

## A BIRD Checklist for Medoc Mountain State Park 133 taxa

Of the 473 species known from North Carolina, 133 have been recorded at the state park. Of these, 17 species are known to nest within the park. 19 are suspected of nesting. We would appreciate any report of sightings that increase our knowledge of the park's bird life.

**For more information, contact:  
Medoc Mountain State Park**

**(252) 586-6588  
medoc.mountain@ncparks.gov**

### Notes

## BIRD CHECKLIST Medoc 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>

**133 BIRD taxa**

**ANATIDAE: Swans, Geese & Ducks [2]**

- \_\_\_ Canada Goose ..... - - - -
- Branta canadensis*
- \_\_\_ \*Wood Duck ..... - - - -
- Aix sponsa*

**ODONTOPHORIDAE: Quail [1]**

- \_\_\_ ~Northern Bobwhite ..... - - - -
- Colinus virginianus*

**PHASIANIDAE: Grouse [1]**

- \_\_\_ \*Wild Turkey ..... - - - -
- Meleagris gallopavo*

**COLUMBIDAE: Doves [2]**

- \_\_\_ ~Rock Pigeon, Rock Dove ..... - - - -
- Columba livia*
- \_\_\_ \*Mourning Dove ..... - - - -
- Zenaida macroura*

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

- \_\_\_ Yellow-billed Cuckoo ..... - - - -
- Coccyzus americanus*

**CAPRIMULGIDAE: Goatsuckers [3]**

- \_\_\_ Common Nighthawk ..... - - - -
- Chordeiles minor*
- \_\_\_ \*Chuck-will's-widow ..... - - - -
- Anrostomus carolinensis*
- \_\_\_ \*Eastern whip-poor-will ..... - - - -
- Anrostomus vociferus*

**APODIDAE: Swifts [1]**

- \_\_\_ Chimney Swift ..... - - - -
- Chaetura pelagica*

**TROCHILIDAE: Hummingbirds [1]**

- \_\_\_ ~Ruby-throated Hummingbird ..... - R - -
- Archilochus colubris*

**SCOLOPACIDAE: Sandpipers [1]**

- \_\_\_ American Woodcock ..... - - - -
- Scolopax minor*

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

- \_\_\_ Ring-billed Gull ..... - - - -
- Larus delawarensis*

**GAVIIDAE: Loons [1]**

- \_\_\_ Common Loon ..... v - - -
- Gavia immer*

**PHALACROCORACIDAE: Cormorants [1]**

- \_\_\_ Double-crested Cormorant ..... - - - -
- Nannopterum auritus*

**ARDEIDAE: Herons [3]**

- \_\_\_ Great Blue Heron ..... - - - -
- Ardea herodias*
- \_\_\_ Great Egret ..... - - - -
- Ardea alba*
- \_\_\_ Green Heron ..... - - - -
- Butorides virescens*

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

- \_\_\_ Black Vulture ..... - - - -
- Coragyps atratus*
- \_\_\_ Turkey Vulture ..... - - - -
- Cathartes aura*

**PANDIONIDAE: Osprey [1]**

- \_\_\_ Osprey ..... - - - -
- Pandion haliaetus*

**ACCIPITRIDAE: Eagles, Kites & Hawks [8]**

- \_\_\_ Mississippi Kite ..... - - - -
- Ictinia mississippiensis*
- \_\_\_ Bald Eagle ..... - - - -
- Haliaeetus leucocephalus*
- \_\_\_ Northern Harrier ..... - c c
- Circus hudsonius*
- \_\_\_ Sharp-shinned Hawk ..... - - - -
- Accipiter striatus*
- \_\_\_ Cooper's Hawk ..... - - - -
- Accipiter cooperii*
- \_\_\_ Red-shouldered Hawk ..... - - - -
- Buteo lineatus*
- \_\_\_ ~Broad-winged Hawk ..... o o - -
- Buteo platyterus*
- \_\_\_ ~Red-tailed Hawk ..... - - - -
- Buteo jamaicensis*

**STRIGIDAE: Owls [4]**

- \_\_\_ ~Eastern Screech-owl ..... - - - -
- Megascops asio*
- \_\_\_ Great Horned Owl ..... - - - -
- Bubo virginianus*
- \_\_\_ Barred Owl ..... - - - -
- Strix varia*
- \_\_\_ Northern Saw-whet Owl ..... - - - -
- Aegolius acadicus*

**ALCEDINIDAE: Kingfisher [1]**

- \_\_\_ Belted Kingfisher ..... - - - -
- Megaceryle alcyon*

**PICIDAE: Woodpeckers [7]**

- \_\_\_ Red-headed Woodpecker ..... - - - -
- Melanerpes erythrocephalus*
- \_\_\_ \*Red-bellied Woodpecker ..... - - - -
- Melanerpes carolinus*
- \_\_\_ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker ..... - - - -
- Sphyrapicus varius*
- \_\_\_ \*Downy Woodpecker ..... - - - -
- Dryobates pubescens*
- \_\_\_ Hairy Woodpecker ..... - - - -
- Picoides villosus*
- \_\_\_ Northern Flicker ..... - - - -
- Colaptes auratus*
- \_\_\_ ~Pileated Woodpecker ..... - - - -
- Dryocopus pileatus*

**FALCONIDAE: Falcons [2]**

- \_\_\_ American Kestrel ..... - - - -
- Falco sparverius*
- \_\_\_ Peregrine Falcon ..... - - - -
- Falco peregrinus*

**TYRANNIDAE: Flycatchers [5]**

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

**LANIIDAE: Shrikes [1]**

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

**VIREONIDAE: Vireos [4]**

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

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

- \_\_\_ \*Blue Jay ..... - - - -
- Cyanocitta cristata*

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

- \_\_\_ \*American Crow ..... - - - -  
*Corvus brachyrhynchos*  
 \_\_\_ Fish Crow ..... - - - -  
*Corvus ossifragus*

**HIRUNDINIDAE: Swallows [3]**

- \_\_\_ Purple Martin ..... - - - -  
*Progne subis*  
 \_\_\_ Northern Rough-winged Swallow ..... - - - -  
*Stelgidopteryx serripennis*  
 \_\_\_ Barn Swallow ..... - - - -  
*Hirundo rustica*

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

- \_\_\_ \*Carolina Chickadee ..... - - - -  
*Poecile carolinensis*  
 \_\_\_ \*Tufted Titmouse ..... - - - -  
*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 [3]**

- \_\_\_ House Wren ..... - - - -  
*Troglodytes aedon*  
 \_\_\_ Winter Wren ..... - - - -  
*Troglodytes hiemalis*  
 \_\_\_ \*Carolina Wren ..... - - - -  
*Thryothorus ludovicianus*

**POLIOPTILIDAE: Gnatcatchers [1]**

- \_\_\_ \*Blue-gray Gnatcatcher ..... F F - -  
*Poliioptila caerulea*

**REGULIDAE: Kinglets [2]**

- \_\_\_ Golden-crowned Kinglet ..... - - - -  
*Regulus satrapa*  
 \_\_\_ Ruby-crowned Kinglet ..... - - - -  
*Corthylio calendula*

**TURDIDAE: Thrushes [6]**

- \_\_\_ \*Eastern Bluebird ..... - - - -  
*Sialia sialis*

**TURDIDAE: Thrushes [6]**

- \_\_\_ Veery ..... - - - -  
*Catharus fuscescens*  
 \_\_\_ Swainson's Thrush ..... - - - -  
*Catharus ustulatus*  
 \_\_\_ 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 ..... - - - R  
*Haemorhous purpureus*  
 \_\_\_ Pine Siskin ..... - - - R  
*Spinus pinus*  
 \_\_\_ American Goldfinch ..... - - - -  
*Spinus tristis*

**PASSERELLIDAE: [8]**

- \_\_\_ Eastern Towhee ..... - - - -  
*Pipilo erythrophthalmus*  
 \_\_\_ Chipping Sparrow ..... - - - -  
*Spizella passerina*  
 \_\_\_ Field Sparrow ..... - - - -  
*Spizella pusilla*  
 \_\_\_ Fox Sparrow ..... - - - -  
*Passerella iliaca*

**PASSERELLIDAE: [8]**

- \_\_\_ Song Sparrow ..... - - - -  
*Melospiza melodia*  
 \_\_\_ Swamp Sparrow ..... - - - -  
*Melospiza georgiana*  
 \_\_\_ White-throated Sparrow ..... - - - -  
*Zonotrichia albicollis*  
 \_\_\_ Dark-eyed Junco ..... - - - -  
*Junco hyemalis*

**ICTERIIDAE: [1]**

- \_\_\_ ~Yellow-breasted Chat ..... - - - -  
*Icteria virens*

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

- \_\_\_ Baltimore Oriole ..... - - - -  
*Icterus galbula*  
 \_\_\_ Red-winged Blackbird ..... - - - -  
*Agelaius phoeniceus*  
 \_\_\_ ~Brown-headed Cowbird ..... - - - -  
*Molothrus ater*  
 \_\_\_ Common Grackle ..... - - - -  
*Quiscalus quiscula*

**PARULIDAE: Warblers [26]**

- \_\_\_ Ovenbird ..... - - - -  
*Seiurus aurocapilla*  
 \_\_\_ Worm-eating Warbler (Mountain population)..... - - - -  
*Helmitheros vermivorum*  
 \_\_\_ Louisiana Waterthrush ..... - - - -  
*Parkesia motacilla*  
 \_\_\_ Blue-winged Warbler ..... - - R -  
*Vermivora cyanoptera*  
 \_\_\_ ~Black-and-white Warbler ..... - - - -  
*Mniotilta varia*  
 \_\_\_ Prothonotary Warbler ..... R - - -  
*Protonotaria citrea*  
 \_\_\_ ~Swainson's Warbler ..... - - - -  
*Limnithlypis swainsonii*  
 \_\_\_ Tennessee Warbler ..... - - - -  
*Leiostylypis peregrina*  
 \_\_\_ Orange-crowned Warbler ..... - - - -  
*Leiostylypis celata*  
 \_\_\_ ~Kentucky Warbler ..... - U - -  
*Geothlypis formosa*  
 \_\_\_ Common Yellowthroat ..... - - - -  
*Geothlypis trichas*

**PARULIDAE: Warblers [26]**

- \_\_\_ ~Hooded Warbler ..... - - - -  
*Setophaga citrina*
- \_\_\_ ~American Redstart ..... - - - -  
*Setophaga ruticilla*
- \_\_\_ Northern Parula ..... - - - -  
*Setophaga americana*
- \_\_\_ Magnolia Warbler ..... - - - -  
*Setophaga magnolia*
- \_\_\_ Yellow Warbler ..... - S - -  
*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 ..... - - - c  
*Setophaga coronata*
- \_\_\_ Yellow-throated Warbler ..... - - - -  
*Setophaga dominica*
- \_\_\_ Prairie Warbler ..... - - - -  
*Setophaga discolor*
- \_\_\_ Black-throated Green Warbler ..... - - - -  
*Setophaga virens*
- \_\_\_ Canada Warbler ..... - - - -  
*Cardellina canadensis*

**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*