

Birding at Green River State Forest
Henderson County, KY
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Google Map coordinates

37.876075, -87.476747

Habitats

- 1,106 acres of young hardwood forest with stands of older trees
- over half the property is bottomland at the confluence of the Green and Ohio Rivers
- including 65 to 70 acres of swampland

Birds and birder comments:

A trail (actually a 2 rut partially graveled road) runs from the Tschanner Rd. entrance to the north end at the Green River. This trail is about 2.5 miles one way. Subtrails branch off and return or terminate from the main trail. These subtrails are only mowed about once a year and become difficult to walk until mowed. The main trail seems to be mowed more often but still can get weedy with heights in midsummer over the birder's head.

Hunting is permitted at Green River State Forest and birders should be aware of various seasons. Trail map and hunting information can be found at

<http://forestry.ky.gov/Kentuckystateforests/Pages/GreenRiverStateForest.aspx>

This area is excellent for migrants, as well as local woodpeckers, raptors, and passerines.