

**A BIRD Checklist
for Mount Jefferson State Natural
Area
103 taxa**

Of the 473 species known from North Carolina, 103 have been recorded at the state park. Of these, 8 species are known to nest within the park. 20 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>

103 BIRD taxa**ANATIDAE: Swans, Geese & Ducks [2]**

___ Canada Goose	-	-	-	-
<i>Branta canadensis</i>				
___ Mallard	-	-	-	-
<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>				

ODONTOPHORIDAE: Quail [1]

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

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>				

CAPRIMULGIDAE: Goatsuckers [1]

___ Eastern whip-poor-will	-	-	-	-
<i>Antrostomus vociferus</i>				

APODIDAE: Swifts [1]

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

TROCHILIDAE: Hummingbirds [1]

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

CHARADRIIDAE: Plovers [1]

___ Killdeer	-	-	-	-
<i>Charadrius vociferus</i>				

SCOLOPACIDAE: Sandpipers [1]

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

ARDEIDAE: Herons [1]

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

CATHARTIDAE: New World Vultures [2]

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

ACCIPITRIDAE: Eagles, Kites & Hawks [5]

___ Bald Eagle	-	-	-	-
<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>				

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___ ~Sharp-shinned Hawk	-	-	-	-
<i>Accipiter striatus</i>				
___ ~Cooper's Hawk	-	-	-	-
<i>Accipiter cooperii</i>				
___ Broad-winged Hawk	-	-	-	x
<i>Buteo platypterus</i>				
___ ~Red-tailed Hawk	-	-	-	-
<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>				

STRIGIDAE: Owls [4]

___ ~Eastern Screech-owl	-	-	-	-
<i>Megascops asio</i>				
___ Barred Owl	-	-	-	-
<i>Strix varia</i>				
___ Long-eared Owl	-	-	-	-
<i>Asio otus</i>				
___ Northern Saw-whet Owl	R	V	R	R
<i>Aegolius acadicus</i>				

ALCEDINIDAE: Kingfisher [1]

___ Belted Kingfisher	-	-	-	-
<i>Megascops alcyon</i>				

PICIDAE: Woodpeckers [7]

___ Red-headed Woodpecker	-	-	-	-
<i>Melanerpes erythrocephalus</i>				
___ 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]

___ ~American Kestrel	-	-	-	-
<i>Falco sparverius</i>				

TYRANNIDAE: Flycatchers [6]

___ Eastern Wood-pewee	-	-	-	-
<i>Contopus virens</i>				
___ Willow Flycatcher	-	-	-	-
<i>Empidonax traillii</i>				

TYRANNIDAE: Flycatchers [6]

___ ~Least Flycatcher	-	-	-	-
<i>Empidonax minimus</i>				
___ Eastern Phoebe	-	-	-	-
<i>Sayornis phoebe</i>				
___ ~Great Crested Flycatcher	-	-	-	-
<i>Myiarchus crinitus</i>				
___ Eastern Kingbird	-	-	-	-
<i>Tyrannus tyrannus</i>				

VIREONIDAE: Vireos [4]

___ ~White-eyed Vireo	-	-	-	-
<i>Vireo griseus</i>				
___ *Yellow-throated Vireo	-	F	-	-
<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 [2]

___ Tree Swallow	-	-	-	-
<i>Tachycineta bicolor</i>				
___ Barn Swallow	-	-	-	-
<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	C	C	-	-
<i>Sitta carolinensis</i>				

CERTHIIDAE: Creeper [1]

___ ~Brown Creeper	-	-	-	-
<i>Certhia americana</i>				

TROGLODYTIDAE: Wrens [3]

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

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___ ~Winter Wren	-	-	-
<i>Troglodytes hiemalis</i>			
___ *Carolina Wren	-	-	-
<i>Thryothorus ludovicianus</i>			

REGULIDAE: Kinglets [2]

___ ~Golden-crowned Kinglet	-	-	-
<i>Regulus satrapa</i>			
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	-	-	c
<i>Corthylio calendula</i>			

TURDIDAE: Thrushes [5]

___ Eastern Bluebird	-	-	-
<i>Sialia sialis</i>			
___ Veery	-	-	-
<i>Catharus fuscescens</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	-	-	-
<i>Bombycilla cedrorum</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: [7]

___ Eastern Towhee	-	-	-
<i>Pipilo erythrophthalmus</i>			

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___ Chipping Sparrow	-	-	-
<i>Spizella passerina</i>			
___ Field Sparrow	-	-	-
<i>Spizella pusilla</i>			
___ Savannah Sparrow	-	-	-
<i>Passerculus sandwichensis</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 [5]

___ Eastern Meadowlark	-	-	-
<i>Sturnella magna</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 [15]

___ Ovenbird	-	-	-
<i>Seiurus aurocapilla</i>			
___ Worm-eating Warbler (Mountain population).....	-	-	-
<i>Helmitheros vermivorum</i>			
___ ~Northern Waterthrush	-	-	-
<i>Parkesia noveboracensis</i>			
___ Black-and-white Warbler	-	-	-
<i>Mniotilta varia</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>			

PARULIDAE: Warblers [15]

___ Blackburnian Warbler	-	-	-
<i>Setophaga fusca</i>			
___ ~Chestnut-sided Warbler	-	-	-
<i>Setophaga pensylvanica</i>			
___ Blackpoll Warbler	-	-	-
<i>Setophaga striata</i>			
___ ~Black-throated Blue Warbler	-	-	-
<i>Setophaga caerulescens</i>			
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler	-	-	-
<i>Setophaga coronata</i>			
___ ~Black-throated Green Warbler	-	-	-
<i>Setophaga virens</i>			
___ Canada Warbler	-	-	-
<i>Cardellina canadensis</i>			

CARDINALIDAE: Grosbeaks & Buntings [4]

___ Scarlet Tanager	-	-	-
<i>Piranga olivacea</i>			
___ Northern Cardinal	-	-	-
<i>Cardinalis cardinalis</i>			
___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	-	-	-
<i>Pheucticus ludovicianus</i>			
___ Indigo Bunting	-	-	-
<i>Passerina cyanea</i>			