

A BIRD Checklist for Elk Knob State Park 89 taxa

Of the 473 species known from North Carolina, 89 have been recorded at the state park. Of these, 25 species are known to nest within the park. 5 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 Elk Knob 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



89 BIRD taxa**PHASIANIDAE: Grouse [2]**

__ Ruffed Grouse	- - - -
<i>Bonasa umbellus</i>	
__ *Wild Turkey	- - - -
<i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>	

COLUMBIDAE: Doves [1]

__ *Mourning Dove	- - - -
<i>Zenaida macroura</i>	

CUCULIDAE: Cuckoos, Roadrunner & Anis [1]

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

APODIDAE: Swifts [1]

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

TROCHILIDAE: Hummingbirds [1]

__ Ruby-throated Hummingbird	- - - -
<i>Archilochus colubris</i>	

SCOLOPACIDAE: Sandpipers [1]

__ American Woodcock	- - - -
<i>Scolopax minor</i>	

CATHARTIDAE: New World Vultures [1]

__ Turkey Vulture	- - - -
<i>Cathartes aura</i>	

PANDIONIDAE: Osprey [1]

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

ACCIPITRIDAE: Eagles, Kites & Hawks [5]

__ Northern Harrier	- - - -
<i>Circus hudsonius</i>	
__ Sharp-shinned Hawk	- - - -
<i>Accipiter striatus</i>	
__ Cooper's Hawk	- - - -
<i>Accipiter cooperii</i>	
__ Broad-winged Hawk	- - - -
<i>Buteo platypterus</i>	
__ Red-tailed Hawk	- - - -
<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	

STRIGIDAE: Owls [4]

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

STRIGIDAE: Owls [4]

__ Northern Saw-whet Owl	- - - -
<i>Aegolius acadicus</i>	

PICIDAE: Woodpeckers [6]

__ Red-bellied Woodpecker	- - - -
<i>Melanerpes carolinus</i>	
__ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	- - - -
<i>Sphyrapicus varius</i>	
__ Downy Woodpecker	- - - -
<i>Dryobates pubescens</i>	
__ Hairy Woodpecker	- - - -
<i>Picoides villosus</i>	
__ Northern Flicker	- - - -
<i>Colaptes auratus</i>	
__ Pileated Woodpecker	- - - -
<i>Dryocopus pileatus</i>	

FALCONIDAE: Falcons [1]

__ Peregrine Falcon	- - - -
<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	

TYRANNIDAE: Flycatchers [3]

__ *Eastern Wood-pewee	- - - -
<i>Contopus virens</i>	
__ *Least Flycatcher	- - - -
<i>Empidonax minimus</i>	
__ Eastern Phoebe	- - - -
<i>Sayornis phoebe</i>	

VIREONIDAE: Vireos [3]

__ Yellow-throated Vireo	- - - -
<i>Vireo flavifrons</i>	
__ *Blue-headed (or Solitary) Vireo	- - - -
<i>Vireo solitarius</i>	
__ *Red-eyed Vireo	- - - -
<i>Vireo olivaceus</i>	

CORVIDAE: Jays & Crows [3]

__ *Blue Jay	- - - -
<i>Cyanocitta cristata</i>	
__ American Crow	- - - -
<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>	
__ ~Common Raven	- - - -
<i>Corvus corax</i>	

HIRUNDINIDAE: Swallows [1]

__ Barn Swallow	- - - -
<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	

PARIDAE: Chickadees & Titmice [2]

__ Carolina Chickadee	- - - -
<i>Poecile carolinensis</i>	

PARIDAE: Chickadees & Titmice [2]

__ *Tufted Titmouse	- - - -
<i>Baeolophus bicolor</i>	

SITTIDAE: Nuthatches [2]

__ Red-breasted Nuthatch	- - - -
<i>Sitta canadensis</i>	
__ White-breasted Nuthatch	- - - -
<i>Sitta carolinensis</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 [6]

__ Eastern Bluebird	- - - -
<i>Sialia sialis</i>	
__ Veery	- - - -
<i>Catharus fuscescens</i>	
__ Swainson's Thrush	- - - -
<i>Catharus ustulatus</i>	
__ ~Hermit Thrush	- - - -
<i>Catharus guttatus</i>	
__ *Wood Thrush	- - - -
<i>Hylocichla mustelina</i>	
__ *American Robin	- - - -
<i>Turdus migratorius</i>	

MIMIDAE: Mockingbirds & Thrashers [2]

__ *Gray Catbird	- - - -
<i>Dumetella carolinensis</i>	
__ *Brown Thrasher	- - - -
<i>Toxostoma rufum</i>	

STURNIDAE: Starling [1]

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

BOMBYCILLIDAE: Waxwings [1]

___ ~Cedar Waxwing - - - -
Bombycilla cedrorum

FRINGILLIDAE: Finches [2]

___ Pine Siskin - - - -
Spinus pinus
 ___ *American Goldfinch - - - -
Spinus tristis

PASSERELLIDAE: [8]

___ *Eastern Towhee - - - -
Pipilo erythrophthalmus
 ___ Chipping Sparrow - - - -
Spizella passerina
 ___ *Field Sparrow - - - -
Spizella pusilla
 ___ Vesper Sparrow - - - -
Pooecetes gramineus
 ___ *Song Sparrow - - - -
Melospiza melodia
 ___ White-throated Sparrow - - - -
Zonotrichia albicollis
 ___ White-crowned Sparrow - - - -
Zonotrichia leucophrys
 ___ *Dark-eyed Junco - - - -
Junco hyemalis

ICTERIDAE: Blackbirds & Orioles [4]

___ Red-winged Blackbird - - - -
Agelaius phoeniceus
 ___ Brown-headed Cowbird - - - -
Molothrus ater
 ___ Brewer's Blackbird - - - -
Euphagus cyanocephalus
 ___ Common Grackle - - - -
Quiscalus quiscula

PARULIDAE: Warblers [16]

___ *Ovenbird - - - -
Seiurus aurocapilla
 ___ *Golden-winged Warbler - - - -
Vermivora chrysoptera
 ___ Black-and-white Warbler - - - -
Mniotilta varia
 ___ Tennessee Warbler - - - -
Leiothlypis peregrina
 ___ Nashville Warbler - - - -
Leiothlypis ruficapilla

PARULIDAE: Warblers [16]

___ Connecticut Warbler - - - -
Oporornis agilis
 ___ *Common Yellowthroat - - - -
Geothlypis trichas
 ___ Hooded Warbler - - - -
Setophaga citrina
 ___ Cape May Warbler - - - -
Setophaga tigrina
 ___ Magnolia Warbler - - - -
Setophaga magnolia
 ___ Bay-breasted Warbler - - - -
Setophaga castanea
 ___ *Yellow Warbler - - - -
Setophaga petechia
 ___ *Chestnut-sided Warbler - - - -
Setophaga pensylvanica
 ___ Black-throated Blue Warbler - - - -
Setophaga caerulescens
 ___ Black-throated Green Warbler - - - -
Setophaga virens
 ___ Canada Warbler - - - -
Cardellina canadensis

CARDINALIDAE: Grosbeaks & Buntings [4]

___ Scarlet Tanager - - - -
Piranga olivacea
 ___ *Northern Cardinal - - - -
Cardinalis cardinalis
 ___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak - - - -
Pheucticus ludovicianus
 ___ *Indigo Bunting - - - -
Passerina cyanea