

A BIRD Checklist for New River State Park 149 taxa

Of the 473 species known from North Carolina, 149 have been recorded at the state park. Of these, 21 species are known to nest within the park. 31 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>

149 BIRD taxa**ANATIDAE: Swans, Geese & Ducks [10]**

__ Brant	- - - -
<i>Branta bernicla</i>	
__ *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>	
__ Hooded Merganser	- - - -
<i>Lophodytes cucullatus</i>	
__ Common Merganser	- - - -
<i>Mergus merganser</i>	
__ Red-breasted Merganser	- - - -
<i>Mergus serrator</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>	

PODICIPEDIDAE: Grebes [1]

__ Pied-billed Grebe	- - - -
<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>	

COLUMBIDAE: Doves [2]

__ Rock Pigeon, Rock Dove	- - - -
<i>Columba livia</i>	
__ *Mourning Dove	- - - -
<i>Zenaida macroura</i>	

CUCULIDAE: Cuckoos, Roadrunner & Anis [2]

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

CAPRIMULGIDAE: Goatsuckers [1]

__ Common Nighthawk	- - - -
<i>Chordeiles minor</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 [2]

__ ~American Woodcock	F F F V
<i>Scolopax minor</i>	
__ Spotted Sandpiper	- - - -
<i>Actitis macularia</i>	

LARIDAE: Gulls & Terns [2]

__ Herring Gull	X - - -
<i>Larus argentatus</i>	
__ Forster's Tern	R - - -
<i>Sterna forsteri</i>	

PHALACROCORACIDAE: Cormorants [1]

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

ARDEIDAE: Herons [4]

__ 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>	

THRESKIORNITHIDAE: Ibis [1]

__ Glossy Ibis	- - - -
<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	

CATHARTIDAE: New World Vultures [2]

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

PANDIONIDAE: Osprey [1]

__ ~Osprey	- - - -
<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	

ACCIPITRIDAE: Eagles, Kites & Hawks [8]

__ ~Bald Eagle	- - - -
<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	

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__ Northern Harrier	- - - -
<i>Circus hudsonius</i>	
__ ~Sharp-shinned Hawk	- - - -
<i>Accipiter striatus</i>	
__ Cooper's Hawk	- - - -
<i>Accipiter cooperii</i>	
__ Red-shouldered Hawk	- - - -
<i>Buteo lineatus</i>	
__ Broad-winged Hawk	- - - X
<i>Buteo platypterus</i>	
__ ~Red-tailed Hawk	- - - -
<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	
__ Golden Eagle	- - - V
<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>	

STRIGIDAE: Owls [4]

__ Eastern Screech-owl	- - - -
<i>Megascops asio</i>	
__ Great Horned Owl	- - - -
<i>Bubo virginianus</i>	
__ Barred Owl	- - - -
<i>Strix varia</i>	
__ Northern Saw-whet Owl	- - - -
<i>Aegolius acadicus</i>	

ALCEDINIDAE: Kingfisher [1]

__ Belted Kingfisher	- - - -
<i>Megaceryle alcyon</i>	

PICIDAE: Woodpeckers [6]

__ *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 [2]

__ American Kestrel	- - - -
<i>Falco sparverius</i>	
__ Peregrine Falcon	- - - -
<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	

TYRANNIDAE: Flycatchers [8]

___ *Eastern Wood-pewee	- - - -
<i>Contopus virens</i>	
___ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	- - - -
<i>Empidonax flaviventris</i>	
___ ~Acadian Flycatcher	- - - -
<i>Empidonax virescens</i>	
___ Willow Flycatcher	- - - -
<i>Empidonax traillii</i>	
___ 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 [5]

___ White-eyed Vireo	- - - -
<i>Vireo griseus</i>	
___ *Yellow-throated Vireo	- - - -
<i>Vireo flavifrons</i>	
___ Blue-headed (or Solitary) Vireo	- - - -
<i>Vireo solitarius</i>	
___ *Warbling Vireo	- - - -
<i>Vireo gilvus</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 [3]

___ Tree Swallow	- - - -
<i>Tachycineta bicolor</i>	
___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow	- - - -
<i>Stelgidopteryx serripennis</i>	
___ Barn Swallow	- - - -
<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	

PARIDAE: Chickadees & Titmice [2]

___ *Carolina Chickadee	- - - -
<i>Poecile carolinensis</i>	

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___ Tufted Titmouse	- - - -
<i>Baeolophus bicolor</i>	

SITTIDAE: Nuthatches [2]

___ Red-breasted Nuthatch	- - - -
<i>Sitta canadensis</i>	
___ *White-breasted Nuthatch	- - - -
<i>Sitta carolinensis</i>	

CERTHIIDAE: Creeper [1]

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

TROGLODYTIDAE: Wrens [3]

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

POLIOPTILIDAE: Gnatcatchers [1]

___ *Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	- - - -
<i>Poliophtila caerulea</i>	

REGULIDAE: Kinglets [2]

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

TURDIDAE: Thrushes [7]

___ *Eastern Bluebird	- - - -
<i>Sialia sialis</i>	
___ Veery	- - - -
<i>Catharus fuscescens</i>	
___ Gray-cheeked Thrush	- - - -
<i>Catharus minimus</i>	
___ Swainson's Thrush	- - - -
<i>Catharus ustulatus</i>	
___ Hermit Thrush	- - - -
<i>Catharus guttatus</i>	
___ ~Wood Thrush	- - - -
<i>Hylocichla mustelina</i>	
___ American Robin	- - - -
<i>Turdus migratorius</i>	

MIMIDAE: Mockingbirds & Thrashers [3]

___ Gray Catbird	- - - -
<i>Dumetella carolinensis</i>	

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___ Brown Thrasher	- - - -
<i>Toxostoma rufum</i>	
___ Northern Mockingbird	- - - -
<i>Mimus polyglottos</i>	

STURNIDAE: Starling [1]

___ ~European Starling	- - - -
<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	

BOMBYCILLIDAE: Waxwings [1]

___ Cedar Waxwing	- - - -
<i>Bombycilla cedrorum</i>	

FRINGILLIDAE: Finches [3]

___ House Finch	- - - -
<i>Haemorhous mexicanus</i>	
___ Purple Finch	- - - -
<i>Haemorhous purpureus</i>	
___ *American Goldfinch	- - - -
<i>Spinus tristis</i>	

PASSERELLIDAE: [8]

___ *Eastern Towhee	- - - -
<i>Pipilo erythrophthalmus</i>	
___ ~Chipping Sparrow	- - - -
<i>Spizella passerina</i>	
___ ~Field Sparrow	- - - -
<i>Spizella pusilla</i>	
___ Fox Sparrow	- - - -
<i>Passerella iliaca</i>	
___ Song Sparrow	- - - -
<i>Melospiza melodia</i>	
___ Swamp Sparrow	- - - -
<i>Melospiza georgiana</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 [7]

___ ~Eastern Meadowlark	- - - -
<i>Sturnella magna</i>	
___ Orchard Oriole	- - - -
<i>Icterus spurius</i>	
___ ~Baltimore Oriole	- - - -
<i>Icterus galbula</i>	

ICTERIDAE: Blackbirds & Orioles [7]

- ___ ~Red-winged Blackbird - - - -
Agelaius phoeniceus
- ___ ~Brown-headed Cowbird - - - -
Molothrus ater
- ___ Brewer's Blackbird - - - -
Euphagus cyanocephalus
- ___ Common Grackle - - - -
Quiscalus quiscula

PARULIDAE: Warblers [28]

- ___ Ovenbird - - - -
Seiurus aurocapilla
- ___ Worm-eating Warbler (Mountain population)..... - - - -
Helmitheros vermivorum
- ___ ~Louisiana Waterthrush - - - -
Parkesia motacilla
- ___ Northern Waterthrush - - - -
Parkesia noveboracensis
- ___ ~Golden-winged Warbler - - - -
Vermivora chrysoptera
- ___ ~Blue-winged Warbler - - - -
Vermivora cyanoptera
- ___ ~Black-and-white Warbler - - - -
Mniotilta varia
- ___ Tennessee Warbler - - - -
Leiothlypis peregrina
- ___ Nashville Warbler - - - -
Leiothlypis ruficapilla
- ___ Mourning Warbler - - - -
Geothlypis philadelphia
- ___ Common Yellowthroat - - - -
Geothlypis trichas
- ___ ~Hooded Warbler - - - -
Setophaga citrina
- ___ American Redstart - - - -
Setophaga ruticilla
- ___ Cape May Warbler - - - -
Setophaga tigrina
- ___ ~Northern Parula - - - -
Setophaga americana
- ___ Magnolia Warbler - - - -
Setophaga magnolia
- ___ Bay-breasted Warbler - - - -
Setophaga castanea

PARULIDAE: Warblers [28]

- ___ Blackburnian Warbler - - - -
Setophaga fusca
- ___ Yellow Warbler - - - -
Setophaga petechia
- ___ Chestnut-sided Warbler - - - -
Setophaga pensylvanica
- ___ ~Black-throated Blue Warbler - - - -
Setophaga caerulescens
- ___ Palm Warbler - - - v
Setophaga palmarum
- ___ Pine Warbler - - - -
Setophaga pinus
- ___ Yellow-rumped Warbler - - - -
Setophaga coronata
- ___ Yellow-throated Warbler S - - -
Setophaga dominica
- ___ ~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