

**A BIRD Checklist
for Occoneechee Mountain State
Natural Area
126 taxa**

Of the 473 species known from North Carolina, 126 have been recorded at the state park. Of these, 4 species are known to nest within the park. 22 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
Occoneechee Mountain
State Natural Area**



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

126 BIRD taxa

ANATIDAE: Swans, Geese & Ducks [5]

- ___ *Canada Goose - - - -
Branta canadensis
- ___ Wood Duck - - - -
Aix sponsa
- ___ Ring-necked Duck - - - -
Aythya collaris
- ___ Bufflehead - - - -
Bucephala albeola
- ___ Hooded Merganser - - - -
Lophodytes cucullatus

ODONTOPHORIDAE: Quail [1]

- ___ Northern Bobwhite - - - -
Colinus virginianus

PHASIANIDAE: Grouse [1]

- ___ Wild Turkey - - - -
Meleagris gallopavo

PODICIPEDIDAE: Grebes [1]

- ___ Pied-billed Grebe - - - -
Podilymbus podiceps

COLUMBIDAE: Doves [2]

- ___ Rock Pigeon, Rock Dove - - - -
Columba livia
- ___ ~Mourning Dove - - - -
Zenaida macroura

CUCULIDAE: Cuckoos, Roadrunner & Anis [2]

- ___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo - - - -
Coccyzus americanus
- ___ Black-billed Cuckoo - - - -
Coccyzus erythrophthalmus

APODIDAE: Swifts [1]

- ___ Chimney Swift - - - -
Chaetura pelagica

TROCHILIDAE: Hummingbirds [1]

- ___ ~Ruby-throated Hummingbird - - - -
Archilochus colubris

RALLIDAE: Rails [1]

- ___ American Coot - - - -
Fulica americana

CHARADRIIDAE: Plovers [1]

- ___ Killdeer - - - -
Charadrius vociferus

SCOLOPACIDAE: Sandpipers [2]

- ___ American Woodcock - - - -
Scolopax minor

SCOLOPACIDAE: Sandpipers [2]

- ___ Spotted Sandpiper - - - -
Actitis macularius

LARIDAE: Gulls & Terns [1]

- ___ Ring-billed Gull - - - -
Larus delawarensis

PHALACROCORACIDAE: Cormorants [1]

- ___ Double-crested Cormorant - - - -
Nannopterum auritus

ARDEIDAE: Herons [2]

- ___ ~Great Blue Heron - - - -
Ardea herodias
- ___ Green Heron - - - -
Butorides virescens

CATHARTIDAE: New World Vultures [2]

- ___ Black Vulture - - - -
Coragyps atratus
- ___ Turkey Vulture - - - -
Cathartes aura

PANDIONIDAE: Osprey [1]

- ___ Osprey - - - -
Pandion haliaetus

ACCIPITRIDAE: Eagles, Kites & Hawks [7]

- ___ Swallow-tailed Kite - - - -
Elanoides forficatus
- ___ Mississippi Kite - - - -
Ictinia mississippiensis
- ___ 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

STRIGIDAE: Owls [2]

- ___ ~Great Horned Owl - - - -
Bubo virginianus
- ___ Barred Owl - - - -
Strix varia

ALCEDINIDAE: Kingfisher [1]

- ___ Belted Kingfisher - - - -
Megaceryle alcyon

PICIDAE: Woodpeckers [6]

- ___ ~Red-bellied Woodpecker - - - -
Melanerpes carolinus
- ___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - - - -
Sphyrapicus varius
- ___ Downy Woodpecker - - - -
Dryobates pubescens
- ___ Hairy Woodpecker - - - -
Picoides villosus
- ___ Northern Flicker - - - -
Colaptes auratus
- ___ Pileated Woodpecker - - - -
Dryocopus pileatus

TYRANNIDAE: Flycatchers [6]

- ___ Eastern Wood-pewee - - - -
Contopus virens
- ___ Acadian Flycatcher - - - -
Empidonax vireescens
- ___ Least Flycatcher - - - -
Empidonax minimus
- ___ Eastern Phoebe - - - -
Sayornis phoebe
- ___ Great Crested Flycatcher - - - -
Myiarchus crinitus
- ___ Eastern Kingbird - - - -
Tyrannus tyrannus

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 [4]

- ___ ~Blue Jay - - - -
Cyanocitta cristata
- ___ ~American Crow - - - -
Corvus brachyrhynchos
- ___ Fish Crow - - - -
Corvus ossifragus
- ___ 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 [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 - - - -
Poliophtila caerulea

REGULIDAE: Kinglets [2]

- ___ Golden-crowned Kinglet - - - -
Regulus satrapa
- ___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet - - - -
Corthylio calendula

TURDIDAE: Thrushes [7]

- ___ Eastern Bluebird - - - -
Sialia sialis
- ___ Veery - - - -
Catharus fuscescens
- ___ Gray-cheeked Thrush - - - -
Catharus minimus

TURDIDAE: Thrushes [7]

- ___ Swainson's Thrush - - - -
Catharus ustulatus
- ___ Hermit Thrush - - - -
Catharus guttatus
- ___ ~Wood Thrush - - - -
Hylocichla mustelina
- ___ *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 [4]

- ___ Evening Grosbeak - - - -
Coccothraustes vespertinus
- ___ House Finch - - - -
Haemorhous mexicanus
- ___ Pine Siskin - - - -
Spinus pinus
- ___ American Goldfinch - - - -
Spinus tristis

PASSERELLIDAE: [7]

- ___ ~Eastern Towhee - - - -
Pipilo erythrophthalmus
- ___ Chipping Sparrow - - - -
Spizella passerina
- ___ Field Sparrow - - - -
Spizella pusilla
- ___ Fox Sparrow - - - -
Passerella iliaca
- ___ ~Song Sparrow - - - -
Melospiza melodia

PASSERELLIDAE: [7]

- ___ White-throated Sparrow - - - -
Zonotrichia albicollis
- ___ ~Dark-eyed Junco - - - -
Junco hyemalis

ICTERIIDAE: [1]

- ___ Yellow-breasted Chat - - - -
Icteria virens

ICTERIDAE: Blackbirds & Orioles [3]

- ___ *Red-winged Blackbird - - - -
Agelaius phoeniceus
- ___ Brown-headed Cowbird - - - -
Molothrus ater
- ___ Common Grackle - - - -
Quiscalus quiscula

PARULIDAE: Warblers [22]

- ___ Ovenbird - - - -
Seiurus aurocapilla
- ___ Worm-eating Warbler (Mountain population)..... - - - -
Helmitheros vermivorum
- ___ Louisiana Waterthrush - - - -
Parkesia motacilla
- ___ ~Black-and-white Warbler - - - -
Mniotilta varia
- ___ Prothonotary Warbler - - - -
Protonotaria citrea
- ___ Common Yellowthroat - - - -
Geothlypis trichas
- ___ Hooded Warbler - - - -
Setophaga citrina
- ___ American Redstart - - - -
Setophaga ruticilla
- ___ Cerulean Warbler - - - -
Setophaga cerulea
- ___ Northern Parula - - - -
Setophaga americana
- ___ Magnolia Warbler - - - -
Setophaga magnolia
- ___ 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
- ___ Pine Warbler - - - -
Setophaga pinus
- ___ Yellow-rumped Warbler - - - -
Setophaga coronata
- ___ Yellow-throated Warbler - - - -
Setophaga dominica
- ___ Prairie Warbler - - - -
Setophaga discolor
- ___ Black-throated Green Warbler - - - -
Setophaga virens
- ___ Wilson's Warbler - S F - -
Cardellina pusilla

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
- ___ Indigo Bunting - - - -
Passerina cyanea