



**Birds of Ft. McClellan Army National Guard Training Center
Alabama Army National Guard
Anniston, Alabama**

Fort McClellan Army National Guard Training Center was established in November 1999 with the BRAC closure of Fort McClellan as an active duty base. It is home to the 200th Regiment, 1st BN (MP) 2ND BN (OCS/WOCS) 3RD BN (HET) and the 20th SFG (ABN) Operations Detachment. The training center consist of two properties: Main Enclave and Pelham Range.

The training center is located in Calhoun County and is in the Ridge and Valley ecoregion, also falls in Bird Conservation Region (BCR) region 28.

Main Enclave contains approximately 450 acres off Hwy 21. This area is mainly Headquarters, DFAC, Barracks and Billets, Offices, Equipment storage areas, etc.

Pelham Range is located off US Hwy 431 and contains 22,245 acres. The area is approximately 80-85% forested. Much of the range is dominated by Loblolly /Shortleaf Pine stands mixed with some Longleaf Pine. Pine/Hardwood, Hardwood/Pine and Hardwood stands are scattered across the area. Approximately 1750 acres of wetlands are found on the range, mainly consisting of closed canopy hardwood habitat. An area on the western side of Pelham Range consist of approximately 300 acres of scrub/shrub, willow/alder and marsh habitat.

As of October 2021, 180 species of birds have been identified on Pelham Range. Year- long avian surveys were conducted in 2006 and 2017. Breeding Bird Surveys and Nightjar surveys are also conducted each spring/early summer. Seventeen species are listed as Birds of Conservation Concern (BBC).

Unfortunately the public is not allowed to enter Pelham Range for birding activities.

B- Breeder

PB- Possible breeder

M- Migrant

SP- Spring

S- Summer

F- Fall

W- Winter

C- Common: very abundant, seen all year/every season in correct habitat

U- Uncommon: less abundant, seen every season in correct habitat

R- Rare: seen some seasons in correct habitat

O- Occasional: seen sporadically over seasons

A- Accidental: not correct habitat/ home range but showed up

Species	Scientific Name	B	PB	M	SP	S	F	W
Grebes								
Pied-billed Grebe	<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>		X		R	R	R	R
Cormorants								
Double-crested Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax auritus</i>				A	A		
Gulls								
Ring billed Gull	<i>Larus delawarensis</i>				O	O		
Wading Birds								
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>				O	O		
Great Blue Heron	<i>Ardea herodias</i>	X			C	C	C	C
Green Heron	<i>Butorides virescens</i>	X			U	U		
Little Blue Heron	<i>Egretta caerulea</i>		X		O	O		
Black-crowned Night-heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	X			U	U		
White Ibis	<i>Eudocimus albus</i>				A			
American Bittern	<i>Botaurus lentiginosus</i>			X	R		R	R
Swans, Geese and Ducks								
Blue-winged Teal	<i>Anas discors</i>			X	U		U	U
Green-winged Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>			X	U		U	U
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>		X		U	U	U	U
American Black Duck	<i>Anas rubripes</i>			X			R	R
Wood Duck	<i>Aix sponsa</i>	X			C	C	C	C
Canada Goose	<i>Branta canadensis</i>	X			U	U	U	U
Red breasted Merganser	<i>Mergus serrator</i>			X	O			
Hooded Merganser	<i>Lophodytes cucullatus</i>	X			U	U	U	U
Snow Goose	<i>Chen caerulescens</i>			X	O			
Bufflehead	<i>Bucephala albeola</i>			X			O	O
Diurnal Raptors								
Cooper's Hawk	<i>Accipiter cooperii</i>	X			U	U	U	U
Sharp-shinned Hawk	<i>Accipiter striatus</i>		X		R	R	R	R
Red-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	X			C	C	C	C
Red-shouldered Hawk	<i>Buteo lineatus</i>	X			C	C	C	C
Broad-winged Hawk	<i>Buteo platypterus</i>	X			U	U		
Northern Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>			X	U		U	
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>			X	O		O	
Merlin	<i>Falco columbarius</i>			X	O			
American Kestrel	<i>Falco sparverius</i>	X			U	U	U	U
Bald Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>					O		
Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>			X	O			
Mississippi Kite	<i>Ictinia mississippiensis</i>		X		R	R		
Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>	X			C	C	C	C
Black Vulture	<i>Coragyps atratus</i>		X		U	U	U	U
Upland Game Birds								
Northern Bobwhite Quail	<i>Colinus virginianus</i>	X			U	U	U	U
Wild Turkey	<i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>	X			C	C	C	C

Cranes, Rails and Allies

Purple Gallinule	<i>Porphyrio martinicus</i>				A			
Common Gallinule	<i>Gallinula galeata</i>		X			O		
Sora	<i>Porzana carolina</i>			X	R		R	
King Rail	<i>Rallus elegans</i>		X		O	O		
Virginia Rail	<i>Rallus limicola</i>			X	O		O	
Sandhill Crane	<i>Grus canadensis</i>			X	O			

Shorebirds

Spotted Sandpiper	<i>Actitis macularia</i>			X	R		R	
Solitary Sandpiper	<i>Tringa solitaria</i>			X	O		O	
Wilson's Snipe	<i>Gallinago delicata</i>			X	U		U	
American Woodcock	<i>Scolopax minor</i>	X			U	U	U	U
Killdeer	<i>Charadrius vociferus</i>	X			C	C	C	C
Greater Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa melanoleuca</i>			X	O			
Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>			X	A			

Pigeons and Doves

Eurasian Collared-Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>		X		O	O		
Mourning Dove	<i>Zenaida macroura</i>	X			C	C	C	C

Cuckoos and Allies

Yellow-billed Cuckoo	<i>Coccyzus aestivalis</i>	X			U	U		
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Owls

Great Horned Owl	<i>Bubo virginianus</i>	X			U	U	U	U
Eastern Screech-owl	<i>Otus asio</i>	X			U	U	U	U
Barred Owl	<i>Strix varia</i>	X			C	C	C	C

Goatsuckers and Swifts

Chuck-wills-widow	<i>Caprimulgus carolinensis</i>	X			U	U		
Whip-poor-will	<i>Caprimulgus vociferus</i>	X			C	C		
Common Nighthawk	<i>Chordeiles minor</i>		X		R	R		
Chimney Swift	<i>Chaetura pelagica</i>	X			R	R		

Hummingbirds

Ruby-throated Hummingbird	<i>Archilochus colubris</i>	X			U	U		
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Kingfishers

Belted Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle alcyon</i>	X			U	U	U	U
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Woodpeckers

Northern Flicker	<i>Colaptes auratus</i>	X			U	U	U	U
Pileated Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus pileatus</i>	X			C	C	C	C
Downy Woodpecker	<i>Picoides pubescens</i>	X			U	U	U	U
Hairy Woodpecker	<i>Picoides villosus</i>	X			R	R	R	R
Red-bellied Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes carolinus</i>	X			C	C	C	C
Red-headed Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes erythrocephalus</i>	X			C	C	U	U
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	<i>Sphyrapicus varius</i>			X			R	R

Tyrant Flycatchers

Olive-sided Flycatcher	<i>Contopus cooperi</i>			X	U		U	
Eastern Wood-Pewee	<i>Contopus virens</i>	X			C	C		

Acadian Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax virescens</i>	X			U	U		
Great Crested Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus crinitus</i>	X			U	U		
Eastern Phoebe	<i>Sayornis phoebe</i>	X			C	C	C	C
Eastern Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus verticalis</i>	X			U	U		
Empidonax sp.				X	O		O	

Shrikes and Vireos

Yellow-throated Vireo	<i>Vireo flavifrons</i>	X			U	U		
Warbling Vireo	<i>Vireo gilvus</i>			X	R			
White-eyed Vireo	<i>Vireo griseus</i>	X			C	C		
Red-eyed Vireo	<i>Vireo olivaceus</i>	X			C	C		
Philadelphia Vireo	<i>Vireo philadelphicus</i>			X	O			
Blue-headed Vireo	<i>Vireo solitarius</i>			X	R			
Loggerhead Shrike	<i>Lanius excubitor</i>		X		O	O		

Jays, Crows and Allies

American Crow	<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>	X			C	C	C	C
Fish Crow	<i>Corvus ossifragus</i>			X	A			
Blue Jay	<i>Cyanocitta cristata</i>	X			C	C	C	C

Larks

Horned Lark	<i>Eremphila alpestris</i>			X				O
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Swallows

Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	X			C	C		
Cliff Swallow	<i>Petrochelidon pyrrhonata</i>			X	O			
Purple Martin	<i>Progne subis</i>	X			R	R		
Rough-winged Swallow	<i>Stelgidopteryx serripennis</i>	X			C	C		
Tree Swallow	<i>Tachycineta bicolor</i>			X	R			
Bank Swallow	<i>Riparia riparia</i>			X	O			

Chickadees and Allies

Tufted Titmouse	<i>Baeolophus bicolor</i>	X			C	C	C	C
Carolina Chickadee	<i>Poecile carolinensis</i>	X			C	C	C	C

Nuthatches and Creepers

Red-breasted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta canadensis</i>			X			R	R
White-breasted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta carolinensis</i>	X			C	C	C	C
Brown-headed Nuthatch	<i>Sitta pusilla</i>	X			U	U	U	U
Brown Creeper	<i>Certhia americana</i>			X			R	R

Wrens

Carolina Wren	<i>Thryothorus ludovicianus</i>	X						
House Wren	<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>		X		O			
Winter Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>			X			O	O
Sedge Wren	<i>Cistothorus platensis</i>			X	O		O	
Marsh Wren	<i>Cistothorus palustris</i>			X	O		O	

O. W. Warblers and Thrushes

Ruby-crowned Kinglet	<i>Regulus calendula</i>			X			U	U
Golden-crowned Kinglet	<i>Regulus satrapa</i>			X			U	U
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	<i>Poliptila caerulea</i>	X			C	C		

Hermit Thrush	<i>Catharus guttatus</i>			X			U	U
Gray-cheeked Thrush	<i>Catharus minimus</i>			X	O			
Swainson's Thrush	<i>Catharus ustulatus</i>			X	O			
Wood Thrush	<i>Hylocichla mustelina</i>	X			C	C		
Eastern Bluebird	<i>Sialia sialis</i>	X			C	C	C	C
American Robin	<i>Turdus migratorius</i>	X			C	C	C	C

Mimids

Gray Catbird	<i>Dumetella carolinensis</i>	X			R	R		
Northern Mockingbird	<i>Mimus polyglottos</i>	X			C	C	C	C
Brown Thrasher	<i>Toxostoma rufum</i>	X			U	U	U	U

Starlings and Mynas

European Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	X			C	C	C	C
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Pipits

American Pipit	<i>Anthus rubescens</i>			X				O
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Waxwings

Cedar Waxwings	<i>Bombycilla cedrorum</i>			X	R		R	R
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Wood Warblers

Kentucky Warbler	<i>Geothlypis formosa</i>	X			R	R		
Common Yellowthroat	<i>Geothlypis trichas</i>	X			C	C		
Worm-eating Warbler	<i>Helmitheros vermivora</i>	X			R	R		
Yellow-breasted Chat	<i>Icteria virens</i>	X			C	C		
Black-and-white Warbler	<i>Mniotilta varia</i>	X			U	U		
Tennessee Warbler	<i>Oreothlypis peregrina</i>			X	O			
Nashville Warbler	<i>Oreothlypis ruficapilla</i>			X	O			
Louisiana Waterthrush	<i>Parkesia motacilla</i>	X			R	R		
Northern Waterthrush	<i>Parkesia noveboracensis</i>			X			O	
Prothonotary Warbler	<i>Protonotaria citrea</i>	X			R	R		
Ovenbird	<i>Seiurus aurocapillus</i>	X			R	R		
Northern Parula	<i>Setophaga americana</i>	X			C	C		
Bay-breasted Warbler	<i>Setophaga castanea</i>			X	R			
Cerulean Warbler	<i>Setophaga cerulea</i>			X	O			
Yellow-rumped Warbler	<i>Setophaga coronata</i>			X			C	C
Prairie Warbler	<i>Setophaga discolor</i>	X			C	C		
Yellow-throated Warbler	<i>Setophaga dominica</i>	X			U	U		
Blackburnian Warbler	<i>Setophaga fusca</i>			X	R			
Magnolia Warbler	<i>Setophaga magnolia</i>			X	R		R	
Palm Warbler	<i>Setophaga palmarum</i>			X			R	R
Chestnut-sided Warbler	<i>Setophaga pensylvanica</i>			X	R			
Pine Warbler	<i>Setophaga pinus</i>	X			C	C	C	C
American Redstart	<i>Setophaga ruticilla</i>	X			R	R		
Black-throated Green Warbler	<i>Setophaga virens</i>		X		U	R		
Blue-winged Warbler	<i>Vermivora cyanoptera</i>		X		U	R		
Hooded Warbler	<i>Wilsonia citrina</i>	X			C	C		
Golden-winged Warbler	<i>Vermivora chrysoptera</i>			X	O			

Orange-crowned Warbler	<i>Vermivora celata</i>			X				O
Blackpoll Warbler	<i>Dendroica striata</i>			X	O			
Cape May Warbler	<i>Setophaga tigrina</i>			X	R			
Wilson's Warbler	<i>Cardellina pusilla</i>			X	O			
Yellow Warbler	<i>Setophaga petechia</i>		X		R	R		
Black-throated Blue Warbler	<i>Setophaga caerulescens</i>			X				
Canada Warbler	<i>Cardellina canadensis</i>			X	O			

Tanagers, Cardinals & Allies

Northern Cardinal	<i>Cardinalis cardinalis</i>	X			C	C	C	C
Blue Grosbeak	<i>Passerina caerulea</i>	X			U	U		
Indigo Bunting	<i>Passerina cyanea</i>	X			U	U		
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	<i>Pheucticus ludovicianus</i>			X	R			
Scarlet Tanager	<i>Piranga olivacea</i>		X		R	O		
Summer Tanager	<i>Piranga rubra</i>	X			C	C	U	
Dickcissel	<i>Spiza americana</i>			X	O			

Sparrows and Allies

Bachman's Sparrow	<i>Aimophila aestivalis</i>	X			U	U		
Grasshopper Sparrow	<i>Ammodramus savannarum</i>		X		R	R		
Dark-eyed Junco	<i>Junco hyemalis</i>			X			U	U
Swamp Sparrow	<i>Melospiza georgiana</i>			X				O
Song Sparrow	<i>Melospiza melodia</i>			X			U	U
Savannah Sparrow	<i>Passerculus sandwichensis</i>			X				O
Eastern Towhee	<i>Pipilo erythrophthalmus</i>	X			C	C	C	C
Vesper Sparrow	<i>Poocetes gramineus</i>			X				R
Chipping Sparrow	<i>Spizella passerina</i>	X			C	C	C	C
Field Sparrow	<i>Spizella pusilla</i>	X			C	C	U	U
White-throated Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia albicollis</i>			X	R		R	U
Fox Sparrow	<i>Passerella illiaca</i>			X				O
White-crowned Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia atricapilla</i>			X				O

Icterids

Red-winged Blackbird	<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>	X			U	U		
Orchard Oriole	<i>Icterus spurius</i>	X			U	U		
Baltimore Oriole	<i>Icterus galbula</i>		X		R	R		
Brown-headed Cowbird	<i>Molothrus ater</i>	X			U	U		
Common Grackle	<i>Quiscalus quiscula</i>	X			R	R		
Eastern Meadowlark	<i>Sturnella magna</i>	X			U	U	U	U
Bobolink	<i>Dolichonyx oryzivorus</i>			X	O			

Finches

American Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis tristis</i>	X			U	U	U	U
House Finch	<i>Carpodacus mexicanus</i>	X			U	U	U	U
Purple Finch	<i>Carpodacus purpureus</i>			X	R			