

**A BIRD Checklist
for Morrow Mountain State Park
174 taxa**

Of the 473 species known from North Carolina, 174 have been recorded at the state park. Of these, 12 species are known to nest within the park. 40 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
Morrow 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

174 BIRD taxa**ANATIDAE: Swans, Geese & Ducks [15]**

__ *Canada Goose	- - - -
<i>Branta canadensis</i>	
__ *Wood Duck	- - - -
<i>Aix sponsa</i>	
__ Blue-winged Teal	- - - -
<i>Spatula discors</i>	
__ American Wigeon	- - - -
<i>Mareca americana</i>	
__ Mallard	- - - -
<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	
__ American Black Duck	- - - -
<i>Anas rubripes</i>	
__ Northern Pintail	- - - -
<i>Anas acuta</i>	
__ Green-winged Teal	- - - -
<i>Anas crecca</i>	
__ Ring-necked Duck	- - - -
<i>Aythya collaris</i>	
__ Lesser Scaup	- - - -
<i>Aythya affinis</i>	
__ Bufflehead	- - - -
<i>Bucephala albeola</i>	
__ Hooded Merganser	- - - -
<i>Lophodytes cucullatus</i>	
__ Common Merganser	- - - -
<i>Mergus merganser</i>	
__ Red-breasted Merganser	- - - -
<i>Mergus serrator</i>	
__ Ruddy Duck	- - - -
<i>Oxyura jamaicensis</i>	

ODONTOPHORIDAE: Quail [1]

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

PHASIANIDAE: Grouse [1]

__ Wild Turkey	- - - -
<i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>	

PODICIPEDIDAE: Grebes [2]

__ Pied-billed Grebe	- - - -
<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>	
__ Horned Grebe	- - - -
<i>Podiceps auritus</i>	

COLUMBIDAE: Doves [2]

__ Rock Pigeon, Rock Dove	- - - -
<i>Columba livia</i>	

COLUMBIDAE: Doves [2]

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

CUCULIDAE: Cuckoos, Roadrunner & Anis [2]

__ *Yellow-billed Cuckoo	- - - -
<i>Coccyzus americanus</i>	
__ Black-billed Cuckoo	- - - -
<i>Coccyzus erythrophthalmus</i>	

CAPRIMULGIDAE: Goatsuckers [3]

__ Common Nighthawk	- - - -
<i>Chordeiles minor</i>	
__ Chuck-will's-widow	- - - -
<i>Antrostomus carolinensis</i>	
__ ~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>	

RALLIDAE: Rails [4]

__ King Rail	- - - -
<i>Rallus elegans</i>	
__ Virginia Rail	- - - -
<i>Rallus limicola</i>	
__ Common Gallinule	- - - -
<i>Gallinula galeata</i>	
__ American Coot	- - - -
<i>Fulica americana</i>	

ARAMIDAE: Limpkin [1]

__ Limpkin	- - - -
<i>Aramus guarana</i>	

CHARADRIIDAE: Plovers [1]

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

SCOLOPACIDAE: Sandpipers [7]

__ Dunlin	- - - -
<i>Calidris alpina</i>	
__ ~American Woodcock	- - - -
<i>Scolopax minor</i>	
__ Wilson's Snipe	- - - -
<i>Gallinago delicata</i>	
__ Spotted Sandpiper	- - - -
<i>Actitis macularius</i>	

SCOLOPACIDAE: Sandpipers [7]

__ Solitary Sandpiper	- - - -
<i>Tringa solitaria</i>	
__ Lesser Yellowlegs	- - - -
<i>Tringa flavipes</i>	
__ Greater Yellowlegs	- - - -
<i>Tringa melanoleuca</i>	

LARIDAE: Gulls & Terns [4]

__ Bonaparte's Gull	- - - -
<i>Chroicocephalus philadelphia</i>	
__ Ring-billed Gull	- - - -
<i>Larus delawarensis</i>	
__ Herring Gull	- - - -
<i>Larus argentatus</i>	
__ Caspian Tern	- - - -
<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>	

GAVIIDAE: Loons [2]

__ Red-throated Loon	- - - -
<i>Gavia stellata</i>	
__ Common Loon	- - - -
<i>Gavia immer</i>	

CICONIIDAE: Stork [1]

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

PHALACROCORACIDAE: Cormorants [1]

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

ARDEIDAE: Herons [7]

__ American Bittern	- - - -
<i>Botaurus lentiginosus</i>	
__ Great Blue Heron	- - - -
<i>Ardea herodias</i>	
__ Great Egret	- - - -
<i>Ardea alba</i>	
__ Snowy Egret	- - - -
<i>Egretta thula</i>	
__ Green Heron	- - - -
<i>Butorides virescens</i>	
__ Black-crowned Night-heron	- - - -
<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	
__ Yellow-crowned Night-heron	- - - -
<i>Nyctanassa violacea</i>	

CATHARTIDAE: New World Vultures [2]

__ Black Vulture	- - - -
<i>Coragyps atratus</i>	

CATHARTIDAE: New World Vultures [2]

__ ~Turkey Vulture - - - -
Cathartes aura

PANDIONIDAE: Osprey [1]

__ Osprey - - - -
Pandion haliaetus

ACCIPITRIDAE: Eagles, Kites & Hawks [7]

__ Bald Eagle - - - -
Haliaeetus leucocephalus

__ Northern Harrier - - - -
Circus hudsonius

__ 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

TYTONIDAE: Barn-owl [1]

__ Barn Owl - - - -
Tyto alba

STRIGIDAE: Owls [3]

__ ~Eastern Screech-owl - - - -
Megascops asio

__ *Great Horned Owl - - - -
Bubo virginianus

__ *Barred Owl - - - -
Strix varia

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

PICIDAE: Woodpeckers [7]

__ Northern Flicker - - - -
Colaptes auratus

__ ~Pileated Woodpecker - - - -
Dryocopus pileatus

FALCONIDAE: Falcons [3]

__ American Kestrel - - - -
Falco sparverius

__ Merlin - - - -
Falco columbarius

__ Peregrine Falcon - - - -
Falco peregrinus

TYRANNIDAE: Flycatchers [5]

__ Eastern Wood-pewee - - - -
Contopus virens

__ ~Acadian Flycatcher - - - -
Empidonax virescens

__ *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

__ ~American Crow - - - -
Corvus brachyrhynchos

__ Fish Crow - - - -
Corvus ossifragus

HIRUNDINIDAE: Swallows [4]

__ Purple Martin - - - -
Progne subis

HIRUNDINIDAE: Swallows [4]

__ Tree Swallow - - - -
Tachycineta bicolor

__ 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 [2]

__ Winter Wren - - - -
Troglodytes hiemalis

__ ~Carolina Wren - - - -
Thryothorus ludovicianus

POLIOPTILIDAE: Gnatcatchers [1]

__ ~Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - - - -
Poliioptila caerulea

REGULIDAE: Kinglets [2]

__ Golden-crowned Kinglet - - - -
Regulus satrapa

__ Ruby-crowned Kinglet - - - -
Corthylio calendula

TURDIDAE: Thrushes [5]

__ *Eastern Bluebird - - - -
Sialia sialis

__ Swainson's Thrush - - - -
Catharus ustulatus

__ Hermit Thrush - - - -
Catharus guttatus

__ ~Wood Thrush - - - -
Hylocichla mustelina

TURDIDAE: Thrushes [5]

__ 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

PASSERIDAE: Old World Sparrows [1]

__ House Sparrow - - - -
Passer domesticus

FRINGILLIDAE: Finches [5]

__ Evening Grosbeak - - - -
Coccothraustes vespertinus

__ Purple Finch - - - -
Haemorhous purpureus

__ Red Crossbill - - - -
Loxia curvirostra

__ Pine Siskin - - - -
Spinus pinus

__ ~American Goldfinch - - - -
Spinus tristis

PASSERELLIDAE: [10]

__ Eastern Towhee - - - -
Pipilo erythrophthalmus

__ ~Chipping Sparrow - - - -
Spizella passerina

__ Field Sparrow - - - -
Spizella pusilla

__ Savannah Sparrow - - - -
Passerculus sandwichensis

__ Grasshopper Sparrow - - - -
Ammodramus savannarum

__ Fox Sparrow - - - -
Passerella iliaca

__ Song Sparrow - - - -
Melospiza melodia

PASSERELLIDAE: [10]

__ Swamp Sparrow - - - -
Melospiza georgiana

__ White-throated Sparrow - - - -
Zonotrichia albicollis

__ Dark-eyed Junco - - - -
Junco hyemalis

ICTERIIDAE: [1]

__ Yellow-breasted Chat - - - -
Icteria virens

ICTERIDAE: Blackbirds & Orioles [8]

__ Bobolink - - - -
Dolichonyx oryzivorus

__ Eastern Meadowlark - - - -
Sturnella magna

__ Orchard Oriole - - - -
Icterus spurius

__ Baltimore Oriole - - - -
Icterus galbula

__ Red-winged Blackbird - - - -
Agelaius phoeniceus

__ ~Brown-headed Cowbird - - - -
Molothrus ater

__ Rusty Blackbird - - - -
Euphagus carolinus

__ ~Common Grackle - - - -
Quiscalus quiscula

PARULIDAE: Warblers [24]

__ ~Ovenbird - - - -
Seiurus aurocapilla

__ Worm-eating Warbler (Mountain
population)..... - - - -

Helmitheros vermivorum

__ ~Louisiana Waterthrush - - - -
Parkesia motacilla

__ ~Black-and-white Warbler - - - -
Mniotilta varia

__ *Prothonotary Warbler - - - -
Protonotaria citrea

__ Orange-crowned Warbler - - - -
Leiothlypis celata

__ Kentucky Warbler - - - -
Geothlypis formosa

__ Common Yellowthroat - - - -
Geothlypis trichas

PARULIDAE: Warblers [24]

__ ~Hooded Warbler - - - -
Setophaga citrina

__ American Redstart - - - -
Setophaga ruticilla

__ Cape May Warbler - - - -
Setophaga tigrina

__ ~Northern Parula - - - -
Setophaga americana

__ Magnolia Warbler - - - -
Setophaga magnolia

__ Blackburnian Warbler - - - -
Setophaga fusca

__ Yellow Warbler - - - -
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 - - - -
Setophaga coronata

__ Yellow-throated Warbler - - - -
Setophaga dominica

__ Prairie Warbler - - - -
Setophaga discolor

__ ~Black-throated Green Warbler - - - -
Setophaga virens

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

CARDINALIDAE: Grosbeaks & Buntings [6]

___ Indigo Bunting - - - -

Passerina cyanea