

## A BIRD Checklist for Crowders Mountain State Park 166 taxa

Of the 473 species known from North Carolina, 166 have been recorded at the state park. Of these, 24 species are known to nest within the park. 8 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 Crowders Mountain 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>

**166 BIRD taxa****ANATIDAE: Swans, Geese & Ducks [13]**

__	Canada Goose .....	- - - -
	<i>Branta canadensis</i>	
__	Wood Duck .....	- - - -
	<i>Aix sponsa</i>	
__	Blue-winged Teal .....	- - - -
	<i>Spatula discors</i>	
__	Gadwall .....	- - - -
	<i>Mareca strepera</i>	
__	American Wigeon .....	- - - -
	<i>Mareca americana</i>	
__	Mallard .....	- - - -
	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	
__	Northern Pintail .....	- - - -
	<i>Anas acuta</i>	
__	Ring-necked Duck .....	- - - -
	<i>Aythya collaris</i>	
__	Lesser Scaup .....	- - - -
	<i>Aythya affinis</i>	
__	Surf Scoter (historical) .....	- - - -
	<i>Melanitta perspicillata</i>	
__	Bufflehead .....	- - - -
	<i>Bucephala albeola</i>	
__	Hooded Merganser .....	- - - -
	<i>Lophodytes cucullatus</i>	
__	Red-breasted Merganser .....	- - - -
	<i>Mergus serrator</i>	

**ODONTOPHORIDAE: Quail [1]**

__	Northern Bobwhite .....	- - - -
	<i>Colinus virginianus</i>	

**PHASIANIDAE: Grouse [1]**

__	*Wild Turkey .....	C C - -
	<i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>	

**PODICIPEDIDAE: Grebes [1]**

__	Pied-billed Grebe .....	- - - -
	<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>	

**COLUMBIDAE: Doves [2]**

__	Rock Pigeon, Rock Dove .....	- - - -
	<i>Columba livia</i>	
__	Mourning Dove .....	- - - -
	<i>Zenaida macroura</i>	

**CUCULIDAE: Cuckoos, Roadrunner & Anis [1]**

__	~Yellow-billed Cuckoo .....	- - - -
	<i>Coccyzus americanus</i>	

**CAPRIMULGIDAE: Goatsuckers [3]**

__	Common Nighthawk .....	- - - -
	<i>Chordeiles minor</i>	
__	Chuck-will's-widow .....	- - - -
	<i>Antrostomus carolinensis</i>	
__	Eastern whip-poor-will .....	- - - -
	<i>Antrostomus vociferus</i>	

**APODIDAE: Swifts [1]**

__	~Chimney Swift .....	- - - -
	<i>Chaetura pelagica</i>	

**TROCHILIDAE: Hummingbirds [2]**

__	*Ruby-throated Hummingbird .....	C C C -
	<i>Archilochus colubris</i>	
__	Calliope Hummingbird .....	- - X -
	<i>Selasphorus calliope</i>	

**RALLIDAE: Rails [1]**

__	American Coot .....	- - - -
	<i>Fulica americana</i>	

**CHARADRIIDAE: Plovers [1]**

__	Killdeer .....	- - - -
	<i>Charadrius vociferus</i>	

**SCOLOPACIDAE: Sandpipers [5]**

__	*American Woodcock .....	- - - -
	<i>Scolopax minor</i>	
__	Wilson's Snipe .....	- - - -
	<i>Gallinago delicata</i>	
__	Spotted Sandpiper .....	- - - -
	<i>Actitis macularia</i>	
__	Solitary Sandpiper .....	- - - -
	<i>Tringa solitaria</i>	
__	Greater Yellowlegs (historical) .....	- - - -
	<i>Tringa melanoleuca</i>	

**LARIDAE: Gulls & Terns [1]**

__	Ring-billed Gull .....	- - - -
	<i>Larus delawarensis</i>	

**PHALACROCORACIDAE: Cormorants [1]**

__	Double-crested Cormorant .....	- - - -
	<i>Nannopterum auritus</i>	

**ARDEIDAE: Herons [5]**

__	Great Blue Heron .....	- - - -
	<i>Ardea herodias</i>	
__	Great Egret .....	- - - -
	<i>Ardea alba</i>	
__	Little Blue Heron .....	- - - -
	<i>Egretta caerulea</i>	

**ARDEIDAE: Herons [5]**

__	Green Heron .....	- - - -
	<i>Butorides virescens</i>	
__	Yellow-crowned Night-heron .....	- - - -
	<i>Nyctanassa violacea</i>	

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

__	*Black Vulture .....	- - - -
	<i>Coragyps atratus</i>	
__	*Turkey Vulture .....	- - - -
	<i>Cathartes aura</i>	

**PANDIONIDAE: Osprey [1]**

__	Osprey .....	- - - -
	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	

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

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

**STRIGIDAE: Owls [3]**

__	Eastern Screech-owl .....	- - - -
	<i>Megascops asio</i>	
__	*Great Horned Owl .....	- - - -
	<i>Bubo virginianus</i>	
__	Barred Owl .....	F - - F
	<i>Strix varia</i>	

**ALCEDINIDAE: Kingfisher [1]**

__	~Belted Kingfisher .....	- - - -
	<i>Megaceryle alcyon</i>	

**PICIDAE: Woodpeckers [6]**

__	Red-bellied Woodpecker .....	- - - -
	<i>Melanerpes carolinus</i>	
__	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker .....	- - - -
	<i>Sphyrapicus varius</i>	
__	*Downy Woodpecker .....	- - - -
	<i>Dryobates pubescens</i>	

**PICIDAE: Woodpeckers [6]**

- \_\_\_ ~Hairy Woodpecker ..... - - - -  
*Picoides villosus*  
 \_\_\_ \*Northern Flicker ..... - - - -  
*Colaptes auratus*  
 \_\_\_ \*Pileated Woodpecker ..... - - - -  
*Dryocopus pileatus*

**FALCONIDAE: Falcons [3]**

- \_\_\_ American Kestrel ..... - - - -  
*Falco sparverius*  
 \_\_\_ Merlin (historical) ..... - - - -  
*Falco columbarius*  
 \_\_\_ Peregrine Falcon ..... - v - -  
*Falco peregrinus*

**TYRANNIDAE: Flycatchers [5]**

- \_\_\_ Eastern Wood-pewee ..... - - - -  
*Contopus virens*  
 \_\_\_ Acadian Flycatcher ..... - - - -  
*Empidonax virens*  
 \_\_\_ \*Eastern Phoebe ..... - - - -  
*Sayornis phoebe*  
 \_\_\_ \*Great Crested Flycatcher ..... - - - -  
*Myiarchus crinitus*  
 \_\_\_ Eastern Kingbird ..... - - - -  
*Tyrannus tyrannus*

**LANIIDAE: Shrikes [1]**

- \_\_\_ Loggerhead Shrike ..... - - - -  
*Lanius ludovicianus*

**VIREONIDAE: Vireos [5]**

- \_\_\_ White-eyed Vireo ..... - - - -  
*Vireo griseus*  
 \_\_\_ \*Yellow-throated Vireo ..... - - - -  
*Vireo flavifrons*  
 \_\_\_ Blue-headed (or Solitary) Vireo ..... - - - -  
*Vireo solitarius*  
 \_\_\_ Philadelphia Vireo (historical) ..... - - - -  
*Vireo philadelphicus*  
 \_\_\_ Red-eyed Vireo ..... - - - -  
*Vireo olivaceus*

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

- \_\_\_ Blue Jay ..... - - - -  
*Cyanocitta cristata*  
 \_\_\_ \*American Crow ..... - - - -  
*Corvus brachyrhynchos*

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

- \_\_\_ Common Raven ..... - - - -  
*Corvus corax*

**HIRUNDINIDAE: Swallows [5]**

- \_\_\_ Purple Martin ..... - - - -  
*Progne subis*  
 \_\_\_ Tree Swallow ..... - - - -  
*Tachycineta bicolor*  
 \_\_\_ Northern Rough-winged Swallow ..... - - - -  
*Stelgidopteryx serripennis*  
 \_\_\_ Bank Swallow (historical) ..... - - - -  
*Riparia riparia*  
 \_\_\_ Barn Swallow ..... - - - -  
*Hirundo rustica*

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

- \_\_\_ Carolina Chickadee ..... - - - -  
*Poecile carolinensis*  
 \_\_\_ Tufted Titmouse ..... - c - -  
*Baeolophus bicolor*

**SITTIDAE: Nuthatches [3]**

- \_\_\_ Red-breasted Nuthatch ..... - - - -  
*Sitta canadensis*  
 \_\_\_ ~White-breasted Nuthatch ..... - - - -  
*Sitta carolinensis*  
 \_\_\_ \*Brown-headed Nuthatch ..... - - - -  
*Sitta pusilla*

**CERTHIIDAE: Creeper [1]**

- \_\_\_ Brown Creeper ..... - - - -  
*Certhia americana*

**TROGLODYTIDAE: Wrens [4]**

- \_\_\_ House Wren (historical) ..... - - - -  
*Troglodytes aedon*  
 \_\_\_ Winter Wren ..... - - - -  
*Troglodytes hiemalis*  
 \_\_\_ Marsh Wren (historical) ..... - - - -  
*Cistothorus palustris*  
 \_\_\_ Carolina Wren ..... - - - -  
*Thryothorus ludovicianus*

**POLIOPTILIDAE: Gnatcatchers [1]**

- \_\_\_ \*Blue-gray Gnatcatcher ..... - - - -  
*Poliophtila caerulea*

**REGULIDAE: Kinglets [2]**

- \_\_\_ Golden-crowned Kinglet ..... - - - F  
*Regulus satrapa*

**REGULIDAE: Kinglets [2]**

- \_\_\_ Ruby-crowned Kinglet ..... - - - -  
*Corthylio calendula*

**TURDIDAE: Thrushes [6]**

- \_\_\_ Eastern Bluebird ..... - - - -  
*Sialia sialis*  
 \_\_\_ Veery (historical) ..... - - - -  
*Catharus fuscescens*  
 \_\_\_ Gray-cheeked Thrush (historical) ..... - - - -  
*Catharus minimus*  
 \_\_\_ Hermit Thrush ..... - - - -  
*Catharus guttatus*  
 \_\_\_ Wood Thrush ..... - - - -  
*Hylocichla mustelina*  
 \_\_\_ American Robin ..... - - - -  
*Turdus migratorius*

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

- \_\_\_ Gray Catbird ..... - - - -  
*Dumetella carolinensis*  
 \_\_\_ \*Brown Thrasher ..... - - - -  
*Toxostoma rufum*  
 \_\_\_ Northern Mockingbird ..... - - - -  
*Mimus polyglottos*

**STURNIDAE: Starling [1]**

- \_\_\_ European Starling ..... - - - -  
*Sturnus vulgaris*

**BOMBYCILLIDAE: Waxwings [1]**

- \_\_\_ ~Cedar Waxwing ..... - - - -  
*Bombycilla cedrorum*

**FRINGILLIDAE: Finches [5]**

- \_\_\_ Evening Grosbeak ..... - - - -  
*Coccothraustes vespertinus*  
 \_\_\_ House Finch ..... - - - -  
*Haemorhous mexicanus*  
 \_\_\_ Purple Finch ..... - - - -  
*Haemorhous purpureus*  
 \_\_\_ Pine Siskin ..... - - - -  
*Spinus pinus*  
 \_\_\_ \*American Goldfinch ..... - - - -  
*Spinus tristis*

**PASSERELLIDAE: [10]**

- \_\_\_ \*Eastern Towhee ..... - - - -  
*Pipilo erythrophthalmus*  
 \_\_\_ Chipping Sparrow ..... - - - -  
*Spizella passerina*

**PASSERELLIDAE: [10]**

__ Field Sparrow .....	- - - -
<i>Spizella pusilla</i>	
__ Vesper Sparrow .....	- - - -
<i>Pooecetes gramineus</i>	
__ Savannah Sparrow .....	- - - -
<i>Passerculus sandwichensis</i>	
__ Fox Sparrow .....	- - - -
<i>Passerella iliaca</i>	
__ Song Sparrow .....	- - - -
<i>Melospiza melodia</i>	
__ Swamp Sparrow .....	- - - -
<i>Melospiza georgiana</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 [6]**

__ Eastern Meadowlark .....	- - - -
<i>Sturnella magna</i>	
__ Orchard Oriole .....	- - - -
<i>Icterus spurius</i>	
__ Baltimore Oriole .....	- - - -
<i>Icterus galbula</i>	
__ Red-winged Blackbird .....	- - - -
<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>	
__ Brown-headed Cowbird .....	- - - -
<i>Molothrus ater</i>	
__ Common Grackle .....	- - - -
<i>Quiscalus quiscula</i>	

**PARULIDAE: Warblers [33]**

__ ~Ovenbird .....	- - - -
<i>Seiurus aurocapilla</i>	
__ ~Worm-eating Warbler (Mountain population).....	- - - -
<i>Helmitheros vermivorum</i>	
__ Louisiana Waterthrush .....	- - - -
<i>Parkesia motacilla</i>	
__ Northern Waterthrush .....	- - - -
<i>Parkesia noveboracensis</i>	
__ Golden-winged Warbler .....	- - - -
<i>Vermivora chrysoptera</i>	

**PARULIDAE: Warblers [33]**

__ Blue-winged Warbler (historical) .....	- - - -
<i>Vermivora cyanoptera</i>	
__ Black-and-white Warbler .....	- - - -
<i>Mniotilta varia</i>	
__ Prothonotary Warbler .....	- - - -
<i>Protonotaria citrea</i>	
__ Tennessee Warbler .....	- - - -
<i>Leiothlypis peregrina</i>	
__ Orange-crowned Warbler .....	- - - -
<i>Leiothlypis celata</i>	
__ Nashville Warbler (historical) .....	- - - -
<i>Leiothlypis ruficapilla</i>	
__ Connecticut Warbler (historical) .....	- - - -
<i>Oporornis agilis</i>	
__ Mourning Warbler (historical) .....	- - - -
<i>Geothlypis philadelphia</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 (historical) .....	- - - -
<i>Setophaga cerulea</i>	
__ Northern Parula .....	- - - -
<i>Setophaga americana</i>	
__ Magnolia Warbler .....	- - - -
<i>Setophaga magnolia</i>	
__ Bay-breasted Warbler .....	- - - -
<i>Setophaga castanea</i>	
__ Blackburnian Warbler .....	R - R -
<i>Setophaga fusca</i>	
__ Yellow Warbler .....	- - - -
<i>Setophaga petechia</i>	
__ Chestnut-sided Warbler .....	- - - -
<i>Setophaga pensylvanica</i>	
__ Blackpoll Warbler (historical) .....	- - - -
<i>Setophaga striata</i>	
__ Black-throated Blue Warbler .....	- - - -
<i>Setophaga caerulescens</i>	

**PARULIDAE: Warblers [33]**

__ Palm Warbler .....	- - - -
<i>Setophaga palmarum</i>	
__ Pine Warbler .....	C - - -
<i>Setophaga pinus</i>	
__ Yellow-rumped Warbler .....	- - - -
<i>Setophaga coronata</i>	
__ Yellow-throated Warbler .....	- - - -
<i>Setophaga dominica</i>	
__ Prairie Warbler .....	- - - -
<i>Setophaga discolor</i>	
__ Black-throated Green Warbler .....	- - - -
<i>Setophaga virens</i>	
<b>CARDINALIDAE: Grosbeaks &amp; Buntings [6]</b>	
__ Summer Tanager .....	- - - -
<i>Piranga rubra</i>	
__ Scarlet Tanager .....	- - - -
<i>Piranga olivacea</i>	
__ Northern Cardinal .....	- - - -
<i>Cardinalis cardinalis</i>	
__ Rose-breasted Grosbeak .....	- - - -
<i>Pheucticus ludovicianus</i>	
__ Blue Grosbeak .....	- - - -
<i>Passerina caerulea</i>	
__ *Indigo Bunting .....	O O I I
<i>Passerina cyanea</i>	