

Birding on Fort Indiantown Gap

BIRD CHECKLIST OF FORT INDIANTOWN GAP

__ <i>Passerculus sandwichensis</i>	Savannah Sparrow	M
__ <i>Ammodramus savannarum</i>	Grasshopper Sparrow	B
__ <i>Ammodramus nelsoni</i>	Nelson's Sparrow	RM
__ <i>Passerella iliaca</i>	Fox Sparrow	M
__ <i>Melospiza melodia</i>	Song Sparrow	B
__ <i>Melospiza lincolni</i>	Lincoln's Sparrow	M
__ <i>Melospiza georgiana</i>	Swamp Sparrow	M
__ <i>Zonotrichia albicollis</i>	White-throated Sparrow	W
__ <i>Zonotrichia leucophrys</i>	White-crowned Sparrow	W
__ <i>Junco hyemalis</i>	Dark-eyed Junco	W
Cardinalidae		
__ <i>Piranga rubra</i>	Summer Tanager	M
__ <i>Piranga olivacea</i>	Scarlet Tanager	B
__ <i>Piranga ludoviciana</i>	Western Tanager	RM
__ <i>Cardinalis cardinalis</i>	Northern Cardinal	B
__ <i>Pheucticus ludovicianus</i>	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	B
__ <i>Passerina caerulea</i>	Blue Grosbeak	B
__ <i>Passerina cyanea</i>	Indigo Bunting	B
__ <i>Spiza americana</i>	Dickcissel	M
Icteridae		
__ <i>Dolichonyx oryzivorus</i>	Bobolink	B
__ <i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>	Red-winged Blackbird	B
__ <i>Sturnella magna</i>	Eastern Meadowlark	B
__ <i>Euphagus carolinus</i>	Rusty Blackbird	M
__ <i>Quiscalus quiscula</i>	Common Grackle	B
__ <i>Molothrus ater</i>	Brown-headed Cowbird	B
__ <i>Icterus spurius</i>	Orchard Oriole	B
__ <i>Icterus galbula</i>	Baltimore Oriole	B
Fringillidae		
__ <i>Pinicola enucleator</i>	Pine Grosbeak	RM
__ <i>Carpodacus purpureus</i>	Purple Finch	M
__ <i>Carpodacus mexicanus</i>	House Finch	B
__ <i>Loxia curvirostra</i>	Red Crossbill	RM
__ <i>Loxia leucoptera</i>	White-winged Crossbill	M
__ <i>Acanthis flammea</i>	Common Redpoll	M
__ <i>Spinus pinus</i>	Pine Siskin	M
__ <i>Spinus tristis</i>	American Goldfinch	B
__ <i>Coccothraustes vespertinus</i>	Evening Grosbeak	M
Passeridae		
__ <i>Passer domesticus</i>	House Sparrow	B

Status Key and Viewing Period
B Confirmed Breeding Records (May to Sept)
B? Possible Breeding Records
H Historical Breeding Records
W Wintering Records (Oct to Mar)
M Migration Records (Sept to Apr)
RM Rare Migration Records



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Fort Indiantown Gap is a 17,000 acre National Guard Training Center located in Lebanon and Dauphin counties in Pennsylvania. Situated along the edge of the Ridge and Valley Province it is comprised of several different habitats including wetlands, large native grasslands, hardwood and coniferous forests. This unique array of habitat supports about 278 bird species with around 143 of those breeding here.

South of Blue Mountain

Fort Indiantown Gap south of Blue Mountain has a variety of habitats including mature hardwood forests, open grassland, edge type habitat, wetlands and open water. The grasslands near Shuey Lake are ideal places to catch a glimpse of Field Sparrows and Eastern Meadowlarks during the summer.

Marquette Lake is a great place to see waterfowl including Mallards, Black Ducks, and Canada Geese. During the summer keep an eye out for Louisiana Waterthrushes and Cedar Waxwings.

North of Blue Mountain

Fort Indiantown Gap areas north of Blue Mountain are referred to as the corridor. The west end of the corridor is primarily native grassland and deciduous forest. These areas offer species such as Grasshopper Sparrows, Prairie Warblers, and Northern Harriers. The east end of the corridor consists of a mix of mature forest, early successional forest, grassland, and wetlands. Species found here include many different Flycatchers, Cerulean Warblers, Black-and-white Warblers, and Yellow-breasted Chats.

The corridor is considered off-limits to the public. Access can be gained by obtaining a recreation permit and coordinating with Range Control in Building 11-9.

Marquette Lake, Shuey Lake, the wetlands in A-21, and Second Mountain Hawkwatch are open to the public all year long. Entrance in to all other areas must be coordinated with Range control in Building 11-9.

Avian Studies

Avian studies conducted at Fort Indiantown Gap include artificial nest boxes for Eastern Bluebirds, Tree Swallows, American Kestrels, Eastern Screech Owls, Barn Owls, and Wood Ducks. Other research includes annual owl and Northern Goshawk surveys and breeding, grassland, and marsh bird surveys. FIG-NGTC participates in the Christmas and Migration Bird Counts.

Notes

Date: _____ Time: _____

Weather: _____

Observers: _____

Location: _____

Species Total: _____

Comments: _____

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Scientific Name	Common Name	Status
Anseriformes		
Anatidae		
__Anser albifrons	Gr. White-fronted Goose	M
__Chen caerulescens	Snow Goose	M
__Chen rossii	Ross's Goose	RM
__Branta bernicla	Brant	M
__Branta hutchinsii	Cackling Goose	M
__Branta canadensis	Canada Goose	B
__Cygnus olor	Mute Swan	W
__Cygnus buccinator	Trumpeter Swan	M
__Cygnus columbianus	Tundra Swan	M
__Aix sponsa	Wood Duck	B
__Anas strepera	Gadwall	M
__Anas penelope	Eurasian Wigeon	RM
__Anas americana	American Wigeon	M
__Anas rubripes	American Black Duck	B
__Anas platyrhynchos	Mallard	B
__Anas discors	Blue-winged Teal	M
__Anas clypeata	Northern Shoveler	M
__Anas acuta	Northern Pintail	M
__Anas crecca	Green-winged Teal	B?
__Aythya valisineria	Canvasback	M
__Aythya americana	Redhead	M
__Aythya collaris	Ring-necked Duck	M
__Aythya marila	Greater Scaup	M
__Aythya affinis	Lesser Scaup	M
__Melanitta perspicillata	Surf Scoter	M
__Melanitta fusca	White-winged Scoter	M
__Melanitta americana	Black Scoter	RM
__Clangula hyemalis	Long-tailed Duck	M
__Bucephala albeola	Bufflehead	B?
__Bucephala clangula	Common Goldeneye	M
__Lophodytes cucullatus	Hooded Merganser	M
__Mergus merganser	Common Merganser	M
__Mergus serrator	Red-breasted Merganser	M
__Oxyura jamaicensis	Ruddy Duck	M
Galliformes		
Odontophoridae		
__Colinus virginianus	Northern Bobwhite Quail	B
Phasianidae		
__Phasianus colchicus	Ring-necked Pheasant	B
__Bonasa umbellus	Ruffed Grouse	B
__Meleagris gallopavo	Wild Turkey	B
Gaviiformes		
Gaviidae		
__Gavia stellata	Red-throated Loon	M
__Gavia immer	Common Loon	M
Podicipediformes		
Podicipedidae		
__Podilymbus podiceps	Pied-billed Grebe	B
__Podiceps auritus	Horned Grebe	M
__Podiceps grisegena	Red-necked Grebe	M
__Podiceps nigricollis	Eared Grebe	M
Pelecaniformes		
Phalacrocoracidae		
__Phalacrocorax auritus	Double-crested Cormorant	M
Anhingidae		
__Anhinga anhinga	Anhinga	M
Ciconiiformes		
Ardeidae		
__Botaurus lentiginosus	American Bittern	M
__Ixobrychus exilis	Least Bittern	B?
__Ardea herodias	Great Blue Heron	B
__Ardea alba	Great Egret	B?
__Egretta caerulea	Little Blue Heron	RM
__Egretta tricolor	Tricolor Heron	RM
__Butorides virescens	Green Heron	B
__Nycticorax nycticorax	Black-crowned Night-heron	B
__Nyctanassa violacea	Yellow-crowned Night-heron	H
Threskiornithidae		
__Plegadis falcinellus	Glossy Ibis	RM
Accipitriformes		
Cathartidae		
__Coragyps atratus	Black Vulture	B
__Cathartes aura	Turkey Vulture	B
Pandionidae		
__Pandion haliaetus	Osprey	B?

Accipitridae			
__Ictinia mississippiensis	Mississippi Kite	RM	
__Haliaeetus leucocephalus	Bald Eagle	B?	
__Circus cyaneus	Northern Harrier	B	
__Accipiter striatus	Sharp-shinned Hawk	B	
__Accipiter cooperii	Cooper's Hawk	B	
__Accipiter gentilis	Northern Goshawk	B	
__Buteo lineatus	Red-shouldered Hawk	B	
__Buteo platypterus	Broad-winged Hawk	B	
__Buteo swainsoni	Swainson's Hawk	M	
__Buteo jamaicensis	Red-tailed Hawk	B	
__Buteo regalis	Ferruginous Hawk	RM	
__Buteo lagopus	Rough-legged Hawk	M	
__Aquila chrysaetos	Golden Eagle	M	
Falconiformes			
Falconidae			
__Falco sparverius	American Kestrel	B	
__Falco columbarius	Merlin	M	
__Falco rusticolus	Gyrfalcon	RM	
__Falco peregrinus	Peregrine Falcon	B?	
Gruiformes			
Rallidae			
__Rallus limicola	Virginia Rail	B	
__Porzana carolina	Sora	B	
__Gallinula galeata	Common Gallinule	M	
__Fulica americana	American Coot	M	
Gruidae			
__Grus canadensis	Sandhill Crane	RM	
Charadriiformes			
Charadriidae			
__Pluvialis dominica	American Golden-plover	RM	
__Charadrius semipalmatus	Semipalmated Plover	M	
__Charadrius vociferus	Killdeer	B	
Scolopacidae			
__Actitis macularius	Spotted Sandpiper	B	
__Tringa solitaria	Solitary Sandpiper	M	
__Tringa melonoleuca	Greater Yellowlegs	M	
__Tringa flavipes	Lesser Yellowlegs	M	
__Bartramia longicauda	Upland Sandpiper	M	
__Numenius phaeopus	Whimbrel	RM	
__Calidris pusilla	Semipalmated Sandpiper	RM	
__Calidris minutilla	Least Sandpiper	M	
__Calidris fuscicollis	White-rumped Sandpiper	B?	
__Calidris bairdii	Baird's Sandpiper	RM	
__Calidris melanotos	Pectoral Sandpiper	M	
__Calidris alpina	Dunlin	RM	
__Calidris himantopus	Stilt Sandpiper	RM	
__Limnodromus scolopaceus	Long-billed Dowitcher	RM	
__Gallinago delicata	Wilson's Snipe	M	
__Scolopax minor	American Woodcock	B	
__Phalaropus lobatus	Red-necked Phalarope	RM	
__Phalaropus fulicarius	Red Phalarope	RM	
Laridae			
__Hydrocoloeus minutus	Little Gull	RM	
__Leucophaeus atricilla	Laughing Gull	RM	
__Larus canus	Mew Gull	RM	
__Larus delawarensis	Ring-billed Gull	M	
__Larus californicus	California Gull	RM	
__Larus argentatus	Herring Gull	M	
__Larus thayeri	Thayer's Gull	M	
__Larus glaucooides	Iceland Gull	M	
__Larus philadelphia	Bonaparte's Gull	M	
__Larus fuscus	Lesser Black-backed Gull	M	
__Larus hyperboreus	Glaucous Gull	RM	
__Larus marinus	Great Black-backed Gull	M	
__Hydroprogne caspia	Caspian Tern	M	
__Chlidonias niger	Black Tern	RM	
__Sterna hirundo	Common Tern	RM	
__Sterna forsteri	Forester's Tern	RM	
__Thalasseus maximus	Royal Tern	RM	
Columbiformes			
Columbidae			
__Columba livia	Rock Pigeon	B	
__Streptopelia decaocto	Eurasian Collared-Dove	M	
__Zenaidura macroura	Mourning Dove	B	
Cuculiformes			
Cuculidae			
__Coccyzus americanus	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	B	

__Coccyzus erythrophthalmus	Black-billed Cuckoo	B	
Strigiformes			
Tytonidae			
__Tyto alba	Barn Owl	B?	
Strigidae			
__Megascops asio	Eastern Screech-Owl	B	
__Bubo virginianus	Great Horned Owl	B	
__Strix varia	Barred Owl	B	
__Asio flammeus	Short-eared Owl	M	
__Aegolius acadicus	Northern Saw-whet Owl	B	
Caprimulgiformes			
Caprimulgidae			
__Chordeiles minor	Common Nighthawk	B	
__Caprimulgus carolinensis	Chuck-wills-widow	B?	
__Caprimulgus vociferus	Eastern Whip-poor-will	B	
Apodiformes			
Apodidae			
__Chaetura pelagica	Chimney Swift	B	
Trochilidae			
__Archilochus colubris	Ruby-throated Hummingbird	B	
Coraciiformes			
Alcedinidae			
__Megaceryle alcyon	Belted Kingfisher	B	
Piciformes			
Picidae			
__Melanerpes erythrocephalus	Red-headed Woodpecker	B	
__Melanerpes carolinus	Red-bellied Woodpecker	B	
__Sphyrapicus varius	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	W	
__Picoides pubescens	Downy Woodpecker	B	
__Picoides villosus	Hairy Woodpecker	B	
__Colaptes auratus	Northern Flicker	B	
__Dryocopus pileatus	Pileated Woodpecker	B	
Passeriformes			
Tyrannidae			
__Contopus cooperi	Olive-sided Flycatcher	M	
__Contopus virens	Eastern Wood-Pewee	B	
__Empidonax flaviventris	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	RM	
__Empidonax virescens	Acadian Flycatcher	B	
__Empidonax alnorum	Alder Flycatcher	B	
__Empidonax traillii	Willow Flycatcher	B	
__Empidonax minimus	Least Flycatcher	B	
__Sayornis phoebe	Eastern Phoebe	B	
__Myiarchus crinitus	Great Crested Flycatcher	B	
__Tyrannus tyrannus	Eastern Kingbird	B	
Laniidae			
__Lanius ludovicianus	Loggerhead Shrike	M	
__Lanius excubitor	Northern Shrike	W	
Vireonidae			
__Vireo griseus	White-eyed Vireo	B	
__Vireo flavifrons	Yellow-throated Vireo	B	
__Vireo solitarius	Blue-headed Vireo	B	
__Vireo gilvus	Warbling Vireo	B	
__Vireo olivaceus	Red-eyed Vireo	B	
Corvidae			
__Cyanocitta cristata	Blue Jay	B	
__Corvus brachyrhynchos	American Crow	B	
__Corvus ossifragus	Fish Crow	B	
__Corvus corax	Common Raven	B	
Alaudidae			
__Eremophila alpestris	Horned Lark	B	
Hirundinidae			
__Progne subis	Purple Martin	H	
__Tachycineta bicolor	Tree Swallow	B	
__Stelgidopteryx serripennis	No. Rough-winged Swallow	B	
__Riparia riparia	Bank Swallow	M	
__Petrochelidon pyrrhonota	Cliff Swallow	M	
__Hirundo rustica	Barn Swallow	B	
Paridae			
__Poecile carolinensis	Carolina Chickadee	B	
__Poecile atricapillus	Black-capped Chickadee	B	
__Baeolophus bicolor	Tufted Titmouse	B	
Sittidae			
__Sitta canadensis	Red-breasted Nuthatch	B?	
__Sitta carolinensis	White-breasted Nuthatch	B	
Certhiidae			
__Certhia americana	Brown Creeper	M	
Troglodytidae			
__Thryothorus ludovicianus	Carolina Wren	B	

__Troglodytes aedon	House Wren	B	
__Troglodytes hiemalis	Eastern Winter Wren	W	
__Cistothorus palustris	Marsh Wren	RM	
Polioptilidae			
__Polioptila caerulea	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	B	
Regulidae			
__Regulus satrapa	Golden-crowned Kinglet	B	
__Regulus calendula	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	W	
Turdidae			
__Oenanthe oenanthe	Northern Wheatear	RM	
__Sialia sialis	Eastern Bluebird	B	
__Catharus fuscescens	Veery	B	
__Catharus ustulatus	Swainson's Thrush	M	
__Catharus guttatus	Hermit Thrush	M	
__Hylocichla mustelina	Wood Thrush	B	
__Turdus migratorius	American Robin	B	
Mimidae			
__Dumetella carolinensis	Gray Catbird	B	
__Mimus polyglottos	Northern Mockingbird	B	
__Toxostoma rufum	Brown Thrasher	B	
Sturnidae			
__Sturnus vulgaris	European Starling	B	
Motacillidae			
__Anthus rubescens	American Pipit	M	
Bombycillidae			
__Bombycilla cedrorum	Cedar Waxwing	B	
Calcariidae			
__Calcarius lapponicus	Lapland Longspur	M	
__Plectrophenax nivalis	Snow Bunting	M	
Parulidae			
__Seiurus aurocapilla	Ovenbird	B	
__Helmitheros vermivorum	Worm-eating Warbler	B	
__Parkesia motacilla	Louisiana Waterthrush	B	
__Parkesia noveboracensis	Northern Waterthrush	B	
__Vermivora chrysoptera	Golden-winged Warbler	B	
__Vermivora cyanoptera	Blue-winged Warbler	B	
__Vermivora cyanop.x chrys.	Brewster's Warbler	B	
__Vermivora cyanop.x chrys.	Lawrence's Warbler	B	
__Mniotilta varia	Black-and-white Warbler	B	
__Oreothlypis peregrina	Tennessee Warbler	M	
__Oreothlypis celata	Orange-crowned Warbler	M	
__Oreothlypis ruficapilla	Nashville Warbler	M	
__Oporornis agilis	Connecticut Warbler	M	
__Geothlypis philadelphia	Mourning Warbler	M	
__Geothlypis formosus	Kentucky Warbler	B?	
__Geothlypis trichas	Common Yellowthroat	B	
__Setophaga citrina	Hooded Warbler	B	
__Setophaga ruticilla	American Redstart	B	
__Setophaga tigrina	Cape May Warbler	M	
__Setophaga cerulea	Cerulean Warbler	B	
__Setophaga americana	Northern Parula	B	
__Setophaga magnolia	Magnolia Warbler	B	
__Setophaga castanea	Bay-breasted Warbler	M	
__Setophaga fusca	Blackburnian Warbler	B	
__Setophaga petechia	Yellow Warbler	B	
__Setophaga pensylvanica	Chestnut-sided Warbler	B	
__Setophaga striata	Blackpoll Warbler	M	
__Setophaga caerulescens	Black-throated Blue Warbler	B	
__Setophaga palmarum	Palm Warbler	M	
__Setophaga pinus	Pine Warbler	B	
__Setophaga coronata	Yellow-rumped Warbler	M	
__Setophaga dominica	Yellow-throated Warbler	B?	
__Setophaga discolor	Prairie Warbler	B	
__Setophaga virens	Black-throated Green Warbler	B	
__Cardellina canadensis	Canada Warbler	B?	
__Cardellina pusilla	Wilson's Warbler	M	
__Icteria virens	Yellow-breasted Chat	B	
Emberizidae			
__Pipilo erythrophthalmus	Eastern Towhee	B	
__Spizella arborea	American Tree Sparrow	W	
__Spizella passerina	Chipping Sparrow	B	
__Spizella pallida	Clay-colored Sparrow	RM	
__Spizella pusilla	Field Sparrow	B	
__Poocetes gramineus	Vesper Sparrow	RM	