

**Kuzmeski** Conservation Restriction, Cushman Road  
Monitoring Visit, May 23, 2004

The land continues to provide a variety of habitats for birds and other wildlife. North of Roaring Brook is a mixture of open grasses, shrubs, and small deciduous trees. South of the brook is mixed hardwood-conifer woods.

Since this property abuts the East Leverett Meadow (ELM) where there is an on-going wildlife monitoring project, there is informal monitoring of the Conservation Restriction from the road and the ELM land at least once a month. However, on this visit we crisscrossed the land on both the north and south sections.

We found (and removed) the usual roadside trash (beer bottles, milk jugs, etc.), but otherwise the land and the brook are in excellent condition. It is no surprise that it is easier to find the stone boundary markers on the Cushman side in the winter (our monitoring last year had been in March) than in May with the high grass. However, the advantage of this later visit was the chance to see the many jack-in-the-pulpits and hear the Blue-winged Warbler and Common Yellowthroat singing (and probably nesting) in shrubs on the north side of the brook.

A copy of the birds seen/heard on the Kuzmeski Conservation Restriction over the past 3 1/2 years is attached. It attests to the variety of habitat provided on this property.

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Species		Season	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Great Blue Heron	O	summer				x	x	x	x	x	x			
Green Heron	F	summer					x	x	x	x	x	x		
Turkey Vulture	O	summer			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		
Snow Goose	O/u	migrant				x								
Canada Goose	F	summer				x	x	x						
Wood Duck	F	summer			x	x	x	x			x	x		
Mallard	F	summer			x	x	x	x						
Osprey	u	migrant				x				x				
Northern Harrier	O/u					x					x			
Sharp-shinned Hawk	F	all year				x					x	x		
Broad-winged Hawk	u	migrant									x			
Red-tailed Hawk	F	all year	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
<b>American Kestrel</b>	M	summer			x	x					x	x	x	x
Ring-necked Pheasant	u	released										x		
Ruffed Grouse	u	all year						x						
Wild Turkey	F	all year									x	x		
Killdeer	F	summer			x	x	x	x	x		x			
<b>American Woodcock</b>	*	summer			x	x	x	x				x		
<b>Mourning Dove</b>	*	all year	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			x
Black-billed Cuckoo	*?	summer						x	x	x				
Barred Owl	F	all year					x							
Common Nighthawk	u	migrant									x			
Chimney Swift	F	summer					x	x	x	x				
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	*	summer						x	x	x				
<b>Belted Kingfisher</b>	F	summer			x	x	x	x	x					
<b>Red-bellied Woodpecker</b>	*?	all year			x	x	x	x			x			
<b>Downy Woodpecker</b>	*	all year	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x
Hairy Woodpecker	F	all year					x		x	x				
<b>Northern Flicker</b>	*	summer			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		
Pileated Woodpecker	u	all year						x		x				
<b>Olive-sided Flycatcher</b>	u	migrant					x				x			
<b>Eastern Wood-Pewee</b>	*	summer						x		x				
Alder Flycatcher	?	summer						x						
Willow Flycatcher	*	summer						x						
Least Flycatcher	*?	summer						x		x				
<b>Eastern Phoebe</b>	*	summer			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		
Great Crested Flycatcher	*	summer					x	x	x					
<b>Eastern Kingbird</b>	*	summer					x	x	x	x				
Northern Shrike	W	winter		x	x									x
Blue-headed Vireo	M	summer								x		x		
Warbling Vireo	*	summer					x	x	x	x				
Philadelphia Vireo	u	migrant								x				
<b>Red-eyed Vireo</b>	*	summer						x	x	x				
<b>Blue Jay</b>	*	all year	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
<b>American Crow</b>	F	all year	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Common Raven	O/u	all year												x
<b>Tree Swallow</b>	*	summer			x	x	x	x	x	x				
Bank Swallow	u	summer					x							
<b>Barn Swallow</b>	F	summer					x	x	x	x				
<b>Black-capped Chickadee</b>	*	all year	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
<b>Tufted Titmouse</b>	*	all year	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Red-breasted Nuthatch	u	all year												x
<b>White-breasted Nuthatch</b>	F	all year	x		x		x	x	x	x	x			x
Brown Creeper	F	all year			x		x							
House Wren	*	summer					x	x	x	x	x			
<b>Golden-crowned Kinglet</b>	W+	winter	x	x	x	x					x	x	x	x
<b>Ruby-crowned Kinglet</b>	M	migrant				x	x				x			
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	u	summer							x					

<b>Eastern Bluebird</b>	*	all year	x		x	x	x	x	x	x		x		x
Veery	*?	summer						x						
Wood Thrush	*?	summer					x							
<b>American Robin</b>	*	all year	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
<b>Gray Catbird</b>	*	summer					x	x	x	x	x	x		
<b>Northern Mockingbird</b>	*	summer	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x
Brown Thrasher	u	migrant				x								
<b>European Starling</b>	*	all year	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
<b>Cedar Waxwing</b>	*	all year		x	x		x	x	x	x	x		x	x
<b>Blue-winged Warbler</b>	*	summer					x	x	x					
<b>Northern Parula</b>	M	migrant								x	x			
<b>Yellow Warbler</b>	*	summer					x	x	x	x				
Chestnut-sided Warbler	*?	summer					x	x			x			
<b>Black-throated Blue Warbler</b>	u	migrant										s		
Yellow-rumped Warbler	M	summer				x	x					x		
<b>Black-throated Green</b>	M	migrant					x					x		
Blackburnian Warbler	u	migrant								x				
Pine Warbler	*?	migrant				x		x						
Prairie Warbler	M	migrant								x				
<b>Palm Warbler</b>	M	migrant				x					x	x		
Black-and-white Warbler	*?	summer					x		x	x				
American Redstart	M	summer						x		x				
Ovenbird	*?	summer						x	x					
Northern Waterthrush	*?	summer								x				
Louisiana Waterthrush	*?	summer								x				
<b>Common Yellowthroat</b>	*	summer					x	x	x	x	x			
Canada Warbler	u	migrant					x							
<b>Scarlet Tanager</b>	*?	summer						x	x					
<b>Eastern Towhee</b>	M	summer					x				x			
<b>American Tree Sparrow</b>	W+	winter	x	x	x	x							x	x
<b>Chipping Sparrow</b>	*	summer				x	x	x	x	x		x		
<b>Field Sparrow</b>	*	summer				x	x	x	x	x				
<b>Vesper Sparrow</b>	u	migrant									x			
<b>Savannah Sparrow</b>	*?	summer				x	x	x			x			
Fox Sparrow	M	migrant				x								
<b>Song Sparrow</b>	*	all year			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
<b>Swamp Sparrow</b>	M	summer								x	x	x		
<b>White-throated Sparrow</b>	W+	winter	x	x	x	x	x				x	x	x	x
<b>Dark-eyed Junco</b>	W+	winter	x	x	x	x	x					x	x	x
<b>Northern Cardinal</b>	*	all year	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
<b>Rose-breasted Grosbeak</b>	*	summer					x	x		x				
Indigo Bunting	M	summer							x	x				
<b>Bobolink</b>	*	summer					x	x	x	x				
<b>Red-winged Blackbird</b>	*	summer			x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	
Eastern Meadowlark	M	migrant				x				x				
<b>Common Grackle</b>	*	summer	x		x	x	x	x	x	x				
<b>Brown-headed Cowbird</b>	*	summer			x	x	x	x						
<b>Baltimore Oriole</b>	*	summer					x	x	x	x				
<b>House Finch</b>	*	all year			x	x	x	x				x	x	x
<b>Common Redpoll</b>	u	winter			x									
<b>American Goldfinch</b>	*	summer	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
<b>House Sparrow</b>	*	all year			x	x	x	x	x					
number of species =		110	for East Leaverett Meadow											
number of species =		56	observed on KCR while monitoring meadow from trail											
note: we now have 4 years of data (inventory begun August 2000)														

