

A BIRD Checklist for Mount Mitchell State Park 104 taxa

Of the 473 species known from North Carolina, 104 have been recorded at the state park. Of these, 8 species are known to nest within the park. 24 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:

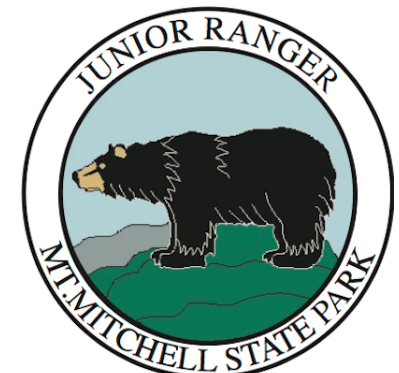
Spring - March to May
Summer - June to August
Fall - September to November
Winter - December to February

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>

104 BIRD taxa**ANATIDAE: Swans, Geese & Ducks [1]**

__ Canada Goose - - - -
Branta canadensis

ODONTOPHORIDAE: Quail [1]

__ Northern Bobwhite - v - -
Colinus virginianus

PHASIANIDAE: Grouse [2]

__ *Ruffed Grouse o o o o
Bonasa umbellus
 __ Wild Turkey - - - -
Meleagris gallopavo

COLUMBIDAE: Doves [1]

__ Mourning Dove - - - -
Zenaida macroura

CAPRIMULGIDAE: Goatsuckers [1]

__ Common Nighthawk - - - -
Chordeiles minor

APODIDAE: Swifts [1]

__ Chimney Swift - - - -
Chaetura pelagica

TROCHILIDAE: Hummingbirds [1]

__ Ruby-throated Hummingbird - F - -
Archilochus colubris

SCOLOPACIDAE: Sandpipers [2]

__ Sanderling - - x -
Calidris alba
 __ American Woodcock o o - -
Scolopax minor

GAVIIDAE: Loons [1]

__ Common Loon - - - -
Gavia immer

PHALACROCORACIDAE: Cormorants [1]

__ Double-crested Cormorant - - - -
Nannopterum auritus

ARDEIDAE: Herons [2]

__ Least Bittern - - - -
Ixobrychus exilis
 __ Great Blue Heron - - - -
Ardea herodias

CATHARTIDAE: New World Vultures [1]

__ Turkey Vulture - - - -
Cathartes aura

PANDIONIDAE: Osprey [1]

__ Osprey - - - -
Pandion haliaetus

ACCIPITRIDAE: Eagles, Kites & Hawks [7]

__ Bald Eagle - - - -
Haliaeetus leucocephalus

__ ~Sharp-shinned Hawk - - - -
Accipiter striatus

__ ~Cooper's Hawk - - - -
Accipiter cooperii

__ Red-shouldered Hawk - - - -
Buteo lineatus

__ *Broad-winged Hawk - - - -
Buteo platypterus

__ Red-tailed Hawk - - - -
Buteo jamaicensis

__ Golden Eagle - - - -
Aquila chrysaetos

STRIGIDAE: Owls [2]

__ Barred Owl - - - -
Strix varia

__ ~Northern Saw-whet Owl - - - -
Aegolius acadicus

ALCEDINIDAE: Kingfisher [1]

__ Belted Kingfisher - - - -
Megaceryle alcyon

PICIDAE: Woodpeckers [5]

__ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - - - -
Sphyrapicus varius

__ ~Downy Woodpecker - - - -
Dryobates pubescens

__ ~Hairy Woodpecker - - - -
Picoides villosus

__ Northern Flicker - - - -
Colaptes auratus

__ Pileated Woodpecker - - - -
Dryocopus pileatus

FALCONIDAE: Falcons [3]

__ American Kestrel - - - -
Falco sparverius

__ Merlin - - - -
Falco columbarius

__ ~Peregrine Falcon - - - -
Falco peregrinus

TYRANNIDAE: Flycatchers [6]

__ ~Olive-sided Flycatcher - - - -
Contopus cooperi

TYRANNIDAE: Flycatchers [6]

__ Eastern Wood-pewee - - - -
Contopus virens

__ Acadian Flycatcher - - - -
Empidonax vireescens

__ ~Alder Flycatcher - - - -
Empidonax alnorum

__ Least Flycatcher - - - -
Empidonax minimus

__ Eastern Phoebe - - - -
Sayornis phoebe

VIREONIDAE: Vireos [1]

__ *Blue-headed (or Solitary) Vireo - - - -
Vireo solitarius

CORVIDAE: Jays & Crows [3]

__ Blue Jay - - - -
Cyanocitta cristata

__ American Crow - - - -
Corvus brachyrhynchos

__ *Common Raven - - - -
Corvus corax

HIRUNDINIDAE: Swallows [4]

__ Purple Martin - - - -
Progne subis

__ Tree Swallow - - - -
Tachycineta bicolor

__ Northern Rough-winged Swallow - - - -
Stelgidopteryx serripennis

__ Barn Swallow - - - -
Hirundo rustica

PARIDAE: Chickadees & Titmice [3]

__ Carolina Chickadee - - - -
Poecile carolinensis

__ Black-capped Chickadee (historical) - - - -
Poecile atricapillus

__ Tufted Titmouse - - - -
Baeolophus bicolor

SITTIDAE: Nuthatches [2]

__ ~Red-breasted Nuthatch - - - -
Sitta canadensis

__ White-breasted Nuthatch - - - -
Sitta carolinensis

CERTHIIDAE: Creeper [1]

__ ~Brown Creeper - - - -
Certhia americana

TROGLODYTIDAE: Wrens [3]

- __ House Wren - - - -
Troglodytes aedon
- __ ~Winter Wren C - - - -
Troglodytes hiemalis
- __ Carolina Wren - - - -
Thryothorus ludovicianus

REGULIDAE: Kinglets [2]

- __ ~Golden-crowned Kinglet - - - -
Regulus satrapa
- __ Ruby-crowned Kinglet - - - -
Corthylio calendula

TURDIDAE: Thrushes [7]

- __ Eastern Bluebird - - - -
Sialia sialis
- __ ~Veery - F - - - -
Catharus fuscescens
- __ Gray-cheeked Thrush - - - -
Catharus minimus
- __ Swainson's Thrush - - - -
Catharus ustulatus
- __ ~Hermit Thrush - U - - - -
Catharus guttatus
- __ Wood Thrush - - - -
Hylocichla mustelina
- __ ~American Robin - F - - - -
Turdus migratorius

MIMIDAE: Mockingbirds & Thrashers [2]

- __ ~Gray Catbird - - - -
Dumetella carolinensis
- __ Brown Thrasher - - - -
Toxostoma rufum

BOMBYCILLIDAE: Waxwings [1]

- __ ~Cedar Waxwing - C - - - -
Bombycilla cedrorum

FRINGILLIDAE: Finches [4]

- __ House Finch - X - - - -
Haemorhous mexicanus
- __ *Red Crossbill - - - -
Loxia curvirostra
- __ *Pine Siskin - C - - - -
Spinus pinus
- __ ~American Goldfinch - F - - - -
Spinus tristis

CALCARIIDAE: Longspurs and Snow Bunting [1]

- __ Snow Bunting - - - -
Plectrophenax nivalis

PASSERELLIDAE: [3]

- __ Eastern Towhee - - - -
Pipilo erythrophthalmus
- __ ~Song Sparrow - - - -
Melospiza melodia
- __ *Dark-eyed Junco - C - - - -
Junco hyemalis

ICTERIDAE: Blackbirds & Orioles [1]

- __ Eastern Meadowlark R - - - -
Sturnella magna

PARULIDAE: Warblers [22]

- __ Ovenbird - - - -
Seiurus aurocapilla
- __ Golden-winged Warbler - - V - - - -
Vermivora chrysoptera
- __ Tennessee Warbler - - - -
Leiothlypis peregrina
- __ Orange-crowned Warbler - - - -
Leiothlypis celata
- __ Nashville Warbler - - - -
Leiothlypis ruficapilla
- __ Connecticut Warbler - - X - - - -
Oporornis agilis
- __ Kentucky Warbler - - - -
Geothlypis formosa
- __ Common Yellowthroat - - - -
Geothlypis trichas
- __ Cape May Warbler - - - -
Setophaga tigrina
- __ Northern Parula - - - -
Setophaga americana
- __ ~Magnolia Warbler - - - -
Setophaga magnolia
- __ Bay-breasted Warbler - - - -
Setophaga castanea
- __ ~Blackburnian Warbler - - - -
Setophaga fusca
- __ Yellow Warbler - - - -
Setophaga petechia
- __ *Chestnut-sided Warbler - - - -
Setophaga pensylvanica

PARULIDAE: Warblers [22]

- __ Blackpoll Warbler - - - -
Setophaga striata
- __ Black-throated Blue Warbler - - - -
Setophaga caerulescens
- __ Palm Warbler - - - -
Setophaga palmarum
- __ ~Yellow-rumped Warbler - - - -
Setophaga coronata
- __ Prairie Warbler - - - -
Setophaga discolor
- __ 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