

PENNSYLVANIA IMPORTANT BIRD AREAS

SITE NAME ENLOW FORK - SGL 302

COUNTY WASHINGTON, GREENE **SITE #** 14

APPROX. SIZE 1,000 ACRES

OWNERSHIP PUBLIC (PGC)

LAT. 39° 58' **LONG.** 80° 26'

DESCRIPTION

Also known as Enlow Fork Natural Area, this site is one of the few remaining areas of high-quality riverbottom forest on the Allegheny Low Plateau section of southwestern Pennsylvania. It is a meeting place for Midwestern and Carolinian (southern) species of fauna and flora. Mature sycamores dominate the streambanks, along with silver maple and other characteristic riparian species. The protected area (SGL 302), which straddles the border of Washington and Greene counties, is dedicated primarily to protecting rare wildflowers, including the Blue-eyed Mary, a prairie-remnant species. It was purchased by the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy in 1986 and resold to the Game Commission in the early 1990s.

Directions: I-70 to exit 2. Right at stop, right again onto US 40 toward Claysville, right on PA Rte. 231 to

BIRDS - SUMMARY

An exceptional representative of a rare and threatened habitat in southwestern Pennsylvania, this site has noteworthy breeding populations of Cerulean, Yellow-throated, and Kentucky Warblers, Louisiana Waterthrush, Acadian Flycatcher, and other characteristic species that require relatively undisturbed, mature riparian forest. Summer Tanager also occurs here and may breed locally. Owing to its somewhat inaccessible nature and recent status as a protected area, exact numbers of breeding pairs are unknown.

REPRESENTATIVE BIRDS - BY CRITERIA

3 Summer Tanager (SM, poss. B)

4a 4b Exceptional representative of mature bottomland riparian forest in the region: Acadian Flycatcher (B), Cerulean Warbler (B), Yellow-throated Warbler (B), Kentucky Warbler (B), Louisiana Waterthrush (B).

CONSERVATION / ADDITIONAL NOTES

Enlow Fork - SGL 302 is located in a relatively isolated and undeveloped area. Access is limited in most areas to walking the streambanks. The surrounding landscape consists largely of second-growth woodland and farmlands. Future preservation of this site and its associated watershed could include additional land acquisitions, continued restriction of development and access, and control of White-tailed Deer.

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