

A BIRD Checklist for Merchants Millpond State Park 224 taxa

Of the 473 species known from North Carolina, 224 have been recorded at the state park. Of these, 68 species are known to nest within the park. 15 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

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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>

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ANATIDAE: Swans, Geese & Ducks [24]

___ Snow Goose	R - R R
<i>Anser caerulescens</i>	
___ *Canada Goose	C C C C
<i>Branta canadensis</i>	
___ Tundra Swan	X X U O
<i>Cygnus columbianus</i>	
___ *Wood Duck	C C C C
<i>Aix sponsa</i>	
___ Blue-winged Teal	U - U O
<i>Spatula discors</i>	
___ Northern Shoveler	R - R R
<i>Spatula clypeata</i>	
___ Gadwall	R - O U
<i>Mareca strepera</i>	
___ Eurasian Wigeon	- - - -
<i>Mareca penelope</i>	
___ American Wigeon	O - F F
<i>Mareca americana</i>	
___ *Mallard	F F C C
<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	
___ American Black Duck	O - U F
<i>Anas rubripes</i>	
___ Northern Pintail	V - V R
<i>Anas acuta</i>	
___ Green-winged Teal	U - U U
<i>Anas crecca</i>	
___ Canvasback	V - V V
<i>Aythya valisineria</i>	
___ Redhead	V - V V
<i>Aythya americana</i>	
___ Ring-necked Duck	U - F C
<i>Aythya collaris</i>	
___ Greater Scaup	- - - V
<i>Aythya marila</i>	
___ Lesser Scaup	V - V V
<i>Aythya affinis</i>	
___ Bufflehead	R - R R
<i>Bucephala albeola</i>	
___ Common Goldeneye	O - O U
<i>Bucephala clangula</i>	
___ Hooded Merganser	U R F F
<i>Lophodytes cucullatus</i>	

ANATIDAE: Swans, Geese & Ducks [24]

___ Common Merganser	- - - -
<i>Mergus merganser</i>	
___ Red-breasted Merganser	- - - R
<i>Mergus serrator</i>	
___ Ruddy Duck	V - V R
<i>Oxyura jamaicensis</i>	

ODONTOPHORIDAE: Quail [1]

___ ~Northern Bobwhite	U U U U
<i>Colinus virginianus</i>	

PHASIANIDAE: Grouse [1]

___ *Wild Turkey	F F F F
<i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>	

PODICIPEDIDAE: Grebes [3]

___ Pied-billed Grebe	U - F F
<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>	
___ Horned Grebe	V - V V
<i>Podiceps auritus</i>	
___ Red-necked Grebe	V - V V
<i>Podiceps grisegena</i>	

COLUMBIDAE: Doves [2]

___ Rock Pigeon, Rock Dove	O O O O
<i>Columba livia</i>	
___ *Mourning Dove	C C C C
<i>Zenaidura macroura</i>	

CUCULIDAE: Cuckoos, Roadrunner & Anis [2]

___ *Yellow-billed Cuckoo	F F U -
<i>Coccyzus americanus</i>	
___ Black-billed Cuckoo	- - - -
<i>Coccyzus erythrophthalmus</i>	

CAPRIMULGIDAE: Goatsuckers [3]

___ Common Nighthawk	U U U -
<i>Chordeiles minor</i>	
___ ~Chuck-will's-widow	U U U -
<i>Antrostomus carolinensis</i>	
___ Eastern whip-poor-will	O O O -
<i>Antrostomus vociferus</i>	

APODIDAE: Swifts [1]

___ *Chimney Swift	C C C -
<i>Chaetura pelagica</i>	

TROCHILIDAE: Hummingbirds [1]

___ *Ruby-throated Hummingbird	C C C -
<i>Archilochus colubris</i>	

RALLIDAE: Rails [7]

___ Yellow Rail	- - - -
<i>Coturnicops noveboracensis</i>	

RALLIDAE: Rails [7]

___ King Rail	V V V V
<i>Rallus elegans</i>	
___ Virginia Rail	V - - -
<i>Rallus limicola</i>	
___ Sora	R - R -
<i>Porzana carolina</i>	
___ Purple Gallinule (historical)	X - - -
<i>Porphyrio martinicus</i>	
___ Common Gallinule	O V R -
<i>Gallinula galeata</i>	
___ American Coot	U - U O
<i>Fulica americana</i>	

ARAMIDAE: Limpkin [1]

___ Limpkin	- - - -
<i>Aramus guarauna</i>	

CHARADRIIDAE: Plovers [1]

___ *Killdeer	F F F F
<i>Charadrius vociferus</i>	

SCOLOPACIDAE: Sandpipers [8]

___ Least Sandpiper	- - - -
<i>Calidris minutilla</i>	
___ Pectoral Sandpiper	- - R -
<i>Calidris melanotos</i>	
___ *American Woodcock	U U U U
<i>Scolopax minor</i>	
___ Wilson's Snipe	U - U U
<i>Gallinago delicata</i>	
___ Spotted Sandpiper	U - U -
<i>Actitis macularius</i>	
___ Solitary Sandpiper	V - - -
<i>Tringa solitaria</i>	
___ Lesser Yellowlegs	- - - -
<i>Tringa flavipes</i>	
___ Greater Yellowlegs	O - O -
<i>Tringa melanoleuca</i>	

LARIDAE: Gulls & Terns [6]

___ Laughing Gull	U - U O
<i>Leucophaeus atricilla</i>	
___ Ring-billed Gull	F U F F
<i>Larus delawarensis</i>	
___ Herring Gull	U - U U
<i>Larus argentatus</i>	
___ Great Black-backed Gull	O - O O
<i>Larus marinus</i>	

LARIDAE: Gulls & Terns [6]

__ Black Tern (historical)	- - X -
<i>Chlidonias niger</i>	
__ Royal Tern	- - - -
<i>Thalasseus maximus</i>	

GAVIIDAE: Loons [1]

__ Common Loon	O - O -
<i>Gavia immer</i>	

CICONIIDAE: Stork [1]

__ Wood Stork	- - - -
<i>Mycteria americana</i>	

PHALACROCORACIDAE: Cormorants [1]

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

ANHINGIDAE: Anhinga [1]

__ ~Anhinga	U U O -
<i>Anhinga anhinga</i>	

ARDEIDAE: Herons [11]

__ American Bittern	O - O U
<i>Botaurus lentiginosus</i>	
__ Least Bittern	R R R -
<i>Ixobrychus exilis</i>	
__ *Great Blue Heron	C C C C
<i>Ardea herodias</i>	
__ ~Great Egret	F F F O
<i>Ardea alba</i>	
__ Snowy Egret	O O O V
<i>Egretta thula</i>	
__ Little Blue Heron	R R R -
<i>Egretta caerulea</i>	
__ Tricolored Heron	V R V -
<i>Egretta tricolor</i>	
__ Cattle Egret	O O O -
<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	
__ ~Green Heron	C C C -
<i>Butorides virescens</i>	
__ Black-crowned Night-heron	O U O -
<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	
__ Yellow-crowned Night-heron	- - - -
<i>Nyctanassa violacea</i>	

THRESKIORNITHIDAE: Ibis [2]

__ White Ibis	- I - -
<i>Eudocimus albus</i>	
__ Glossy Ibis	R R R -
<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	

CATHARTIDAE: New World Vultures [2]

__ *Black Vulture	C C C C
<i>Coragyps atratus</i>	
__ ~Turkey Vulture	C C C C
<i>Cathartes aura</i>	

PANDIONIDAE: Osprey [1]

__ Osprey	F F U R
<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	

ACCIPITRIDAE: Eagles, Kites & Hawks [9]

__ ~Mississippi Kite	- - - -
<i>Ictinia mississippiensis</i>	
__ Bald Eagle	F F F F
<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	
__ Northern Harrier	F - F F
<i>Circus hudsonius</i>	
__ Sharp-shinned Hawk	U U U U
<i>Accipiter striatus</i>	
__ ~Cooper's Hawk	U U U U
<i>Accipiter cooperii</i>	
__ *Red-shouldered Hawk	C C C C
<i>Buteo lineatus</i>	
__ Broad-winged Hawk	R R R -
<i>Buteo platyterus</i>	
__ *Red-tailed Hawk	F F F F
<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	
__ Rough-legged Hawk (historical)	- - - X
<i>Buteo lagopus</i>	

TYTONIDAE: Barn-owl [1]

__ Barn Owl	R R R R
<i>Tyto alba</i>	

STRIGIDAE: Owls [3]

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

ALCEDINIDAE: Kingfisher [1]

__ ~Belted Kingfisher	F F F F
<i>Megasceryle alcyon</i>	

PICIDAE: Woodpeckers [8]

__ *Red-headed Woodpecker	O O O O
<i>Melanerpes erythrocephalus</i>	
__ *Red-bellied Woodpecker	C C C C
<i>Melanerpes carolinus</i>	

PICIDAE: Woodpeckers [8]

__ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	U - C C
<i>Sphyrapicus varius</i>	
__ *Downy Woodpecker	C C C C
<i>Dryobates pubescens</i>	
__ *Hairy Woodpecker	F F F F
<i>Picoides villosus</i>	
__ Red-cockaded Woodpecker	- - - -
<i>Dryobates borealis</i>	
__ *Northern Flicker	C C C C
<i>Colaptes auratus</i>	
__ *Pileated Woodpecker	C C C C
<i>Dryocopus pileatus</i>	

FALCONIDAE: Falcons [3]

__ American Kestrel	F - F F
<i>Falco sparverius</i>	
__ Merlin	R R R -
<i>Falco columbarius</i>	
__ Peregrine Falcon	- - - -
<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	

TYRANNIDAE: Flycatchers [6]

__ *Eastern Wood-pewee	F F U -
<i>Contopus virens</i>	
__ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	- - V -
<i>Empidonax flaviventris</i>	
__ *Acadian Flycatcher	C C U -
<i>Empidonax virescens</i>	
__ *Eastern Phoebe	F F F F
<i>Sayornis phoebe</i>	
__ *Great Crested Flycatcher	C C F -
<i>Myiarchus crinitus</i>	
__ *Eastern Kingbird	F F F -
<i>Tyrannus tyrannus</i>	

LANIIDAE: Shrikes [1]

__ Loggerhead Shrike	R - R R
<i>Lanius ludovicianus</i>	

VIREONIDAE: Vireos [6]

__ *White-eyed Vireo	C C F O
<i>Vireo griseus</i>	
__ *Yellow-throated Vireo	C C F -
<i>Vireo flavifrons</i>	
__ Blue-headed (or Solitary) Vireo	U - U U
<i>Vireo solitarius</i>	
__ Philadelphia Vireo	- - R -
<i>Vireo philadelphicus</i>	

VIREONIDAE: Vireos [6]

___ Warbling Vireo	V - - -
<i>Vireo gilvus</i>	
___ *Red-eyed Vireo	C C F -
<i>Vireo olivaceus</i>	

CORVIDAE: Jays & Crows [3]

___ *Blue Jay	F F F F
<i>Cyanocitta cristata</i>	
___ *American Crow	C C C C
<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>	
___ *Fish Crow	C C C C
<i>Corvus ossifragus</i>	

ALAUDIDAE: Larks [1]

___ Horned Lark	U - U U
<i>Eremophila alpestris</i>	

HIRUNDINIDAE: Swallows [5]

___ ~Purple Martin	F F F U
<i>Progne subis</i>	
___ Tree Swallow	F - F -
<i>Tachycineta bicolor</i>	
___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow	F U U -
<i>Stelgidopteryx serripennis</i>	
___ Bank Swallow	R - R -
<i>Riparia riparia</i>	
___ Barn Swallow	F F F -
<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	

PARIDAE: Chickadees & Titmice [2]

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

SITTIDAE: Nuthatches [3]

___ Red-breasted Nuthatch	V - U U
<i>Sitta canadensis</i>	
___ *White-breasted Nuthatch	C C C C
<i>Sitta carolinensis</i>	
___ *Brown-headed Nuthatch	F F F F
<i>Sitta pusilla</i>	

CERTHIIDAE: Creeper [1]

___ Brown Creeper	O - U U
<i>Certhia americana</i>	

TROGLODYTIDAE: Wrens [3]

___ House Wren	U - U U
<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>	

TROGLODYTIDAE: Wrens [3]

___ Winter Wren	U - F F
<i>Troglodytes hiemalis</i>	
___ *Carolina Wren	C C C C
<i>Thryothorus ludovicianus</i>	

POLIOPTILIDAE: Gnatcatchers [1]

___ *Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	C C C -
<i>Poliophtila caerulea</i>	

REGULIDAE: Kinglets [2]

___ Golden-crowned Kinglet	U - U F
<i>Regulus satrapa</i>	
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	F - F F
<i>Corthylio calendula</i>	

TURDIDAE: Thrushes [7]

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

MIMIDAE: Mockingbirds & Thrashers [3]

___ *Gray Catbird	F F F F
<i>Dumetella carolinensis</i>	
___ *Brown Thrasher	F F F F
<i>Toxostoma rufum</i>	
___ *Northern Mockingbird	F F F C
<i>Mimus polyglottos</i>	

STURNIDAE: Starling [1]

___ *European Starling	U U F F
<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	

BOMBYCILLIDAE: Waxwings [1]

___ *Cedar Waxwing	F U F F
<i>Bombycilla cedrorum</i>	

PASSERIDAE: Old World Sparrows [1]

___ House Sparrow	O O O O
<i>Passer domesticus</i>	

MOTACILLIDAE: Wagtails & Pipits [1]

___ American Pipit	U - U U
<i>Anthus rubescens</i>	

FRINGILLIDAE: Finches [5]

___ Evening Grosbeak	O - O O
<i>Coccothraustes vespertinus</i>	
___ House Finch	U U U U
<i>Haemorhous mexicanus</i>	
___ Purple Finch	U - C C
<i>Haemorhous purpureus</i>	
___ Pine Siskin	O - O O
<i>Spinus pinus</i>	
___ *American Goldfinch	C C C C
<i>Spinus tristis</i>	

PARULIDAE: Warblers [35]

___ Worm-eating Warbler (Coastal Plain population).....	O - O -
<i>Helmitheros vermivorum pop. 1</i>	

PASSERELLIDAE: [12]

___ *Eastern Towhee	F F F F
<i>Pipilo erythrophthalmus</i>	
___ American Tree Sparrow (historical)	- - X -
<i>Spizelloides arborea</i>	
___ *Chipping Sparrow	C C C C
<i>Spizella passerina</i>	
___ *Field Sparrow	U U U U
<i>Spizella pusilla</i>	
___ Lark Sparrow	- - - -
<i>Chondestes grammacus</i>	
___ Savannah Sparrow	U - U U
<i>Passerculus sandwichensis</i>	
___ Fox Sparrow	U - F F
<i>Passerella iliaca</i>	
___ Song Sparrow	U U F F
<i>Melospiza melodia</i>	
___ Swamp Sparrow	U - F F
<i>Melospiza georgiana</i>	
___ White-throated Sparrow	C - C C
<i>Zonotrichia albicollis</i>	
___ White-crowned Sparrow	I - - I
<i>Zonotrichia leucophrys</i>	
___ Dark-eyed Junco	C - C C
<i>Junco hyemalis</i>	
ICTERIIDAE: [1]	
___ ~Yellow-breasted Chat	U U O -
<i>Icteria virens</i>	

ICTERIDAE: Blackbirds & Orioles [7]

___ Bobolink	U - U -
<i>Dolichonyx oryzivorus</i>	
___ Eastern Meadowlark	- - - -
<i>Sturnella magna</i>	
___ *Orchard Oriole	C C U -
<i>Icterus spurius</i>	
___ Baltimore Oriole	U - U -
<i>Icterus galbula</i>	

PARULIDAE: Warblers [35]

___ Black-throated Green Warbler - Coastal Plain Population.....	- - - -
<i>Setophaga virens waynei</i>	

ICTERIDAE: Blackbirds & Orioles [7]

___ *Red-winged Blackbird	C F C C
<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>	
___ *Brown-headed Cowbird	C C C C
<i>Molothrus ater</i>	
___ Rusty Blackbird	O - O O
<i>Euphagus carolinus</i>	
___ *Common Grackle	C C C C
<i>Quiscalus quiscula</i>	

PARULIDAE: Warblers [35]

___ *Ovenbird	C C F -
<i>Seiurus aurocapilla</i>	
___ Worm-eating Warbler (Mountain population).....	- - - -
<i>Helmitheros vermivorum</i>	
___ *Louisiana Waterthrush	F F F -
<i>Parkesia motacilla</i>	
___ Northern Waterthrush	U - U -
<i>Parkesia noveboracensis</i>	
___ Golden-winged Warbler	V - V -
<i>Vermivora chrysoptera</i>	
___ Blue-winged Warbler	R - R -
<i>Vermivora cyanoptera</i>	
___ ~Black-and-white Warbler	C C F V
<i>Mniotilta varia</i>	
___ Prothonotary Warbler	C C U -
<i>Protonotaria citrea</i>	
___ ~Swainson's Warbler	- - - -
<i>Limnothlypis swainsonii</i>	
___ Tennessee Warbler	- - R -
<i>Leiostylypis peregrina</i>	

PARULIDAE: Warblers [35]

___ Orange-crowned Warbler	O - O V
<i>Leiostylypis celata</i>	
___ Nashville Warbler	- - - -
<i>Leiostylypis ruficapilla</i>	
___ Connecticut Warbler	- - V -
<i>Oporornis agilis</i>	
___ ~Kentucky Warbler	O V O -
<i>Geothlypis formosa</i>	
___ *Common Yellowthroat	C C C R
<i>Geothlypis trichas</i>	
___ *Hooded Warbler	F F F -
<i>Setophaga citrina</i>	
___ ~American Redstart	F O F -
<i>Setophaga ruticilla</i>	
___ Cape May Warbler	R - O -
<i>Setophaga tigrina</i>	
___ Cerulean Warbler	V - - -
<i>Setophaga cerulea</i>	
___ *Northern Parula	C C F -
<i>Setophaga americana</i>	
___ Magnolia Warbler	U - U -
<i>Setophaga magnolia</i>	
___ Bay-breasted Warbler	- - R -
<i>Setophaga castanea</i>	
___ Blackburnian Warbler	- - V -
<i>Setophaga fusca</i>	
___ Yellow Warbler	O - O -
<i>Setophaga petechia</i>	
___ Chestnut-sided Warbler	- - U -
<i>Setophaga pennsylvanica</i>	
___ Blackpoll Warbler	U - U -
<i>Setophaga striata</i>	
___ Black-throated Blue Warbler	U - U -
<i>Setophaga caerulescens</i>	
___ Palm Warbler	O - O -
<i>Setophaga palmarum</i>	
___ *Pine Warbler	F F F F
<i>Setophaga pinus</i>	
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler	C - C C
<i>Setophaga coronata</i>	
___ *Yellow-throated Warbler	C C F O
<i>Setophaga dominica</i>	
___ *Prairie Warbler	F F F F
<i>Setophaga discolor</i>	

PARULIDAE: Warblers [35]

___ Black-throated Green Warbler	O - O -
<i>Setophaga virens</i>	
___ Canada Warbler	V - - -
<i>Cardellina canadensis</i>	
___ Wilson's Warbler	- - V -
<i>Cardellina pusilla</i>	

CARDINALIDAE: Grosbeaks & Buntings [7]

___ *Summer Tanager	C C C -
<i>Piranga rubra</i>	
___ *Scarlet Tanager	U U U -
<i>Piranga olivacea</i>	
___ Northern Cardinal	C C C C
<i>Cardinalis cardinalis</i>	
___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	U - U -
<i>Pheucticus ludovicianus</i>	
___ *Blue Grosbeak	F F F X
<i>Passerina caerulea</i>	
___ *Indigo Bunting	F F U -
<i>Passerina cyanea</i>	
___ Painted Bunting (historical)	X - - -
<i>Passerina ciris</i>	