

Characterized by mixed hardwoods and cedar glades, the Yankauer Nature Preserve encompasses 104 acres along the Potomac River near Whiting's Neck in Berkeley County, WV. The open areas are covered with grasses, forbs and shrubs. There are 105 species of plants on the Preserve and bird life is abundant.

The Preserve was named after the former owners, Dr. and Mrs. Alfred Yankauer, who donated the property to The Nature Conservancy (TNC) in 1967. It is owned by TNC and managed by the Potomac Valley Audubon Society, the local steward. Originally agricultural land, the Preserve has been left to the skilled hand of nature to reclaim this wonderful spot. Walks through the Preserve during the spring are inspirational. The display of wildflowers is spectacular. With spring come the migrating birds. Most species are migratory and their seasonal abundance is coded as follows. It is subject to change as additional species are identified on the property.

Season

<i>s</i>	Spring	March – May
<i>S</i>	Summer	June – August
<i>F</i>	Fall	September – November
<i>W</i>	Winter	December – February

* – breeding species
 ? – indicates a lack of good data

Abundance

a – abundant (large numbers)
 c – common (usually seen)
 u – uncommon (not always seen)
 o – occasional (not always present)
 r – rare (how lucky can you get)

	<i>s</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
Loons, Grebes				
<input type="checkbox"/> Common loon	u			
<input type="checkbox"/> Horned grebe	o			
<input type="checkbox"/> Pied-billed grebe	o	r		
Cormorant				
<input type="checkbox"/> Double-crested cormorant	u			
Bitterns, Herons				
<input type="checkbox"/> Green heron	c	c	u	
<input type="checkbox"/> Great egret	u		u	
<input type="checkbox"/> Great blue heron	c	c	c	u
Swans, Geese, Ducks				
<input type="checkbox"/> Tundra swan	r			r
<input type="checkbox"/> Snow goose			r	
<input type="checkbox"/> *Canada goose	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> *Wood duck	u	u	u	u
<input type="checkbox"/> *Mallard	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> American black duck	u	u	u	u
Vultures, Hawks, Falcons				
<input type="checkbox"/> Turkey vulture	c	c	c	u
<input type="checkbox"/> Black vulture	u	u	u	u
<input type="checkbox"/> Osprey	u	o	u	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bald eagle	r	r	r	r
<input type="checkbox"/> Sharp-shinned hawk	o	o	o	o
<input type="checkbox"/> *?Cooper's hawk	o	o	o	o
<input type="checkbox"/> Broad-winged hawk		c	c	
<input type="checkbox"/> *Red-shouldered hawk	o	o	o	o
<input type="checkbox"/> *Red-tailed hawk	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> American kestrel	u	u	u	r
Grouse, Quail, Turkey				
<input type="checkbox"/> *Wild turkey	u	u	u	u
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern bobwhite	u	u	u	u

	<i>s</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
Plovers, Sandpipers				
<input type="checkbox"/> Killdeer	c	c	u	o
<input type="checkbox"/> Solitary sandpiper	u	u	u	
<input type="checkbox"/> Spotted sandpiper	u		u	
<input type="checkbox"/> American woodcock	u			
Gulls, Terns				
<input type="checkbox"/> Ring-billed gull	o		o	o
Doves, Cuckoos, Owls, Swifts, Hummingbirds				
<input type="checkbox"/> Rock dove	o	o	o	o
<input type="checkbox"/> *Mourning dove	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-billed cuckoo	u	u		
<input type="checkbox"/> *Great horned owl	c	o	o	r
<input type="checkbox"/> Barred owl	u	u	u	u
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern screech owl	o	o	o	o
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Saw-whet owl				r
<input type="checkbox"/> Common nighthawk	u			
<input type="checkbox"/> Chimney swift	c	c	c	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-throated hummingbird	u	u	u	
<input type="checkbox"/> Belted kingfisher	c	c	c	o
Woodpecker, Flycatchers				
<input type="checkbox"/> *Red-bellied woodpecker	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> *Northern flicker	c	c	a	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-bellied sapsucker				u
<input type="checkbox"/> *Downy woodpecker	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> *Hairy woodpecker	u	u	u	u
<input type="checkbox"/> *Pileated woodpecker	c	c	u	u
<input type="checkbox"/> *Eastern (Wood) pewee	c	c	u	
<input type="checkbox"/> *Acadian flycatcher	c	c	c	
<input type="checkbox"/> *Eastern phoebe	c	u	c	
<input type="checkbox"/> *Great crested flycatcher	u	c	u	
<input type="checkbox"/> *Eastern kingbird	c	u	c	

	<i>s</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
Vireos				
<input type="checkbox"/> *White-eyed vireo	c	c	c	
<input type="checkbox"/> *?Yellow-throated vireo	o	o	o	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue-headed vireo	o		o	
<input type="checkbox"/> *Red-eyed vireo	c	c	c	
Crows, Jays, Swallows				
<input type="checkbox"/> *Blue jay	c	c	a	c
<input type="checkbox"/> *American crow	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Fish crow	u	c	u	u
<input type="checkbox"/> Common raven	o	o	o	o
<input type="checkbox"/> *Tree swallow	u	u	u	
<input type="checkbox"/> North rough-winged swallow	o	o	o	
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn swallow	c	c	c	
Titmice, Nuthatches, Wrens				
<input type="checkbox"/> *Tufted titmouse	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Black-capped chickadee				r
<input type="checkbox"/> *Carolina chickadee	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown creeper	o		o	u
<input type="checkbox"/> *White-breasted nuthatch	c	c	c	c
<input type="checkbox"/> *House wren	u	u	u	
<input type="checkbox"/> Winter wren				o
<input type="checkbox"/> *Carolina wren	u	u	u	u
Kinglets, Thrushes, Thrashers				
<input type="checkbox"/> Golden-crowned kinglet	o			u
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-crowned kinglet	r			o
<input type="checkbox"/> *Blue-gray gnatcatcher	c	c		
<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern bluebird	u	u	u	u
<input type="checkbox"/> *Wood thrush	c	c	c	
<input type="checkbox"/> Swainson's thrush	o		o	
<input type="checkbox"/> Hermit thrush				o
<input type="checkbox"/> *American robin	c	u	c	u
<input type="checkbox"/> *Gray catbird	c	c	c	
<input type="checkbox"/> *North mockingbird	u	u	u	u
<input type="checkbox"/> *Brown thrasher	u	u	u	

	s	S	F	W
Waxwings, Shrike, Starling				
<input type="checkbox"/> *?Cedar waxwing	u	u	u	r
<input type="checkbox"/> European starling	c	c	c	c

Wood Warblers*

<input type="checkbox"/> *Blue-winged warbler	u	u		
<input type="checkbox"/> *Northern parula	u	u		
<input type="checkbox"/> Magnolia warbler	o		o	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-rumped warbler	u		u	u
<input type="checkbox"/> *Prairie warbler	c	c		
<input type="checkbox"/> *Yellow warbler	o	o		
<input type="checkbox"/> Hooded warbler	r	r	r	
<input type="checkbox"/> Worm-eating warbler	o		r	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ovenbird	o	o	r	
<input type="checkbox"/> *?American redstart	o	o		

*Many eastern species of warblers are seen in migration.

Tanagers, Sparrows

<input type="checkbox"/> *Scarlet tanager	c	c	u	
<input type="checkbox"/> *Eastern towhee	c	c	c	o
<input type="checkbox"/> *Northern cardinal	a	a	a	a
<input type="checkbox"/> *Indigo bunting	c	c	c	
<input type="checkbox"/> American tree sparrow				o
<input type="checkbox"/> *Field sparrow	u	u	u	o
<input type="checkbox"/> *Chipping sparrow	c	c	c	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fox sparrow	o		o	
<input type="checkbox"/> *Song sparrow	u	u	u	u
<input type="checkbox"/> White-throated sparrow	o			c
<input type="checkbox"/> White-crowned sparrow	o			u
<input type="checkbox"/> Dark-eyed junco	c			c

Blackbirds, Finches

<input type="checkbox"/> Red-winged blackbird	u	u	u	o
<input type="checkbox"/> *Common grackle	c	c	c	o
<input type="checkbox"/> Rusty blackbird	u			
<input type="checkbox"/> *Brown-headed cowbird	u	u	u	u
<input type="checkbox"/> Orchard oriole	o	o		

	s	S	F	W
Blackbirds, Finches (continued)				
<input type="checkbox"/> *Baltimore oriole	u	u	u	
<input type="checkbox"/> Purple finch	r		r	r
<input type="checkbox"/> *House finch	u	u	u	u
<input type="checkbox"/> *American goldfinch	c	c	c	u
<input type="checkbox"/> House sparrow	o	o	o	o

The Potomac Valley Audubon Society, a chapter of the National Audubon Society, serves the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia and Washington Co., MD.

Our Mission

Potomac Valley Audubon Society is people dedicated to preserving, restoring and enjoying the natural world through education and activism.

Notes

Date _____ Time _____

Observers _____

Weather _____

Total birds _____ Total species _____

Unlisted sightings _____

Please... If you find any species not listed here, or if you question an abundance code, please send your information to:



PVAS Birding Committee
P.O. Box 578
Shepherdstown, WV 25443
www.potomacaudubon.org



The Nature Conservancy of West Virginia is a local chapter of The Nature Conservancy (TNC).



Published by a grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at the National Conservation Training Center, Shepherdstown, WV.

Potomac Valley Audubon Society

Yankauer Nature Preserve

Birds

