuck Estes, Mike Ryon, and Carole Gobert (eBird) have all observed harriers at the Heritage Center greenway (records in 2001, 2010, and 2014). Northern harriers are deemed “In Need of Management” in Tennessee.

**Sharp-shinned Hawk (*Accipiter striatus*—year-round):** This uncommon hawk was documented in the White Oak Creek area of the ORR by Krumholz (1954) and Howell (1958), and a nest with young was also documented by Howell (1958) near the confluence of Poplar Creek with the Clinch River. Hardy (1991) recorded a nesting pair in a mature white pine plantation in 1989, and Mitchell et al. (1996) documented a nest near Raccoon Creek in 1994 (as reported to him in 1995 by Roger Kroodsma). Mitchell et al. (1996) recorded this species at numerous locations on the ORR, and it continues to be seen on a fairly regular basis. Though this hawk is a known breeding bird on the ORR, most observations occur outside the nesting season. Sharp-shinned hawks are deemed “In Need of Management” in Tennessee.

**Cooper’s Hawk (*Accipiter cooperii*—year-round):** Krumholz (1954) documented this hawk in the White Oak Creek area, and Mitchell et al. (1996) reported it in several locations throughout the ORR. This hawk continues to be sighted on a fairly regular basis, particularly near fields and open areas, and it occurs year-round on the Reservation. This species was state-listed “Threatened” in 1975, downgraded to “In Need of Management” in 1994, and removed from listing in 2000.

**Broad-winged Hawk (*Buteo platypterus*—summer):** The broad-winged hawk is a fairly common migrant and summer resident in East Tennessee that is less common in the western part of the state (TWRA 2012). It occurs in both deciduous and mixed forest, mainly frequenting the canopy (Nicholson 1997). Krumholz (1954) documented this hawk in the White Oak Creek watershed, and Howell (1958) recorded it in nearby Melton Valley. This species has been recorded consistently on the ORR during PIF surveys in recent years, with the most sightings occurring in the Poplar Creek area (1997–2003, 2007). More recent observations have come from the North Boundary Greenway Trail (PIF survey, May 2013)

and Lower Poplar Creek (incidental observation, July 2014). It is considered to be a probable breeder on the ORR, with observations occurring from March through September.

**Virginia Rail (*Rallus limicola*—occasional):** Other than historic records from Krumholz (1954), this species was not known to have been recorded on the ORR again until 2012, when Chuck Estes found them in the slough at the K1007-P1 Pond. Although most of Mr. Estes's observations have been in the slough, he observed them once along the north edge of the P1 Pond and has seen or heard them at least a half dozen times in total, including April 13, 2012; October 18, 2012; May 8, 2013; and late October 2013. He did not find them during several visits in February and March 2014. He has had good luck with them responding to playback, including playback of sora calls, and has heard at least two Virginia rails calling at the same time. Like the least bittern, the timing of this species at this location coincides with remediation efforts that have increased aquatic and riparian vegetation at the pond.

**Sora (*Porzana carolina*—migrant):** Krumholz (1954) recorded soras on the ORR in the early 1950s, and they have been seen or heard at least a half dozen times on the ORR since 1997. As with the common gallinule, little is known of their presence or distribution on the Reservation in the interim. One of the most reliable locations for soras currently is the K1007-P1 pond and the adjoining slough, where they have been recorded as recently as December 2013. Soras have been recorded on the ORR in November, December, January, and April.

**Common Gallinule (*Gallinula galeata*—occasional):** This species was recently split from the common moorhen (*Gallinula chloropus*), which was formerly known as Florida gallinule. The official checklist of North American birds (AOU 1998; AOU 2013) recognizes both species (which have at least modest levels of vocal, physical, and genetic differences), with ornithologists leaning toward using *galeata* as the New World form and *chloropus* as the Old World form. There are three known occurrences of this species on the ORR. Krumholz (1954) reported two immature "Florida gallinules" on White Oak Lake in October 1952. Individual specimens were observed on a pond on Solway Bend in May 2008 and on the K1007-P1 Pond in October 2010. Little is known of their presence or distribution on the Reservation between Krumholz' record and the recent sightings. Common gallinules are deemed "In Need of Management" in Tennessee.

**Purple Gallinule (*Porphyrio martinicus*—occasional):** One record of one individual captured on trail camera at the Heritage Center Greenway Powerhouse Trail on May 11, 2017. Also first Roane County record (Roy et al. *In press*).

**Wood Stork (*Mycteria americana*—occasional):** one record of one individual at the Heritage Center Greenway Powerhouse Trail, photographed by Richard Schwartz on August 13, 2016. Federally-listed "Threatened".

**Sandhill Crane (*Grus Canadensis*—winter):** This species is an occasional migrant through the area. A single sandhill crane was recorded on the ORR at Poplar Creek in March 1995 (Mitchell et al. 1996), and flyovers have been recorded at least six times since, in the months of December through March. Robert Brewer noted four birds over Chestnut Ridge in December 2003 (eBird). Flyovers in the vicinity of the Three Bend Area (Solway, Freels, and Gallaher Bends, collectively) have been recorded in recent years, and it is suspected that they periodically use the fields in that area during the winter. These individuals may be wandering from large groups that occupy Hiwassee Wildlife Refuge in winter. This refuge is south of Dayton, Tennessee, where the Hiwassee River empties into the Tennessee River, almost 50 miles (over 80 km) to the southwest of the ORR.

**Semipalmated Plover (*Charadrius semipalmatus*—occasional):** Other than Krumholz' (1954) historic record, there is one record (of one individual) from September 9, 2002, at the K901-A Pond at ETPP (observed by Kitty McCracken and Kelly Roy).

**Least Sandpiper (*Calidris minutilla*—occasional):** One record (one individual) from August 29, 1996, at the sewage treatment aeration ponds south of White Oak Avenue and east of First Street on the ORNL campus (observed by Jim Evans and Kelly Roy).

**White-rumped Sandpiper (*Calidris fuscicollis*—occasional):** One record (one individual) from May 5, 1994, at the K901-A Pond at ETPP (observed by David Cox and Brenda O'Neal).

**Caspian Tern (*Hydroprogne caspia*—occasional):** Reports by Mitchell et al. (1996) and Mann et al. (1997) lack specific details, but it was a known "Reservation" bird at that time. One was observed flying on Melton Hill Reservoir near Freels Bend by David Buehler, Jim Evans, and others on April 9, 2014.

**Forster's Tern (*Sterna forsteri*—occasional):** One record of two Forster's terns from August 20, 1999, on Poplar Creek, one mile from the mouth, near the shallow mudflat that is visible at winter pool (observed by Kelly Roy).

**Yellow-billed Cuckoo (*Coccyzus americanus*—summer):** This species is widely distributed over forested areas of the ORR and has been previously reported by Krumholz (1954), Howell (1958), Anderson and Shugart (1974), Kroodsma (1982), and Mitchell et al. (1996). It is present spring through fall, with most observations occurring May through September, and it is consistently recorded on PIF routes in forested areas.

**Barn Owl (*Tyto alba*—year-round):** This widespread owl is rare on the ORR. They were known to utilize the old abandoned silo at Freels Bend before it was demolished between April and June 2006. The most recent known sighting (with photographs) comes from a natural cave opening on Bull Bluff on July 16, 2011 (observed by Jim Evans, Jason Richards, and Kelly Roy). At least three rehabilitated barn owls from the Clinch River Raptor Rehabilitation Center have been released on Solway and Freels Bend over the years. This species is deemed "In Need of Management" in Tennessee.

**Northern Saw-whet Owl (*Aegolius acadicus*—historic):** Recorded by Krumholz (1954), but no other known records for this owl on the ORR. Saw-whets occur in the Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area and in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and sporadically at Seven Islands Refuge in Knox County. There are anecdotal records from the UT Arboretum, just off the ORR in Anderson County, and Murray Wade has seen this species once in the Hardin Valley area of Knox County. This species is deemed "Threatened" in Tennessee.

**Red-headed Woodpecker (*Melanerpes erythrocephalus*—year-round):** The red-headed woodpecker is a year-round resident in Tennessee and is most common in the western portion of the state, especially in winter. It breeds in open deciduous forest, river bottoms, groves of dead and dying trees, orchards, parks, and open wooded swamps with dead trees and stumps (TWRA 2012), and is a known breeder on the ORR (Roy et al. 2001). Krumholz (1954) documented this woodpecker on the ORR in the early 1950s, but the authors believe it was virtually absent from the Reservation from the early 1970s until the late 1990s, although Roger Kroodsma recalls seeing one in Haw Ridge Park in the mid-1980s. This species was extensively studied and documented on the ORR by Roy et al. (2001) from 1997 to 2001, and interestingly, its resurgence was believed to be linked, in part, to southern pine beetle outbreaks and the return of beaver (*Castor canadensis*) to the ORR. Most recent sightings of this species during PIF surveys have occurred at Dyllis Orchard/Raby Road (1998, 2002–03) and New Zion Patrol Road (2002, 2006). It has been observed multiple times since 2013 off Lagoon Road near SWSA-4, a solid waste storage area

burial ground. Some of these sightings were at the entrance to cavities in dead pine snags. One of the most reliable areas to see this species on the ORR has been the ETTP Beaver Pond Complex. The red-headed woodpecker was listed “In Need of Management” in Tennessee from 1976 to 1994.

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (*Sphyrapicus varius*—winter):** The yellow-bellied sapsucker is a fairly common wintering species on the ORR. It has been previously reported by Krumholz (1954), in the Breeder Reactor Environmental Report (PMC 1977), and by Mitchell et al. (1996). It is known to occur October through April, though Hardy (1991) also reported two individuals in a loblolly pine plantation during the 1989 breeding season. Interestingly, it has been recorded twice in recent years (Dyllis Orchard on June 3, 2011, and Solway Bend on May 24, 2013) on ORR PIF surveys (Appendix A), although the only known breeding in Tennessee occurs at higher elevations, near the Tennessee–North Carolina border by the “*appalachiensis*” subspecies. In spite of these breeding season records, there is no evidence that this is a breeding bird on the ORR. The yellow-bellied sapsucker is deemed “In Need of Management” in Tennessee, no doubt, in part, because so little is known about the breeding biology of this bird within the state.

**Hairy Woodpecker (*Picoides villosus*—year-round):** Krumholz (1954) documented this woodpecker species in the White Oak Creek area, and Howell (1958) recorded it in Melton Valley. Anderson and Shugart (1974) recorded this species in the Walker Branch Watershed. Kroodsma (1984b) recorded this species in a forested area of the ORR during a breeding bird survey conducted between the mid- and late 1970s. Mitchell et al. (1996) recorded this species year-round on the ORR. This species is consistently recorded during PIF surveys in forested areas throughout the ORR, most often on the Dyllis Orchard, Solway Bend, and Poplar Creek routes.

**Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*—occasional):** This uncommon migrant has been recorded at least three times on the ORR: on May 15, 1995, flying over the east end of the Reservation; on April 25, 1996, near Walker Branch; and on March 9, 2004, flying over the west end of ORNL. The first observation was by Roger Kroodsma, the second observation was by Fred Alsop and numerous members of a Breeding Bird Refresher Workshop, and the third observation was by Kelly Roy. Peregrine falcons are listed “Endangered” in Tennessee.

**Olive-sided Flycatcher (*Contopus cooperi*—migrant):** This rare ORR bird is known from several sightings in the 1990s including two at Freels Bend on May 12 and 15, 1995 (Mitchell et al. 1996; believed to be of the same bird), and one from a dead snag at the west end of SWSA-4 on August 20, 1999 (observed by Kelly Roy southwest of the intersection of Burial Ground Access Road and Trench 6 Access Road). Tennessee sightings of this species usually come from higher elevations along the eastern edge of the state. This species has been state-listed “In Need of Management” since 1994, though Nicholson (1997) and others believe its status warrants upgrading to “Threatened.”

**Eastern Wood-pewee (*Contopus virens*—summer):** Krumholz (1954) recorded this species in the White Oak Creek area, and Howell (1958) recorded it twice in Melton Valley. Anderson and Shugart (1974) recorded this species during the breeding season in the Walker Branch Watershed. Eastern wood-pewees are recorded on a fairly routine basis during PIF surveys throughout the ORR. Although this species has shown an increase in population on the ORR since 1995 (Appendix B), its population is probably stable in Tennessee and decreasing range-wide (TWRA 2012).

**Acadian Flycatcher (*Empidonax virescens*—summer):** The Acadian flycatcher is an interior forest species common to the ORR. Howell (1958) first reported this flycatcher species on the Reservation in the fringe of bushes and small trees near the reservoir and small streams. Subsequent breeding season records for this species have come from upland hardwoods, according to the Breeder Reactor Environmental Report (PMC 1977), and from the Walker Branch Watershed according to Anderson and

Shugart (1974). Kroodsmas (1984b) recorded this species in low densities in interior forests during his 1977–81 studies. The Acadian flycatcher is currently a common species in mature forests throughout the ORR, especially in association with streams. It is a commonly recorded species during yearly PIF surveys, with the highest number of individuals observed in McNew Hollow, Poplar Creek, and Walker Branch. This flycatcher is one of a number of species on the Reservation that requires unfragmented interior forest and is one of the 28 species on the ORR listed by PIF to be of management concern (US Fish and Wildlife Service 2011) for the Appalachian Mountains sub-region (PIF 2012).

**Willow Flycatcher (*Empidonax trailii*—summer):** Willow flycatchers nest in scattered locations across Tennessee. They breed in moist, shrubby areas, often with standing or running water, and in willow-dominated vegetation (TWRA 2012). Kroodsmas first recorded this species on the ORR during the breeding season in the 1980s at two locations near Bethel Valley Road and near willows growing along a stream embayment at Freels Bend during the 1996 PIF survey. This species continues to be recorded in small numbers at Freels Bend, with the most recent observation during the PIF survey of 2013. Willow flycatchers also have been recorded outside of PIF surveys in the shrubby riparian zone adjacent to the K1007-P1 Pond (ETTP) from 2010 to 2017.

**Western Kingbird (*Tyrannus verticalis*—occasional):** One record (one individual) from August 26, 1998, at the fields just east of the Scarboro Facility, south of Bethel Valley Road between Pumphouse Road and the intersection of Bethel Valley Road and Illinois Avenue (observed by Jim Evans, Jason Mitchell, Kelly Roy, and Mike Ryon). Another record (one individual), just off the Reservation, from October 25, 2007, at Commerce Park, approximately 0.6 mile (1 km) north of the previous sighting (observed by Chris Welsh).

**Loggerhead Shrike (*Lanius ludovicianus*—year-round):** Krumholz (1954) documented this species in the White Oak Creek area, and Howell (1958) reported two birds in the vicinity of the ORNL facilities on July 12, 1957. Mike Ryon reported (eBird) a single loggerhead shrike at the Heritage Center Greenway (adjacent to K1007-P1 Pond at ETTP) on July 1, 1991. One was observed on August 11, 1994, by Kelly Roy and others, approximately 400 yd southeast of the intersection of Pumphouse Road and Bethel Valley Road. Mitchell et al. (1996) observed loggerhead shrike(s) at Freels Bend on four different dates in November 1995. Despite the continued presence of apparently suitable habitat, one of the last known sightings of this species occurred at Freels Bend on April 24, 1996 (Mitchell et al. 1996). This species has been in widespread decline for decades and is currently deemed “In Need of Management” in Tennessee.

**Yellow-throated Vireo (*Vireo flavifrons*—summer):** The yellow-throated vireo is a fairly common summer bird on the ORR, found in both interior forests and woodland edges. This vireo was reported by Krumholz (1954) and Howell (1958) in areas with large trees near forest openings. This species was also recorded by Anderson and Shugart (1974) in some areas of the Walker Branch Watershed, and Kroodsmas (1982) reported yellow-throated vireos during his power-line studies from 1975 to 1978. This species is still recorded fairly consistently during PIF surveys along several routes on the ORR, albeit in declining numbers since 1995 (Appendix B). This species prefers large, tall trees with open understory, openings, or woodland edges (Nicholson 1997), habitat that may have been more prevalent on the ORR historically than it is today.

**Horned Lark (*Eremophila alpestris*—occasional):** Howell (1958) recorded a single flyover in 1957, and Jim Evans and Beth Schilling observed a flock of 25 horned larks inside the security fence at ETTP on January 11, 1996.

**Black-capped Chickadee (*Poecile atricapillus*—historic):** Krumholz (1954), whose study covered a 3 year period from June 1950 to June 1953, is the only known person to have recorded this species on the ORR. He also recorded Carolina chickadees, presumably lessening the argument for a case of mistaken

identity on his part. Though generally considered out-of-range, the authors accept his black-capped record (no doubt some will disagree), in part because this species is prone to irregular southward irruptions and slight shifts to the south during winter, and because he also recorded Carolinas. It is also worth noting that at the time of Krumholz's work, ornithologists recognized as many as 26 subspecies of chickadees (Bent 1964).

**Brown-headed Nuthatch (*Sitta pusilla*—year-round):** This species was first recorded on the ORR in September 1996, only a month after Beth Schilling discovered them in mature pines at the campground just above Melton Hill Dam in Loudon County. Roy et al. (2001) continued to document this species on the Reservation with numerous observations from 1996 to 2001. The appearance of this pine obligate species on the ORR is likely related to several factors, but most notable among them is the maturation of the ORR's loblolly pine (*Pinus taeda*) stands. This species was recorded on the 2001 PIF survey in the Dyllis Orchard/Raby Road area. It has been seen numerous times at the beaver ponds west of ETTP, as well as at the Melton Hill Dam campground and Clark Center Park—all locations from which it is still being reported on eBird. It is a known breeding bird on the ORR.

**Bewick's Wren (*Thyomanes bewickii*—historic):** Areas of historic reports of this species on the ORR include Freels Bend and White Oak Creek valley (Krumholz 1954, Howell 1958). Abandoned farmland and homesteads present at the establishment of the ORR provided abundant nesting habitat for this species. The succession of many areas into forested habitat has significantly decreased available habitat for this species on the ORR. The last record for this species on the ORR was in the 1970s (PMC 1977). This species was actually in decline in Tennessee by the 1940s and is now found, with any regularity, only in Rutherford County in Middle Tennessee (TWRA 2012). The Bewick's wren is listed as "Endangered" in Tennessee and is no longer found on the ORR.

**Wood Thrush (*Hylocichla mustelina*—summer):** The wood thrush is an interior forest species common on the ORR. There have been regular historical records of this species throughout the ORR, including White Oak Creek/Melton Valley, the Breeder Reactor site, and the Walker Branch Watershed (Krumholz 1954, Howell 1958, PMC 1977, Anderson and Shugart 1977). This species occurred in somewhat high densities (10–20 pairs/99 acres [40 ha]) in mixed forests on the ORR from 1977 through 1981 (Kroodsma 1984b). Though still common on forested ORR breeding bird routes, this species has been in a general decline since 1995 (Appendix B).

**Varied Thrush (*Ixoreus naevius*—occasional):** Known from one well-documented bird visiting a feeder at a residence on Whippoorwill Drive in Oak Ridge, April 13–17, 1996. This residential property abuts the DOE Reservation, and on at least one occasion, the bird was observed flying onto the ORR (Cushman and Cushman 1997). This was the third state record for varied thrush.

**Worm-eating Warbler (*Helmitheros vermivorum*—summer):** The worm-eating warbler is an infrequently recorded interior forest species in many areas of the Reservation. There are breeding season records from Howell (1958) and Kroodsma (1984b), and this species has been recorded sporadically on PIF surveys across the ORR since 1995. The most consistent PIF records have come from McNew Hollow, and the most recent records are from the New Zion Patrol Road area in 2011.

**Louisiana Waterthrush (*Parkesia motacilla*—summer):** This species, almost always associated with wooded streams during the breeding season, was recorded by Krumholz (1954) in the White Oak Creek study area and by Howell (1958) in Melton Valley. A pair was observed on Bear Creek in June 1996 and June 1997 (Mann et al. 1997). This species began showing up on PIF surveys in 2003 at McNew Hollow, Poplar Creek, and Walker Branch. The most consistent PIF records are for the McNew Hollow Road area (2003, 2004, 2006, 2010). There is one record from Gallaher Bend in 2011. There are continued anecdotal reports of this species for Walker Branch Watershed and Northwest Tributary.

**Golden-winged Warbler (*Vermivora chrysoptera*—occasional):** One record of one individual from May 5, 1998, at the far west end of Bear Creek Road, just east of Clinch River mile 14.5 (kilometer 23.3) (observed by Beth Schilling and Kelly Roy). This species is deemed “In Need of Management” in Tennessee.

**Blue-winged Warbler (*Vermivora cyanoptera*—summer):** Roger Kroodsma (1998, personal communication) recalled this species calling on territory near the intersection of Bear Creek Road and Highway 95 in the 1980s. Other than this report, there is little documentation of this species on the ORR before the mid-1990s. Mann et al. (1997) documented several sightings in 1995–96, and it has been turning up on breeding bird surveys since 1997 (Poplar Creek 1997–2013; Dyllis Orchard/Raby Road 1997, 1998, 2009, 2010; McNew Hollow 2007, 2009). Many recent sightings come from power-line corridors and areas of early successional vegetation, particularly on the Three Bend Area. TVA right-of-way maintenance and efforts to improve early successional habitat on the ORR have no doubt benefitted this species, which has been increasing as a Reservation bird since the mid-1990s (Appendix B). Blue-winged warblers are believed to have been present on the ORR in only very small numbers before the mid-1990s, and they are probably under-represented on today’s breeding bird survey point counts. Blue-winged warblers are of “Regional Concern” to PIF.

**Prothonotary Warbler (*Protonotaria citrea*—summer):** This cavity nesting warbler is associated with swamps, streams, embayments, and wooded ponds, and was first reported on the ORR by Krumholz (1954) in the White Oak Creek watershed, 1950–53. Howell (1958) reported two birds in June 1957 adjacent to the Clinch River “near a small, willow-bordered pond 4.4 mi. from the Scarboro School along the A Road” (Freels Bend area) and another in July 1957 “1.6 mi. east of the White Wing Bridge on A Road” (near Melton Hill Dam today). Mann et al. (1997) documented breeding season records throughout the 1970s, 1980s, and 1990s. This species occurs in small numbers during PIF surveys in the Poplar Creek area (1997, 2000–01, 2005–07, 2011). Other fairly recent PIF records are for the Dyllis Orchard/Raby Road area (2005) and the New Zion Patrol Road area (2003, 2005–06). Informal survey records continue to show associations with beaver ponds west of ETTP, as well as along East Fork Poplar Creek, the Clinch River, and the 0800 area off Jones Island Road.

**Hooded Warbler (*Wilsonia citrina*—summer):** This interior forest warbler was reported by Howell (1958) in the White Oak Creek/Melton Valley area and on the slopes of nearby Haw Ridge and Copper Ridge. Anderson and Shugart (1974) found the bird to be abundant in the Walker Branch watershed during the breeding season. Kroodsma (1984b) reported the hooded warbler in low densities, while Hardy (1991) recorded it as one of the 10 most abundant breeding birds in mature loblolly pine plantations and one of the eight most abundant species in white pine plantations (as reported by Mann et al. 1997). This species was frequently recorded during PIF surveys from 1995 to 2011 at Dyllis Orchard/Raby Road, McNew Hollow, and New Zion Patrol Road. Hooded warblers also were noted in 2011 PIF surveys at Gallaher Bend, Park City Road, and Poplar Creek. This species is commonly seen and heard near “Katy’s Kitchen” and the silo, east of Walker Branch. Hardy’s observations notwithstanding, this species is unknown to the authors as showing any preference for pine stands over other mixed-forest habitats.

**Cerulean Warbler (*Setophaga cerulean*—summer):** J.C. Howell (1958) tentatively identified two singing male cerulean warblers by song only in Melton Valley in June and July 1957. He cautions, however, “While the songs of these two warblers seemed typical, there is the possibility that they could have been songs of Parula Warblers which were known to be present nearby.” This interior forest species formerly nested in the Walker Branch Watershed, where nine were observed from May through July of 1972 (Anderson and Shugart 1974). Five cerulean warblers were observed in the Walker Branch Watershed in April 1996, and two additional observations of this species were recorded that same month in a 3- to 5-year old regenerating clearcut loblolly stand near the Poplar Creek floodplain (Mitchell et al. 1996; Mann et al. 1997). Recent PIF survey records include New Zion Patrol Road (1999), Poplar Creek

(2001, 2004) and Gallaher Bend (2005, 2006, 2009). The most recent eBird records are for April 10, 2013, at Freels Bend and May 25, 2013, at the North Boundary Greenway Trail. Cerulean warblers are deemed “In Need of Management” in Tennessee, and their population appears to be stable on the ORR (Table 1, Appendix B).

**Yellow-throated Warbler (*Setophaga dominica*—summer):** Krumholz (1954) documented this species in the White Oak Creek area, and Howell (1958) recorded this species during a study conducted in Melton Valley in 1957. Mitchell et al. (1996) recorded this species for the spring, summer, and fall seasons on the ORR. The yellow-throated warbler has been found throughout the ORR during PIF surveys. It has been recorded most consistently during PIF surveys at Dyllis Orchard/Raby Road, Gallaher Bend, McNew Hollow, and Poplar Creek.

**Prairie Warbler (*Setophaga discolor*—summer):** The prairie warbler has historically been one of the more common bird species recorded on the ORR (Krumholz 1954, Howell 1958, PMC 1977, Anderson et al. 1977, Kroodsma 1982, Kroodsma 1984a). This species is most commonly found in low elevation, dry, second-growth habitats with a dense groundcover, numerous shrubs, and an open canopy (Nicholson 1997). Most records on the ORR are in wide power line corridors and old fields. Hardy (1991) also reported a prairie warbler in a mature loblolly pine plantation during the breeding season. This species is present in numerous locations on the ORR where there is suitable habitat, and it has been recorded consistently during PIF surveys since 1995. However, observations of this species have shown a general decline since 1995 (Appendix B).

**Bachman’s Sparrow (*Aimophila aestivalis*—occasional, no records after 1982):** This species was documented by Krumholz (1954) in the White Oak Lake study area. In addition, Howell (1958) reported nine observations on six dates at various locations on the ORR, including Freels Bend. The Bachman’s sparrow was formerly present on the ORR in open grassy fields containing young eastern red cedars or pines, young pine plantations, and cedar barrens. Howell (1958) noted that the “pinewoods sparrow,” as it was formerly known, “occurred in old fields grown up to bushes, rather than saplings and trees.” He also noted that it seemed to prefer sites that were somewhat eroded with areas bare of vegetation. The last documentation of this species on the ORR was of two singing territorial males northwest of the ORNL campus in 1982 (Kroodsma 1987). Bachman’s sparrow is listed as “Endangered” in Tennessee.

**Vesper Sparrow (*Pooecetes gramineus*—migrant):** This sparrow, rarely seen during migration on the ORR, has been observed in the months of March, April, and October. The most recent known sightings are from October 30, 2006, at the NT3 Stream just west of the Y-12 facility and north of Bear Creek Road and on October 26, 2007, at the Checking Station on Bethel Valley Road. This sparrow is deemed “In Need of Management” in Tennessee.

**Grasshopper Sparrow (*Ammodramus savannarum*—summer):** Howell (1958) reported seven records of this species on the ORR, with six of those records being reported for, according to Mann et al. (1997), fields that were part of an agricultural complex containing Freels Bend. Kroodsma (1987) and Mitchell et al. (1996) also reported this species, with Mitchell et al. stating that nesting areas were associated with active hayfields where the mowing schedule had been modified to enhance nesting success. Chris Welsh reported (eBird) five birds on Freels Bend on May 23, 1998, and Mike Ryon reported (eBird) one bird there on April 13, 2005. Grasshopper sparrows were recorded in very low numbers during PIF surveys at Freels Bend in 1997, 1999, and 2000. There have been a few sightings outside these reports in recent years.

**Henslow’s Sparrow (*Ammodramus henslowii*—occasional):** The breeding range of this species extends from the north-central United States eastward and south to Kentucky and northern Virginia. It appears to have extended its breeding range into central Tennessee in the late 1990s. Its habitat includes overgrown

fields and meadows—often wet—with scattered low shrubs or saplings and standing dead vegetation from the previous season. The species has been declining mainly because of loss of habitat (TWRA 2012). Howell (1958) reported one singing male Henslow’s sparrow at a survey point in the White Oak Creek/Melton Branch study area. Jim Evans and Jason Mitchell observed a Henslow’s sparrow on Freels Bend on May 12, 2007, and Than Boves reported (eBird) a single Henslow’s there on April 16, 2010. In spite of these observations, the authors have no definitive indication that this species is a breeding bird on the Reservation. Henslow’s sparrow is deemed “In Need of Management” in Tennessee.

**Lincoln’s Sparrow (*Melospiza lincolnii*—occasional):** Known from one record at Freels Bend on May 9, 2014; observed by Scott Somershoe, most of the authors, and several participants of a breeding bird refresher workshop.

**Summer Tanager (*Piranga rubra*—summer):** This species was recorded in the White Oak Lake study area by Krumholz (1954). On June 19, 1957, Howell (1958) found a nest with four young about 10 days old in a white oak (*Quercus alba*) and noted the species to be widespread throughout wooded sections of Melton Valley and both its ridges. This tanager was one of the more abundant species noted in the Breeder Reactor Environmental Report (PMC 1977), and 15 were reported for the Walker Branch survey (Anderson and Shugart 1974). Kroodsma (1984b) recorded this species at very high densities along power-line right-of-way edges in forested areas, but at much lower densities in interior forest. The summer tanager is now found throughout the ORR during PIF surveys. Consistent records come from Dyllis Orchard/Raby Road, Gallaher Bend, Poplar Creek, Solway Bend, and Walker Branch. Summer tanagers also were noted in PIF 2011 surveys at Natural Area 14 and New Zion Patrol Road.

**Scarlet Tanager (*Piranga olivacea*—summer):** Krumholz (1954) and Howell (1958) showed no records of this tanager in the White Oak Lake and Melton Valley areas. Anderson and Shugart (1974) noted this species to be common in the Walker Branch Watershed, with 21 observations during the breeding season. Kroodsma (1982) recorded 14 scarlet tanager territories, noting the species to be relatively unaffected by power-line corridors. Mitchell et al. (1996) recorded this species on the ORR during the spring, summer, and fall seasons. This species remains widespread throughout forested areas of the ORR, with recent records for all major PIF routes.

**Blue Grosbeak (*Passerina caerulea*—summer):** This species was first recorded on the ORR beside a road 2.8 miles (4.5 km) from the Scarboro School in July 1957 (Howell 1958). Anderson et al. (1977) recorded this species along transmission line corridors on the ORR in May and June 1974. Mitchell et al. (1996) also documented this species in the spring, summer, and fall during surveys of ORR protected species in 1994–96. The most consistent records for this species during PIF surveys have been at Freels Bend, although it can be found in many areas containing thickets and overgrown field edges such as Dyllis Orchard/Raby Road and the K1007-P1 Pond.

**Dickcissel (*Spiza americana*—occasional):** The distribution and abundance of this species sharply declines eastward of West Tennessee. Almost all East Tennessee records have been from the Ridge and Valley and have been concentrated in the most extensive agricultural areas in the northeast. Recent concentrations in northeastern Tennessee are consistent with the distribution of other grassland species in the region (e.g., grasshopper sparrow) (Nicholson 1997). Several birds have been recorded at Freels Bend, including one during the 1996 PIF survey. Although no dickcissels have been recorded on ORR breeding bird surveys since that time, two dickcissels were sighted in October 2010 at ETTP on the northwestern portion of the ORR in a pond riparian zone adjacent to a switchgrass (*Panicum virgatum*) field.

**Red Crossbill (*Loxia curvirostra*—occasional):** Known from one record of five birds flying over Haw Ridge Park on January 5, 2013, reported by Edmund LeGrand on a Knoxville Christmas Count.

**Evening Grosbeak (*Coccothraustes vespertinus*—occasional):** Known from one report of an individual bird, along Gum Branch Road approximately 0.75 mile (1.2 km) north of Bear Creek Road on April 12, 1994; observed by Beth Schilling, Kelly Roy, and possibly others.

**BIRD SPECIES (*n*=232) RECORDED ON THE OAK RIDGE RESERVATION (1950–2017)<sup>a</sup>**

Scientific name	Common name	Season <sup>b</sup>	PIF Obs <sup>c</sup>	Status <sup>d</sup>		
				Federal	State	PIF
<i>Swans, Geese, and Ducks</i>						
<i>Anser albifrons</i>	greater white-fronted goose	occasional	0			
<i>Chen caerulescens</i>	snow goose	migrant	0			
<i>Chen rossii</i>	Ross's goose	occasional	0			
<i>Branta hutchinsii</i>	cackling goose	occasional	0			
<i>Branta canadensis</i>	Canada goose <sup>e</sup>	year-round	581	MC		
<i>Cygnus olor</i>	mute swan (domestic) <sup>e</sup>	year-round	0			
<i>Aix sponsa</i>	wood duck <sup>e</sup>	year-round	25	MC		
<i>Anas strepera</i>	gadwall	winter	0	MC		
<i>Anas americana</i>	American wigeon	winter	0	MC		
<i>Anas rubripes</i>	American black duck	winter	0	MC		
<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	mallard <sup>e</sup>	year-round	3	MC		
<i>Anas discors</i>	blue-winged teal	migrant	0	MC		
<i>Anas clypeata</i>	northern shoveler	winter	0	MC		
<i>Anas acuta</i>	northern pintail	migrant	0	MC		
<i>Anas crecca</i>	green-winged teal	winter	0	MC		
<i>Aythya valisineria</i>	canvasback	migrant	0	MC		
<i>Aythya americana</i>	redhead	winter	0	MC		
<i>Aythya collaris</i>	ring-necked duck	winter	0	MC		
<i>Aythya marila</i>	greater scaup	occasional	0	MC		
<i>Aythya affinis</i>	lesser scaup	winter	0	MC		
<i>Melanitta fusca</i>	white-winged scoter	occasional	0	MC		
<i>Bucephala albeola</i>	bufflehead	winter	0			
<i>Bucephala clangula</i>	common goldeneye	winter	0	MC		
<i>Lophodytes cucullatus</i>	hooded merganser	winter	0			
<i>Mergus merganser</i>	common merganser	occasional	0			
<i>Mergus serrator</i>	red-breasted merganser	migrant	0			
<i>Oxyura jamaicensis</i>	ruddy duck	winter	0	MC		

Scientific name	Common name	Season <sup>b</sup>	PIF Obs <sup>c</sup>	Status <sup>d</sup>		
				Federal	State	PIF
<b><i>Grouse, Turkey, and Quail</i></b>						
<i>Colinus virginianus</i>	northern bobwhite <sup>e</sup>	year-round	225			RC
<i>Bonasa umbellus</i>	ruffed grouse <sup>e</sup>	year-round	0			
<i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>	wild turkey <sup>e</sup>	year-round	170			
<b><i>Loons</i></b>						
<i>Gavia immer</i>	common loon	migrant	0			
<b><i>Grebes</i></b>						
<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>	pied-billed grebe <sup>f</sup>	year-round	0	MC		
<i>Podiceps auritus</i>	horned grebe	winter	0	MC		
<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>	eared grebe	occasional	0			
<i>Podiceps grisegena</i>	red-necked grebe	occasional	0			
<b><i>Cormorants</i></b>						
<i>Phalacrocorax auritus</i>	double-crested cormorant <sup>e</sup>	year-round	84	MC		
<b><i>Darters</i></b>						
<i>Anhinga anhinga</i>	anhinga	occasional	0		NM	
<b><i>Pelicans</i></b>						
<i>Pelecanus erythrorhynchos</i>	American white pelican	occasional	0			
<b><i>Bitterns and Herons</i></b>						
<i>Ixobrychus exilis</i>	least bittern <sup>f</sup>	occasional	0	MC	NM	
<i>Botaurus lentiginosus</i>	American bittern	occasional	0			
<i>Ardea herodias</i>	great blue heron <sup>e</sup>	year-round	340			
<i>Ardea alba</i>	great egret <sup>f</sup>	summer	4		NM	
<i>Egretta thula</i>	snowy egret	occasional	0	MC	NM	
<i>Egretta caerulea</i>	little blue heron	migrant	0	MC	NM	
<i>Butorides virescens</i>	green heron <sup>e</sup>	summer	18			
<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	black-crowned night heron <sup>e</sup>	summer	115	MC		
<i>Eudocemus albus</i>	white ibis	occasional	0			
<b><i>Vultures</i></b>						
<i>Coragyps atratus</i>	black vulture <sup>e</sup>	year-round	100			

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				Federal	State	PIF
<i>Cathartes aura</i>	turkey vulture <sup>e</sup>	year-round	27			
<b><i>Kites, Hawks, Eagles, and Allies</i></b>						
<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	osprey <sup>e</sup>	year-round	53			
<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	bald eagle <sup>e</sup>	year-round	0	MC <sup>g</sup>	NM	
<i>Circus cyaneus</i>	northern harrier	winter	0		NM	
<i>Accipiter striatus</i>	sharp-shinned hawk <sup>e</sup>	year-round	4	MC	NM	
<i>Accipiter cooperii</i>	Cooper's hawk <sup>e</sup>	year-round	7			
<i>Buteo lineatus</i>	red-shouldered hawk <sup>e</sup>	year-round	26			
<i>Buteo platypterus</i>	broad-winged hawk <sup>e</sup>	summer	6			
<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	red-tailed hawk <sup>e</sup>	year-round	61			
<i>Buteo lagopus</i>	rough-legged hawk	historic	0			
<b><i>Rails, Gallinules, and Coots</i></b>						
<i>Rallus elegans</i>	king rail <sup>f</sup>	historic	0	MC	NM	
<i>Rallus limicola</i>	Virginia rail	migrant	0	MC		
<i>Porzana carolina</i>	sora	migrant	0	MC		
<i>Gallinula galeata</i>	common gallinule	occasional	0		NM	
<i>Porphyrio martinicus</i>	purple gallinule	occasional	0			
<i>Fulica americana</i>	American coot <sup>f</sup>	year-round	0	MC		
<b><i>Storks</i></b>						
<i>Mycteria americana</i>	wood stork	occasional	0	T		
<b><i>Cranes</i></b>						
<i>Grus canadensis</i>	sandhill crane	winter	0	MC		
<b><i>Plovers</i></b>						
<i>Charadrius semipalmatus</i>	semipalmated plover	occasional	0	MC		
<i>Charadrius vociferus</i>	killdeer <sup>e</sup>	year-round	37			
<b><i>Sandpipers and Allies</i></b>						
<i>Actitis macularius</i>	spotted sandpiper	migrant	0			
<i>Tringa solitaria</i>	solitary sandpiper	migrant	0	MC		
<i>Tringa melanoleuca</i>	greater yellowlegs	migrant	0			

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				Federal	State	PIF
<i>Tringa flavipes</i>	lesser yellowlegs	migrant	0	MC		
<i>Calidris minutilla</i>	least sandpiper	occasional	0			
<i>Calidris fuscicollis</i>	white-rumped sandpiper	occasional	0			
<i>Calidris melanotos</i>	pectoral sandpiper	occasional	0			
<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	common snipe	winter	0			
<i>Scolopax minor</i>	American woodcock <sup>e</sup>	year-round	0	MC		
<b>Gulls and Terns</b>						
<i>Chroicocephalus philadelphia</i>	Bonaparte's gull	winter	0			
<i>Larus delawarensis</i>	ring-billed gull	winter	1			
<i>Larus argentatus</i>	herring gull	occasional	0			
<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>	Caspian tern	occasional	0			
<i>Sterna forsteri</i>	Forster's tern	occasional	0			
<b>Pigeons and Doves</b>						
<i>Columba livia</i>	rock pigeon <sup>e</sup>	year-round	0			
<i>Zenaida macroura</i>	mourning dove <sup>e</sup>	year-round	483	MC		
<b>Cuckoos</b>						
<i>Coccyzus americanus</i>	yellow-billed cuckoo <sup>e</sup>	summer	689			
<i>Coccyzus erythrophthalmus</i>	black-billed cuckoo <sup>f</sup>	historic	0			RC
<b>Owls</b>						
<i>Tyto alba</i>	barn owl <sup>e</sup>	year-round	0		NM	
<i>Megascops asio</i>	eastern screech owl <sup>e</sup>	year-round	1			
<i>Bubo virginianus</i>	great horned owl <sup>e</sup>	year-round	1			
<i>Strix varia</i>	barred owl <sup>e</sup>	year-round	16			
<i>Asio flammeus</i>	short-eared owl	historic	0	MC		
<i>Aegolius acadicus</i>	northern saw-whet owl	historic	0	MC	T	RC
<b>Goatsuckers</b>						
<i>Chordeiles minor</i>	common nighthawk <sup>f</sup>	summer	2			
<i>Caprimulgus carolinensis</i>	chuck-will's-widow <sup>e</sup>	summer	13	MC		RC
<i>Caprimulgus vociferus</i>	eastern whip-poor-will <sup>e</sup>	summer	12			RC

Scientific name	Common name	Season <sup>b</sup>	PIF Obs <sup>c</sup>	Status <sup>d</sup>		
				Federal	State	PIF
<i>Swifts</i>						
<i>Chaetura pelagica</i>	chimney swift <sup>e</sup>	summer	83			RC
<i>Hummingbirds</i>						
<i>Archilochus colubris</i>	ruby-throated hummingbird <sup>e</sup>	summer	102			
<i>Kingfishers</i>						
<i>Megaceryle alcyon</i>	belted kingfisher <sup>e</sup>	year-round	36			RC
<i>Woodpeckers</i>						
<i>Melanerpes erythrocephalus</i>	red-headed woodpecker <sup>e</sup>	year-round	7	MC		
<i>Melanerpes carolinus</i>	red-bellied woodpecker <sup>e</sup>	year-round	846			
<i>Sphyrapicus varius</i>	yellow-bellied sapsucker	winter	2	MC	NM	
<i>Picoides pubescens</i>	downy woodpecker <sup>e</sup>	year-round	361			
<i>Picoides villosus</i>	hairy woodpecker <sup>e</sup>	year-round	238			
<i>Colaptes auratus</i>	northern flicker <sup>e</sup>	year-round	138			RC
<i>Dryocopus pileatus</i>	pileated woodpecker <sup>e</sup>	year-round	250			
<i>Falcons</i>						
<i>Falco sparverius</i>	American kestrel <sup>e</sup>	year-round	10	MC		RC
<i>Falco columbarius</i>	merlin	migrant	0			
<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	peregrine falcon	occasional	0	MC <sup>h</sup>	E	RC
<i>Tyrant Flycatchers</i>						
<i>Contopus cooperi</i>	olive-sided flycatcher	migrant	0	MC	NM	RC
<i>Contopus virens</i>	eastern wood-pewee <sup>e</sup>	summer	61			RC
<i>Empidonax vireescens</i>	Acadian flycatcher <sup>e</sup>	summer	474			RC
<i>Empidonax trailii</i>	willow flycatcher <sup>e</sup>	summer	11			
<i>Sayornis phoebe</i>	eastern phoebe <sup>e</sup>	year-round	165			
<i>Myiarchus crinitus</i>	great-crested flycatcher <sup>e</sup>	summer	132			
<i>Tyrannus verticalis</i>	western kingbird	occasional	0			
<i>Tyrannus tyrannus</i>	eastern kingbird <sup>e</sup>	summer	60			
<i>Shrikes</i>						
<i>Lanius ludovicianus</i>	loggerhead shrike <sup>e</sup>	year-round	0		NM	RC

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<b>Vireos</b>						
<i>Vireo griseus</i>	white-eyed vireo <sup>e</sup>	summer	431			
<i>Vireo flavifrons</i>	yellow-throated vireo <sup>e</sup>	summer	90			RC
<i>Vireo solitarius</i>	blue-headed vireo <sup>f</sup>	migrant	4			
<i>Vireo gilvus</i>	warbling vireo	occasional	0			
<i>Vireo olivaceus</i>	red-eyed vireo <sup>e</sup>	summer	3071			
<b>Jays and Crows</b>						
<i>Cyanocitta cristata</i>	blue jay <sup>e</sup>	year-round	870			
<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>	American crow <sup>e</sup>	year-round	1575			
<b>Lark</b>						
<i>Eremophila alpestris</i>	horned lark	occasional	0			
<b>Swallows</b>						
<i>Progne subis</i>	purple martin <sup>e</sup>	summer	9			RC
<i>Tachycineta bicolor</i>	tree swallow <sup>e</sup>	summer	127			
<i>Stelgidopteryx serripennis</i>	northern rough-winged swallow <sup>e</sup>	summer	77			
<i>Riparia riparia</i>	bank swallow	migrant	0			
<i>Petrochelidon pyrrhonota</i>	cliff swallow <sup>e</sup>	summer	4			
<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	barn swallow <sup>e</sup>	summer	289			RC
<b>Titmice and Chickadees</b>						
<i>Poecile carolinensis</i>	Carolina chickadee <sup>e</sup>	year-round	1136			
<i>Poecile atricapillus</i>	black-capped chickadee	historic	0	MC	NM	
<i>Baeolophus bicolor</i>	tufted titmouse <sup>e</sup>	year-round	1325			
<b>Nuthatches</b>						
<i>Sitta canadensis</i>	red-breasted nuthatch	winter	0			
<i>Sitta carolinensis</i>	white-breasted nuthatch <sup>e</sup>	year-round	421			
<i>Sitta pusilla</i>	brown-headed nuthatch <sup>e</sup>	year-round	2	MC		
<b>Creepers</b>						
<i>Certhia americana</i>	brown creeper	winter	0			
<b>Wrens</b>						

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<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>	house wren <sup>e</sup>	summer	3			
<i>Troglodytes hiemalis</i>	winter wren	winter	0			
<i>Cistothorus platensis</i>	sedge wren	occasional	0	MC		
<i>Cistothorus palustris</i>	marsh wren	occasional	0			
<i>Thryothorus ludovicianus</i>	Carolina wren <sup>e</sup>	year-round	1048			
<i>Thryomanes bewickii</i>	Bewick's wren <sup>f</sup>	historic	0	MC	E	
<b><i>Kinglets, Gnatcatchers, and Thrushes</i></b>						
<i>Poliophtila caerulea</i>	blue-gray gnatcatcher <sup>e</sup>	summer	876			
<i>Regulus satrapa</i>	golden-crowned kinglet	winter	0			
<i>Regulus calendula</i>	ruby-crowned kinglet	winter	0			
<i>Sialia sialis</i>	eastern bluebird <sup>e</sup>	year-round	244			
<i>Catharus fuscescens</i>	veery	migrant	0			
<i>Catharus ustulatus</i>	Swainson's thrush	migrant	2			
<i>Catharus guttatus</i>	hermit thrush	winter	0			
<i>Hylocichla mustelina</i>	wood thrush <sup>e</sup>	summer	1167	MC		RC
<i>Turdus migratorius</i>	American robin <sup>e</sup>	year-round	86			
<i>Ixoreus naevius</i>	varied thrush	occasional	0			
<b><i>Thrashers and Mockingbirds</i></b>						
<i>Dumetella carolinensis</i>	gray catbird <sup>e</sup>	summer	18			
<i>Toxostoma rufum</i>	brown thrasher <sup>e</sup>	year-round	104			RC
<i>Mimus polyglottos</i>	northern mockingbird <sup>e</sup>	year-round	85			
<b><i>Starlings</i></b>						
<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	European starling <sup>e</sup>	year-round	202			
<b><i>Pipits and Wagtails</i></b>						
<i>Anthus rubescens</i>	American pipit	occasional	0			
<b><i>Waxwings</i></b>						
<i>Bombycilla cedrorum</i>	cedar waxwing <sup>e</sup>	year-round	45			
<b><i>Wood-Warblers</i></b>						
<i>Seiurus aurocapilla</i>	ovenbird <sup>e</sup>	summer	543			

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<i>Helmitheros vermivorus</i>	worm-eating warbler <sup>e</sup>	summer	77	MC		RC
<i>Parkesia motacilla</i>	Louisiana waterthrush <sup>e</sup>	summer	22	MC		RC
<i>Parkesia noveboracensis</i>	northern waterthrush	migrant	2			
<i>Vermivora chrysotera</i>	golden-winged warbler	occasional	0	MC	NM	RC
<i>Vermivora cyanoptera</i>	blue-winged warbler <sup>e</sup>	summer	27	MC		RC
<i>Mniotilta varia</i>	black-and-white warbler <sup>e</sup>	summer	3			RC
<i>Protonotaria citrea</i>	prothonotary warbler <sup>e</sup>	summer	17	MC		
<i>Oreothlypis peregrina</i>	Tennessee warbler	migrant	0			
<i>Oreothlypis ruficapilla</i>	Nashville warbler	migrant	0			
<i>Geothlypis formosa</i>	Kentucky warbler <sup>e</sup>	summer	175	MC		RC
<i>Geothlypis trichas</i>	common yellowthroat <sup>e</sup>	summer	383			
<i>Setophaga citrina</i>	hooded warbler <sup>e</sup>	summer	318			
<i>Setophaga ruticilla</i>	American redstart <sup>e</sup>	summer	5			
<i>Setophaga kirtlandii</i>	Kirtland's warbler	historic	0	E		
<i>Setophaga tigrina</i>	Cape May warbler	migrant	0			
<i>Setophaga cerulea</i>	cerulean warbler <sup>f</sup>	summer	7	MC	NM	RC
<i>Setophaga americana</i>	northern parula <sup>e</sup>	summer	183			
<i>Setophaga magnolia</i>	magnolia warbler	migrant	0			
<i>Setophaga castanea</i>	bay-breasted warbler	migrant	1	MC		
<i>Setophaga fusca</i>	blackburnian warbler	migrant	0			
<i>Setophaga petechia</i>	yellow warbler <sup>e</sup>	summer	10			
<i>Setophaga pensylvanica</i>	chestnut-sided warbler	migrant	0			
<i>Setophaga striata</i>	blackpoll warbler	migrant	0			
<i>Setophaga caerulescens</i>	black-throated blue warbler	occasional	0			
<i>Setophaga palmarum</i>	palm warbler	migrant	0			
<i>Setophaga pinus</i>	pine warbler <sup>e</sup>	year-round	325			
<i>Setophaga coronata</i>	yellow-rumped warbler	winter	1			
<i>Setophaga dominica</i>	yellow-throated warbler <sup>e</sup>	summer	162			
<i>Setophaga discolor</i>	prairie warbler <sup>e</sup>	summer	382	MC		RC
<i>Setophaga virens</i>	black-throated green warbler <sup>f</sup>	summer	1			

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<i>Cardellina canadensis</i>	Canada warbler	occasional	0	MC		
<i>Cardellina pusilla</i>	Wilson's warbler	occasional	0			
<i>Icteria virens</i>	yellow-breasted chat <sup>e</sup>	summer	989			RC
<b><i>Towhees, Sparrows, and Allies</i></b>						
<i>Pipilo erythrophthalmus</i>	eastern towhee <sup>e</sup>	year-round	652			RC
<i>Peucaea aestivalis</i>	Bachman's sparrow <sup>e</sup>	occasional <sup>i</sup>	0	MC	E	RC
<i>Spizella arborea</i>	American tree sparrow	historic	0			
<i>Spizella passerina</i>	chipping sparrow <sup>e</sup>	year-round	60			
<i>Spizella pusilla</i>	field sparrow <sup>e</sup>	year-round	494			RC
<i>Pooecetes gramineus</i>	vesper sparrow	migrant	0		NM	
<i>Passerculus sandwichensis</i>	savannah sparrow	winter	0			
<i>Ammodramus savannarum</i>	grasshopper sparrow <sup>e</sup>	summer	9			RC
<i>Ammodramus henslowii</i>	Henslow's sparrow	occasional	0	MC	NM	RC
<i>Passerella iliaca</i>	fox sparrow	winter	0			
<i>Melospiza lincolnii</i>	Lincoln's sparrow	occasional	0			
<i>Melospiza melodia</i>	song sparrow <sup>e</sup>	year-round	105			
<i>Melospiza georgiana</i>	swamp sparrow	winter	0			
<i>Zonotrichia albicollis</i>	white-throated sparrow	winter	0			
<i>Zonotrichia leucophrys</i>	white-crowned sparrow	winter	0			
<i>Junco hyemalis</i>	dark-eyed junco	winter	0			
<b><i>Tanagers</i></b>						
<i>Piranga rubra</i>	summer tanager <sup>e</sup>	summer	285			RC
<i>Piranga olivacea</i>	scarlet tanager <sup>e</sup>	summer	1060			
<b><i>Cardinals, Grosbeaks, and Allies</i></b>						
<i>Pheucticus ludovicianus</i>	rose-breasted grosbeak	migrant	1			
<i>Passerina caerulea</i>	blue grosbeak <sup>e</sup>	summer	56			
<i>Passerina cyanea</i>	indigo bunting <sup>e</sup>	summer	1376			
<i>Cardinalis cardinalis</i>	northern cardinal <sup>e</sup>	year-round	1557			
<i>Spiza americana</i>	dickcissel	occasional	0	MC		
<b><i>Blackbirds and Allies</i></b>						

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<i>Dolichonyx oryzivorus</i>	bobolink	occasional	0			
<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>	red-winged blackbird <sup>e</sup>	year-round	163			
<i>Sturnella magna</i>	eastern meadowlark <sup>e</sup>	year-round	75			RC
<i>Euphagus carolinus</i>	rusty blackbird	occasional	0	MC		
<i>Quiscalus quiscula</i>	common grackle <sup>e</sup>	year-round	184			
<i>Molothrus ater</i>	brown-headed cowbird <sup>e</sup>	year-round	500			
<i>Icterus spurius</i>	orchard oriole <sup>e</sup>	summer	60			
<i>Icterus galbula</i>	Baltimore oriole <sup>e</sup>	summer	2			
<b><i>Finches</i></b>						
<i>Haemorphous mexicanus</i>	house finch <sup>e</sup>	year-round	35			
<i>Haemorphous purpureus</i>	purple finch	winter	0			
<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>	red crossbill	occasional	0	MC		RC
<i>Spinus pinus</i>	pine siskin	winter	0			
<i>Spinus tristis</i>	American goldfinch <sup>e</sup>	year-round	703			
<i>Coccothraustes vespertinus</i>	evening grosbeak	occasional	0			
<b><i>Old World Sparrows</i></b>						
<i>Passer domesticus</i>	house sparrow <sup>e</sup>	year-round	1			

<sup>a</sup>Land, surface waters, and boundary waters of the Oak Ridge Reservation; all records from 1950 to 2014.

<sup>b</sup>Occasional—very seldom found, most are migrants and some are out-of-range; historic—no records after 1953 (except Bewick's wren—no records after 1957); migrant—found primarily during spring or fall migration; summer—found primarily in summer (including migration); winter—found primarily in winter (including migration); year-round—may be found year-round.

<sup>c</sup>PIF Obs = Number of observations during Partners in Flight breeding bird surveys, 1995-2013.

<sup>d</sup>E = endangered; T = threatened; MC = species of management concern; NM = in need of management; RC = considered of regional concern by Partners in Flight in the Appalachian Mountain Region.

<sup>e</sup>Breeding bird, past or present, on the Oak Ridge Reservation.

<sup>f</sup>Potential breeding bird, past or present, on the Oak Ridge Reservation.

<sup>g</sup>The bald eagle was federally delisted effective August 8, 2007.

<sup>h</sup>The peregrine falcon was federally delisted effective August 25, 1999.

<sup>i</sup>No records of Bachman's sparrow after 1982.

