

**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 guarauna</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>	

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\_\_ ~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*