

A list of birds sited in Hardy County, WV with locations:

Bird Name	General Location	Latitude/Longitude Vicinity	Nearest Town/Area	Zip Code
American Golden Plover	Cunningham Lane	39.092158 -78.936577	Moorefield	26836
Bald Eagles	Brighton Park, Fisher & Vicinity	39.072709 -78.963697	Moorefield	26836
Bald Eagles	The Trough	39.223715 -78.857522	Moorefield	26836
Bald Eagles	Lost River Valley, Kimsey Run, Parker Hollow	38.954858 -78.807080	Lost River	26810
Barn Owls	South Branch Valley Vicinity	38.997204 -79.021671	Moorefield	26836
Blue Grosbeaks	Fish Pond Road	39.136108 -78.986180	Old Fields	26845
Cedar Waxwings	The Trough and Fisher Vicinity	39.223715 -78.857522	McNeill & Fisher	
Common & Hooded Mergansers	Lost River Valley & Brighton Park & Vicinity	39.072709 -78.963697	Moorefield	26836
Common Snipe	The Trough	39.223715 -78.857522	Moorefield	26836
Dunlin	The Trough	39.223715 -78.857522	Old Fields	26845
Eastern Kingbirds	Fish Pond Road	39.136108 -78.986180	Old Fields	26845
Golden Eagles	Lost River Valley and Kimsey Run Dam	38.954858 -78.807080	Lost River	26810
Grasshopper Sparrow	Fish Pond Road	39.136108 -78.986180	Old Fields	26845
Great Blue Herons	Brighton Park & Vicinity	39.072709 -78.963697	Moorefield	26836
Great Blue Herons	Lost River Valley and Kimsey Run Dam	38.954858 -78.807080	Lost River	26810
Grebes	Lost River Valley and Kimsey Run Dam	38.954858 -78.807080	Lost River	26810
Green Herons	Kimsey Run, Brighton Park & Vicinity	39.072709 -78.963697	Moorefield	26836
Horned Larks	Fish Pond Road	39.136108 -78.986180	Old Fields	26845
Killdeer	Brighton Park & Vicinity	39.072709 -78.963697	Moorefield	26836
Killdeer	The Trough	39.223715 -78.857522	Old Fields	26845
Kingfishers	The Trough	39.223715 -78.857522	Old Fields	26845
Loggerhead Shrike	Fish Pond Road	39.072709 -78.963697	Old Fields	26845
Loons	Lost River Valley and Kimsey Run Dam	38.954858 -78.807080	Lost River	26810
Mallard Ducks	Lost River Valley	38.954858 -78.807080	Lost River	26810
Orioles	The Trough	39.223715 -78.857522	Old Fields	26845
Osprey	Brighton Park & Vicinity	39.072709 -78.963697	Moorefield	26836
Pectoral Sandpipers	Cunningham Lane	39.092158 -78.936577	Moorefield	26836
Plovers	The Trough	39.223715 -78.857522	Old Fields	26845
Red Headed Woodpeckers	Fish Pond Road	39.136108 -78.986180	Old Fields	26845
Red Headed Woodpeckers	Lost River Valley and Kimsey Run Dam	38.954858 -78.807080	Lost River	26810
Spotted Sandpipers	The Trough	39.223715 -78.857522	Old Fields	26845
Swallows	The Trough	39.223715 -78.857522	Old Fields	26845
Turkeys	Walnut Bottom Road	39.180747 -78.985381	Old Fields	26845
Vultures, Turkey	Throughout County farmlands			
Vultures, Black	Throughout County farmlands			
Warblers	Walnut Bottom Road	39.180747 -78.985382	Old Fields	26845

Warbling Vireos	Brighton Park & Vicinity	39.072709 -78.963697	Moorefield	26836
Wood Ducks	The Trough	39.223715 -78.857522	Moorefield	26836
Woodland Birds	Walnut Bottom Road	39.180747 -78.985381	Old Fields	26845
Yellowlegs	The Trough	39.223715 -78.857522	Old Fields	26845

Hardy County is a beautiful area with many different habitats offering a large variety of birds to view. Several Birders have shared their lists of over 200 different species of birds. Some of their favorite birding areas include:

Fish Pond Road (US 220 N of Moorefield toward Old Fields)

Often seen in season:

Red-headed Woodpeckers
Blue Grosbeaks
Horned Larks
Eastern Kingbirds
Grasshopper Sparrow

Have been seen:

Loggerhead Shrike

Brighton Park & South Branch Valley Vicinity (US 220 S of Moorefield)

Often seen in season:

Bald Eagles
Green Heron
Great Blue Heron
Common Mergansers
Killdeer (nesting)
Warbling Vireos

Have occasionally seen:

Great Heron
Osprey

The Trough (Along South Branch River by boat or train)

Often seen in season:

Bald Eagles (nesting)
Wood Ducks
Orioles
Kingfishers
Swallows

Cunningham Lane (US 220 N of Moorefield – Wet pasture in spring past RR tracks)

Often seen in season:

Pectoral Sandpipers
Yellowlegs
Dunlin

Cunningham Lane (con't)

Common Snipe
Sandpiper
Plover
Killdeer

Have been seen:

American Golden Plover

Lost River Valley & Kimsey Run Dam (WV SR 259 S toward Lost River State Park)

Often seen in winter:

Bald Eagles I numbers (up to 50 at one time)
Golden Eagles
Grebes (in migrations)
Loons (in migrations)
Ducks (in migrations)
Red-headed Woodpeckers

Lost River State Park (Primary entrance from WV SR 259 via Howard's Lick Rd)

Pick up a pocket list of WV birds from State Park office or to print a copy go to

<https://www.wvdnr.gov/publications/PDFFiles/bird%20checklist2.pdf>

Arkansas/Baker Area (Off Route 29)

Have been seen –

Downy Woodpeckers
Northern Flickers
Black-capped Chickadees
Tufted Titmouse
Purple Finches
White-breasted Nuthatches

Walnut Bottom Road (off Route 48 going west)

Often seen:

Turkeys
Warblers
Woodland birds

Other birds that are seen throughout Hardy County, WV:

American Kestrels	Black vultures	Eastern Meadowlarks	Common Ravens	House Sparrow
Eastern Bluebirds	American Robins	Blue Jays	Northern Cardinals	European Cardinals

Shooks Run in Hardy County in West Virginia

The Shooks Run is a top location for bird watching in the State of West Virginia. The Shooks Run is profiled on the United States Geological Service (USGS) Petersburg East Topological map. The Shooks Run is located at the latitude and longitude coordinates of 38.9384439 and -79.0044744 at an elevation of 295 feet. *Shooks Run is situated in Hardy County in the State of West Virginia.* Birding enthusiasts interested in experiencing the many wonderful bird families in the surrounding areas of Shooks Run should print out the Topological map and bring it along on their birdwatching adventures. Birdwatching enthusiasts should also draft and submit a comment or report on Shooks Run to allow your fellow birdwatchers to learn about Shooks Run.

Quoted from website: www.MyBirdMaps.com

Check this site for printable/downloadable maps and additional birding information.

Waxwing Eco Tourism

www.waxwingeco.com/birding-hotspot.php?id=L1890276

GPS Coordinates: 39.032522, -79.013629

Elevation: 253 meters, 831 feet

This birding hotspot is located near:

1450 River Road, Fisher, WV 26818

EBird

www.ebird.org/ebird/subnational2/US-WV-031/hotspots?yr=all&m=

Check out all of the Hot Spots in Hardy County for birding and submit your sightings

Get Started Bird Watching:

www.bebusinesssed.com/resource-guides/bird-watching/

www.wvdnr.gov/Wildlife/GetStart.shtm Getting Started Brochure: www.wvdnr.gov/Publications/PDFFiles/birdbrochure2.pdf

WV Department of Natural Resources:

Eagles in WV Brochure: www.wvdnr.gov/publications/PDFFiles/WVeaglesWR.pdf

Neotropical Birds of WV Brochure: www.wvdnr.gov/Publications/PDFFiles/neotropbirds.pdf

Partners in Flight

150 partner organizations distributed throughout the Western Hemisphere engaged in all aspects of landbird conservation from science, research, planning, and policy development, to land management, monitoring, education, and outreach. PIF's simple, proactive mission: *Keeping common birds common and helping species at risk through voluntary partnerships.*

www.partnersinflight.org/resources/the-plan/

Brooks Bird Club

www.brooksbirdclub.org

The Mail Bag Newsletter: www.brooksbirdclub.org/the-mail-bag.html

Birds of West Virginia Field Checklist: www.brooksbirdclub.org/uploads/5/2/8/3/52832773/checklist.pdf

Audubon Christmas Bird Count

The nation's longest-running citizen science bird project fuels Audubon science throughout the year. The Moorefield/Hardy County compiler is Kathy King (304) 538-7121

www.audubon.org/conservation/science/christmas-bird-count

