

## A BIRD Checklist for Chimney Rock State Park 132 taxa

Of the 473 species known from North Carolina, 132 have been recorded at the state park. Of these, 9 species are known to nest within the park. 36 are suspected of nesting. We would appreciate any report of sightings that increase our knowledge of the park's bird life.

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### Notes

## BIRD CHECKLIST Chimney Rock State Park



### Seasons:

Spring - March to May  
Summer - June to August  
Fall - September to November  
Winter - December to February

A - Abundant, always present in large numbers.  
C - Common, almost always present in good numbers in proper habitat.  
F - Fairly common, usually present and seen most days in proper habitat.  
U - Uncommon, usually present, but not seen most days.  
O - Occasional, often present, but not seen most weeks or only in limited area.  
R - Rare, not seen most years, or seen only in very low numbers in limited area.  
V - Very Rare, usually not present, seen once every five or more years.  
I - Irregular, highly variable from year to year.  
X - Accidental, not to be expected.  
E - Escaped from captivity.  
\* - Known to breed.  
~ - Suspected of breeding.

### Web Links

NC Birds Website  
<<https://carolinabirdclub.org/ncbirds/index.html>>

### Resources



<https://www.ncparks.gov/junior-rangers>

**132 BIRD taxa****ANATIDAE: Swans, Geese & Ducks [3]**

___ Snow Goose .....	X - - -
<i>Anser caerulescens</i>	
___ Mallard .....	- - - -
<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	
___ Common Merganser .....	- - - -
<i>Mergus merganser</i>	

**ODONTOPHORIDAE: Quail [1]**

___ ~Northern Bobwhite .....	- - R R
<i>Colinus virginianus</i>	

**PHASIANIDAE: Grouse [2]**

___ ~Ruffed Grouse .....	R R R R
<i>Bonasa umbellus</i>	
___ *Wild Turkey .....	F F F F
<i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>	

**COLUMBIDAE: Doves [2]**

___ Rock Pigeon, Rock Dove .....	U U U R
<i>Columba livia</i>	
___ ~Mourning Dove .....	R U U R
<i>Zenaida macroura</i>	

**CUCULIDAE: Cuckoos, Roadrunner & Anis [2]**

___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo .....	U U - -
<i>Coccyzus americanus</i>	
___ Black-billed Cuckoo .....	X - - -
<i>Coccyzus erythrophthalmus</i>	

**CAPRIMULGIDAE: Goatsuckers [1]**

___ Common Nighthawk .....	- - U -
<i>Chordeiles minor</i>	

**APODIDAE: Swifts [1]**

___ Chimney Swift .....	U U U -
<i>Chaetura pelagica</i>	

**TROCHILIDAE: Hummingbirds [1]**

___ ~Ruby-throated Hummingbird .....	U C C -
<i>Archilochus colubris</i>	

**SCOLOPACIDAE: Sandpipers [1]**

___ Spotted Sandpiper .....	- R - -
<i>Actitis macularius</i>	

**GAVIIDAE: Loons [1]**

___ Common Loon .....	X - - -
<i>Gavia immer</i>	

**ARDEIDAE: Herons [1]**

___ Great Blue Heron .....	- - - X
<i>Ardea herodias</i>	

**THRESKIORNITHIDAE: Ibis [1]**

___ White Ibis .....	- - - -
<i>Eudocimus albus</i>	

**CATHARTIDAE: New World Vultures [2]**

___ ~Black Vulture .....	U U U U
<i>Coragyps atratus</i>	
___ ~Turkey Vulture .....	C C C U
<i>Cathartes aura</i>	

**PANDIONIDAE: Osprey [1]**

___ Osprey .....	R R R -
<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	

**ACCIPITRIDAE: Eagles, Kites & Hawks [7]**

___ Bald Eagle .....	- - - -
<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	
___ Northern Harrier .....	- - R -
<i>Circus hudsonius</i>	
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk .....	U - U U
<i>Accipiter striatus</i>	
___ Cooper's Hawk .....	U - U U
<i>Accipiter cooperii</i>	
___ Red-shouldered Hawk .....	- - R -
<i>Buteo lineatus</i>	
___ Broad-winged Hawk .....	C U C -
<i>Buteo platypterus</i>	
___ Red-tailed Hawk .....	U U C C
<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	

**STRIGIDAE: Owls [3]**

___ Eastern Screech-owl .....	R R R R
<i>Megascops asio</i>	
___ Great Horned Owl .....	- - - -
<i>Bubo virginianus</i>	
___ Barred Owl .....	U U - -
<i>Strix varia</i>	

**ALCEDINIDAE: Kingfisher [1]**

___ Belted Kingfisher .....	R R R R
<i>Megaceryle alcyon</i>	

**PICIDAE: Woodpeckers [7]**

___ Red-headed Woodpecker .....	- - R -
<i>Melanerpes erythrocephalus</i>	
___ *Red-bellied Woodpecker .....	C C C C
<i>Melanerpes carolinus</i>	
___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker .....	U - U C
<i>Sphyrapicus varius</i>	
___ *Downy Woodpecker .....	C C C C
<i>Dryobates pubescens</i>	

**PICIDAE: Woodpeckers [7]**

___ *Hairy Woodpecker .....	U U U U
<i>Picoides villosus</i>	
___ Northern Flicker .....	U U U U
<i>Colaptes auratus</i>	
___ *Pileated Woodpecker .....	- - - -
<i>Dryocopus pileatus</i>	

**FALCONIDAE: Falcons [3]**

___ ~American Kestrel .....	R R U R
<i>Falco sparverius</i>	
___ Merlin .....	- - X -
<i>Falco columbarius</i>	
___ *Peregrine Falcon .....	U U U U
<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	

**TYRANNIDAE: Flycatchers [4]**

___ ~Eastern Wood-pewee .....	U C C -
<i>Contopus virens</i>	
___ ~Acadian Flycatcher .....	U U - -
<i>Empidonax vireescens</i>	
___ *Eastern Phoebe .....	C C C U
<i>Sayornis phoebe</i>	
___ ~Great Crested Flycatcher .....	U U R -
<i>Myiarchus crinitus</i>	

**VIREONIDAE: Vireos [5]**

___ White-eyed Vireo .....	- - - -
<i>Vireo griseus</i>	
___ ~Yellow-throated Vireo .....	- - - -
<i>Vireo flavifrons</i>	
___ ~Blue-headed (or Solitary) Vireo .....	- - - -
<i>Vireo solitarius</i>	
___ Philadelphia Vireo .....	- - - -
<i>Vireo philadelphicus</i>	
___ ~Red-eyed Vireo .....	- - - -
<i>Vireo olivaceus</i>	

**CORVIDAE: Jays & Crows [3]**

___ ~Blue Jay .....	U U C U
<i>Cyanocitta cristata</i>	
___ ~American Crow .....	- - - -
<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>	
___ ~Common Raven .....	- - - -
<i>Corvus corax</i>	

**ALAUDIDAE: Larks [1]**

___ Horned Lark .....	X - - -
<i>Eremophila alpestris</i>	

**HIRUNDINIDAE: Swallows [2]**

__ *Northern Rough-winged Swallow .....	U U U -
<i>Stelgidopteryx serripennis</i>	
__ Barn Swallow .....	R R R -
<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	

**PARIDAE: Chickadees & Titmice [2]**

__ ~Carolina Chickadee .....	- - - -
<i>Poecile carolinensis</i>	
__ ~Tufted Titmouse .....	- - - -
<i>Baeolophus bicolor</i>	

**SITTIDAE: Nuthatches [2]**

__ Red-breasted Nuthatch .....	- - - -
<i>Sitta canadensis</i>	
__ ~White-breasted Nuthatch .....	- - - -
<i>Sitta carolinensis</i>	

**CERTHIIDAE: Creeper [1]**

__ Brown Creeper .....	- - - -
<i>Certhia americana</i>	

**TROGLODYTIDAE: Wrens [3]**

__ House Wren .....	- - - -
<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>	
__ Winter Wren .....	- - - -
<i>Troglodytes hiemalis</i>	
__ ~Carolina Wren .....	- - - -
<i>Thryothorus ludovicianus</i>	

**POLIOPTILIDAE: Gnatcatchers [1]**

__ ~Blue-gray Gnatcatcher .....	- - - -
<i>Poliophtila caerulea</i>	

**REGULIDAE: Kinglets [2]**

__ Golden-crowned Kinglet .....	- - - -
<i>Regulus satrapa</i>	
__ Ruby-crowned Kinglet .....	- - - -
<i>Corthylio calendula</i>	

**TURDIDAE: Thrushes [7]**

__ ~Eastern Bluebird .....	- - - -
<i>Sialia sialis</i>	
__ Veery .....	- - - -
<i>Catharus fuscescens</i>	
__ Gray-cheeked Thrush .....	- - - -
<i>Catharus minimus</i>	
__ Swainson's Thrush .....	- - - -
<i>Catharus ustulatus</i>	
__ Hermit Thrush .....	- - - -
<i>Catharus guttatus</i>	

**TURDIDAE: Thrushes [7]**

__ Wood Thrush .....	- - - -
<i>Hylocichla mustelina</i>	
__ American Robin .....	- - - -
<i>Turdus migratorius</i>	

**MIMIDAE: Mockingbirds & Thrashers [3]**

__ Gray Catbird .....	- - - -
<i>Dumetella carolinensis</i>	
__ ~Brown Thrasher .....	- - - -
<i>Toxostoma rufum</i>	
__ Northern Mockingbird .....	- - - -
<i>Mimus polyglottos</i>	

**STURNIDAE: Starling [1]**

__ European Starling .....	- - - -
<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	

**BOMBYCILLIDAE: Waxwings [1]**

__ Cedar Waxwing .....	- - - -
<i>Bombycilla cedrorum</i>	

**PASSERIDAE: Old World Sparrows [1]**

__ House Sparrow .....	R R R R
<i>Passer domesticus</i>	

**FRINGILLIDAE: Finches [4]**

__ House Finch .....	- - - -
<i>Haemorhous mexicanus</i>	
__ Purple Finch .....	- - - -
<i>Haemorhous purpureus</i>	
__ Pine Siskin .....	- - - -
<i>Spinus pinus</i>	
__ American Goldfinch .....	- - - -
<i>Spinus tristis</i>	

**PASSERELLIDAE: [6]**

__ ~Eastern Towhee .....	- - - -
<i>Pipilo erythrophthalmus</i>	
__ ~Chipping Sparrow .....	- - - -
<i>Spizella passerina</i>	
__ Field Sparrow .....	- - - -
<i>Spizella pusilla</i>	
__ ~Song Sparrow .....	- - - -
<i>Melospiza melodia</i>	
__ White-throated Sparrow .....	- - - -
<i>Zonotrichia albicollis</i>	
__ ~Dark-eyed Junco .....	- - - -
<i>Junco hyemalis</i>	

**ICTERIIDAE: [1]**

__ Yellow-breasted Chat .....	- - - -
<i>Icteria virens</i>	

**ICTERIDAE: Blackbirds & Orioles [4]**

__ Eastern Meadowlark .....	- - - -
<i>Sturnella magna</i>	
__ Baltimore Oriole .....	- - - -
<i>Icterus galbula</i>	
__ Brown-headed Cowbird .....	- - - -
<i>Molothrus ater</i>	
__ Common Grackle .....	- - - -
<i>Quiscalus quiscula</i>	

**PARULIDAE: Warblers [31]**

__ Ovenbird .....	- - - -
<i>Seiurus aurocapilla</i>	
__ ~Worm-eating Warbler (Mountain population).....	- - - -
<i>Helmitheros vermivorum</i>	
__ Louisiana Waterthrush .....	- - - -
<i>Parkesia motacilla</i>	
__ Blue-winged Warbler .....	- - - -
<i>Vermivora cyanoptera</i>	
__ ~Black-and-white Warbler .....	- - - -
<i>Mniotilta varia</i>	
__ Swainson's Warbler .....	- - - -
<i>Limnithlypis swainsonii</i>	
__ Tennessee Warbler .....	- - - -
<i>Leiothlypis peregrina</i>	
__ Orange-crowned Warbler .....	- - - -
<i>Leiothlypis celata</i>	
__ Nashville Warbler .....	- - - -
<i>Leiothlypis ruficapilla</i>	
__ Kentucky Warbler .....	- - - -
<i>Geothlypis formosa</i>	
__ Common Yellowthroat .....	- - - -
<i>Geothlypis trichas</i>	
__ ~Hooded Warbler .....	- - - -
<i>Setophaga citrina</i>	
__ American Redstart .....	- - - -
<i>Setophaga ruticilla</i>	
__ Cape May Warbler .....	- - - -
<i>Setophaga tigrina</i>	
__ *Cerulean Warbler .....	- - - -
<i>Setophaga cerulea</i>	
__ ~Northern Parula .....	- - - -
<i>Setophaga americana</i>	
__ Magnolia Warbler .....	- - - -
<i>Setophaga magnolia</i>	

**PARULIDAE: Warblers [31]**

- \_\_\_ Bay-breasted Warbler ..... - - - -  
*Setophaga castanea*
- \_\_\_ Blackburnian Warbler ..... - - - -  
*Setophaga fusca*
- \_\_\_ Yellow Warbler ..... - - - -  
*Setophaga petechia*
- \_\_\_ Chestnut-sided Warbler ..... - - - -  
*Setophaga pensylvanica*
- \_\_\_ Blackpoll Warbler ..... - - - -  
*Setophaga striata*
- \_\_\_ Black-throated Blue Warbler ..... - - - -  
*Setophaga caerulescens*
- \_\_\_ Palm Warbler ..... - - - -  
*Setophaga palmarum*
- \_\_\_ Pine Warbler ..... - - - -  
*Setophaga pinus*
- \_\_\_ Yellow-rumped Warbler ..... - - - -  
*Setophaga coronata*
- \_\_\_ Yellow-throated Warbler ..... - - - -  
*Setophaga dominica*
- \_\_\_ Prairie Warbler ..... - - - -  
*Setophaga discolor*
- \_\_\_ ~Black-throated Green Warbler ..... - - - -  
*Setophaga virens*
- \_\_\_ Canada Warbler ..... - - - -  
*Cardellina canadensis*
- \_\_\_ Wilson's Warbler ..... - - - -  
*Cardellina pusilla*

**CARDINALIDAE: Grosbeaks & Buntings [6]**

- \_\_\_ ~Summer Tanager ..... - - - -  
*Piranga rubra*
- \_\_\_ ~Scarlet Tanager ..... - - - -  
*Piranga olivacea*
- \_\_\_ ~Northern Cardinal ..... - - - -  
*Cardinalis cardinalis*
- \_\_\_ Rose-breasted Grosbeak ..... - - - -  
*Pheucticus ludovicianus*
- \_\_\_ Blue Grosbeak ..... - - - -  
*Passerina caerulea*
- \_\_\_ ~Indigo Bunting ..... - - - -  
*Passerina cyanea*