

# Handlan Chapter BROOKS BIRD CLUB

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Founded in 1944, the Handlan Chapter of the Brooks Bird Club is the Charleston-area chapter of the Brooks Bird Club, which is headquartered in Wheeling. Our organization is dedicated to studying birds in the Kanawha Valley, promoting the care and protection of birds in their natural environment, and encouraging wise stewardship of our natural resources. Our membership includes bird lovers of all types and abilities, from young adults and novices to some of the foremost naturalists and bird experts in West Virginia. Our overall goal is to promote a greater appreciation of birds and nature in a relaxed and friendly environment. All are welcome!

## Club Activities

### Monthly Meetings

The club meets the second Monday of each month (September through May) at 7:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Charleston. We open the year in September with an ice cream social and wrap it up in May with a potluck, covered-dish dinner, both held at Coonskin Park. Each meeting includes a program with a nature or bird-related theme, as well as member reports of interesting or unusual bird observations.

### Outings

Field trips are planned regularly to natural areas such as Greenbottom and McClintic Wildlife Management areas, Kanawha Falls, Kanawha State Forest, Peters Mountain in Monroe County, and many others, to observe seasonal waterfowl and shore birds, raptor migration, songbird migration, and other events.

### Bird Counts

The club participates in two bird counts annually: the Christmas Bird Count in December and the Century Count, held in May in conjunction with International Migratory Bird Day. Members count bird species sighted from sunup to sundown, and their tallies are reported to the National Audubon Society.

### Study Group

Through our study group, members have the opportunity on a regular basis to learn more about a particular bird species or bird-related topic. Study group subjects have included, among others, warblers of special interest in the Kanawha Valley, raptor migration, and waterfowl migration.

### Publications

We publish a newsletter monthly, September through May, to keep members updated on meeting topics, our schedule of outings, and important bird observations. *The Swainson's Warbler*, published periodically, gives members information about particular species and unusual or noteworthy sightings. The club also publishes other birding resources and guides, including *Birds of the Kanawha Valley* by J. Lawrence Smith.

### Dues

Annual dues are \$6 and include a subscription to the newsletter. Lifetime memberships are also available for \$120.

*Please join us! For more information visit our Web site or call Russ Young at 925-5668.*

# Birds of Spring Hill Cemetery Park and Arboretum

List of Species compiled by:

## Handlan Chapter of Brooks Bird Club, Inc. Charleston, WV

### Abbreviations

#### Abundance

C=Common  
F=Fairly Common  
U=Uncommon

#### Seasonal Occurrence

P=Permanent (Year Round)  
T=Transient, Migratory Spring and Fall  
S=Summer  
W=Winter

Canada Goose	UP	Tufted Titmouse	CP	Cerulean Warbler	FS
Mallard*	UP	Red Breasted Nuthatch	UW	Black and White Warbler	FS
Turkey Vulture	CP	White Breasted Nuthatch	CP	American Redstart	FS
Sharp Shinned Hawk	UP	Brown Creeper	UW	Worm Eating Warbler	US
Cooper's Hawk	UP	Carolina Wren	CP	Swainson's Warbler	UT
Red Shouldered Hawk	FP	House Wren	US	Ovenbird	US
Broad Winged Hawk	FS	Winter Wren	UW	Louisiana Waterthrush	UT
Red Tailed Hawk	FP	Golden Crowned Kinglet	FW	Kentucky Warbler	US
American Kestrel	FP	Ruby Crowned Kinglet	UW	Common Yellowthroat	FS
Wild Turkey	UP	Blue Gray Gnatcatcher	CS	Hooded Warbler	FS
Killdeer	FP	Eastern Bluebird	FP	Wilson's Warbler	UT
American Woodcock	UT	Veery	UT	Canada Warbler	UT
Ring Billed Gull	UW	Gray Cheeked Thrush	UT	Yellow Breasted Chat	FS
Rock Dove	CP	Swainson's Thrush	UT	Summer Tanager	FS
Mourning Dove	CP	Hermit Thrush	UW	Scarlet Tanager	CS
Black Billed Cuckoo	UT	Wood Thrush	CS	Northern Cardinal	CP
Yellow Billed Cuckoo	UT	American Robin	CP	Rose Breasted Grosbeak	FT
Screech Owl	FP	Gray Catbird	CS	Indigo Bunting	CS
Great Horned Owl	UP	Northern Mockingbird	CP	Eastern Towhee	CP
Barred Owl	UP	Brown Thrasher	CS	American Tree Sparrow	UT
Common Nighthawk	CS	Cedar Waxwing	FP	Chipping Sparrow	CS
Whip-Poor-Will	UT	European Starling	CP	Field Sparrow	FS
Chimney Swift	CS	White Eyed Vireo	CS	Vesper Sparrow	UT
Ruby Throated Hummingbird	FS	Blue Headed Vireo	FT	Savannah Sparrow	UT
Red Headed Woodpecker	UT	Yellow Throated Vireo	FS	Grasshopper Sparrow	UT
Red Bellied Woodpecker	CP	Warbling Vireo	UT	Fox Sparrow	UW
Yellow Bellied Sapsucker	FW	Red Eyed Vireo	CS	Song Sparrow	CP
Downy Woodpecker	CP	Blue Winged Warbler	FS	Swamp Sparrow	UT
Hairy Woodpecker	UP	Golden Winged Warbler	UT	White Throated Sparrow	CW
Northern Flicker	CP	Tennessee Warbler	CT	White Crowned Sparrow	UT
Pileated Woodpecker	CP	Nashville Warbler	UT	House Sparrow	CP
Eastern Wood Pewee	US	Northern Parula	FS	Dark Eyed Junco	CW
Acadian Flycatcher	US	Yellow Warbler	CS	Bobolink	UT
Least Flycatcher	UT	Chestnut Sided Warbler	FT	Red Winged Blackbird	FS
Eastern Phoebe	CS	Magnolia Warbler	FT	Eastern Meadowlark	US
Great Crested Flycatcher	US	Cape May Warbler	FT	Rusty Blackbird	UT
Eastern Kingbird	FS	Black Throated Blue Warbler	FT	Common Grackle	CP
Horned Lark	UT	Yellow Rumped Warbler	FW	Brown Headed Cowbird	CS
Purple Martin	US	Black Throated Green Warbler	CT	Orchard Oriole	FS
Tree Swallow	FS	Blackburnian Warbler	FT	Baltimore Oriole	FS
Northern Rough Winged Swallow	CS	Yellow Throated Warbler	CS	Purple Finch	UW
Barn Swallow	CS	Pine Warbler	UT	House Finch	CP
Blue Jay	CP	Prairie Warbler	US	Pine Siskin	FW
American Crow	CP	Palm Warbler	FT	American Goldfinch	CP
Carolina Chickadee	CP	Bay Breasted Warbler	FT	Evening Grosbeak	FW
		Blackpoll Warbler	FT		

Abundance and residence for many species have been generalized and refer to finding birds in their typical habitat. Some are listed as "Uncommon" despite never having been seen but should be expected. Others with "Occasional" or "Infrequent" have been excluded. Any observations considered noteworthy should be reported to Handlan Chapter, Brooks Bird Club. \*Expect water birds from a pond.