



DID YOU KNOW?

- The Center was acquired by the Fayette County Urban Renewal Authority in 2006 and is part of the New River Birding and Nature Center.
- Birding Hotspot! The wetlands at the Center provide a unique habitat for several species of birds. Check out the list below for some of the birds that you may see here.
- Willows can sprout roots at different heights along their stems to keep up with the rising and falling water levels of the wetlands.



The hydrology of this wetland has been disturbed by historical drainage and grading of the landscape. The wetland is now in the process of recovering, as shrubs and trees colonize the formerly cleared areas. Unfortunately, there are large infestations of invasive multiflora rose in the wetland, which crowd out high-quality native wetland shrubs such as alder and silky dogwood.

New River Birding & Nature Center is a unique ecosystem because:



it provides a haven for birds, butterflies, small mammals, amphibians, and wildflowers.



dense root mats capture pollutants and nutrients, helping to purify the water.



it is a mosaic of alder swamp and black willow swamp with open areas along backwater channels.



it is a floodplain scrub-shrub wetland.



Public use of the area includes bird watching, botanical/nature studies, and hiking. There is also a boardwalk and trails with informational signage.

BIRDS YOU MAY SEE:

- American woodcock
- Bald eagle
- Blue-winged warbler
- Common yellowthroat
- Louisiana waterthrush
- Red-winged blackbird
- Swamp sparrow



The wetland is located in Fayette County, WV on Guy Dooley Road.
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