

## A BIRD Checklist for Pettigrew State Park 197 taxa

Of the 473 species known from North Carolina, 197 have been recorded at the state park. Of these, 31 species are known to nest within the park. 30 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 Pettigrew 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



<https://www.ncparks.gov/junior-rangers>

**197 BIRD taxa**

**ANATIDAE: Swans, Geese & Ducks [26]**

__ *Snow Goose .....	- - - C
<i>Anser caerulescens</i>	
__ Ross's Goose .....	- - - -
<i>Anser rossii</i>	
__ Cackling Goose .....	- - - X
<i>Branta hutchinsii</i>	
__ ~Canada Goose .....	- - - -
<i>Branta canadensis</i>	
__ Tundra Swan .....	- - - C
<i>Cygnus columbianus</i>	
__ Black Swan .....	- - - -
<i>Cygnus atratus</i>	
__ ~Wood Duck .....	- - - -
<i>Aix sponsa</i>	
__ Blue-winged Teal .....	- - - -
<i>Spatula discors</i>	
__ Northern Shoveler .....	- - - -
<i>Spatula clypeata</i>	
__ Gadwall .....	- - - -
<i>Mareca strepera</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>	
__ Canvasback .....	- - - -
<i>Aythya valisineria</i>	
__ Ring-necked Duck .....	- - - -
<i>Aythya collaris</i>	
__ Greater Scaup .....	- - - -
<i>Aythya marila</i>	
__ Lesser Scaup .....	- - - -
<i>Aythya affinis</i>	
__ Black Scoter .....	- - - -
<i>Melanitta americana</i>	
__ Bufflehead .....	- - - -
<i>Bucephala albeola</i>	

**ANATIDAE: Swans, Geese & Ducks [26]**

__ Common Goldeneye .....	- - - -
<i>Bucephala clangula</i>	
__ *Hooded Merganser .....	- - - -
<i>Lophodytes cucullatus</i>	
__ Common Merganser .....	V - - F
<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 [3]**

__ Pied-billed Grebe .....	- - - -
<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>	
__ Horned Grebe .....	- - - -
<i>Podiceps auritus</i>	
__ Red-necked Grebe .....	- - - -
<i>Podiceps grisegena</i>	

**COLUMBIDAE: Doves [3]**

__ Rock Pigeon, Rock Dove .....	- - - -
<i>Columba livia</i>	
__ Eurasian Collared-dove .....	- - - -
<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	
__ *Mourning Dove .....	- - - -
<i>Zenaida macroura</i>	

**CUCULIDAE: Cuckoos, Roadrunner & Anis [1]**

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

**RALLIDAE: Rails [2]**

__ King Rail .....	- - - -
<i>Rallus elegans</i>	

**RALLIDAE: Rails [2]**

__ American Coot .....	- - - -
<i>Fulica americana</i>	

**CHARADRIIDAE: Plovers [2]**

__ Semipalmated Plover .....	- - - -
<i>Charadrius semipalmatus</i>	
__ ~Killdeer .....	- - - -
<i>Charadrius vociferus</i>	

**SCOLOPACIDAE: Sandpipers [6]**

__ Sanderling .....	- - - -
<i>Calidris alba</i>	
__ Least Sandpiper .....	- - - -
<i>Calidris minutilla</i>	
__ American Woodcock .....	- - - -
<i>Scolopax minor</i>	
__ Wilson's Snipe .....	- - - -
<i>Gallinago delicata</i>	
__ Spotted Sandpiper .....	- - - -
<i>Actitis macularius</i>	
__ Greater Yellowlegs .....	- - - -
<i>Tringa melanoleuca</i>	

**LARIDAE: Gulls & Terns [9]**

__ Bonaparte's Gull .....	- - - -
<i>Chroicocephalus philadelphia</i>	
__ Laughing Gull .....	- - - -
<i>Leucophaeus atricilla</i>	
__ Ring-billed Gull .....	- - - -
<i>Larus delawarensis</i>	
__ Herring Gull .....	- - - -
<i>Larus argentatus</i>	
__ Great Black-backed Gull .....	- - - -
<i>Larus marinus</i>	
__ Caspian Tern .....	- - - -
<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>	
__ Black Tern .....	- - - -
<i>Chlidonias niger</i>	
__ Forster's Tern .....	- - - -
<i>Sterna forsteri</i>	
__ Black Skimmer .....	- - - X
<i>Rynchops niger</i>	

**GAVIIDAE: Loons [1]**

__ Common Loon .....	- - - -
<i>Gavia immer</i>	

**PHALACROCORACIDAE: Cormorants [1]**

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

**ANHINGIDAE: Anhinga [1]**

\_\_ Anhinga ..... - - - -  
*Anhinga anhinga*

**PELECANIDAE: Pelicans [2]**

\_\_ American White Pelican ..... - - - -  
*Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*  
 \_\_ Brown Pelican ..... - - - -  
*Pelecanus occidentalis*

**ARDEIDAE: Herons [7]**

\_\_ American Bittern ..... - - - -  
*Botaurus lentiginosus*  
 \_\_ Least Bittern ..... - - - -  
*Ixobrychus exilis*  
 \_\_ ~Great Blue Heron ..... - - - -  
*Ardea herodias*  
 \_\_ Great Egret ..... - - - -  
*Ardea alba*  
 \_\_ Snowy Egret ..... - - - -  
*Egretta thula*  
 \_\_ Cattle Egret ..... - - - -  
*Bubulcus ibis*  
 \_\_ Green Heron ..... - - - -  
*Butorides virescens*

**THRESKIORNITHIDAE: Ibis [1]**

\_\_ White Ibis ..... - - - -  
*Eudocimus albus*

**CATHARTIDAE: New World Vultures [2]**

\_\_ Black Vulture ..... - - - -  
*Coragyps atratus*  
 \_\_ ~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*

**ACCIPITRIDAE: Eagles, Kites & Hawks [7]**

\_\_ Red-tailed Hawk ..... - - - -  
*Buteo jamaicensis*  
 \_\_ Golden Eagle ..... - - - -  
*Aquila chrysaetos*

**TYTONIDAE: Barn-owl [1]**

\_\_ Barn Owl ..... - - - -  
*Tyto alba*

**STRIGIDAE: Owls [4]**

\_\_ ~Eastern Screech-owl ..... - - - -  
*Megascops asio*  
 \_\_ Great Horned Owl ..... - - - -  
*Bubo virginianus*  
 \_\_ ~Barred Owl ..... - - - -  
*Strix varia*  
 \_\_ Short-eared Owl ..... - - - -  
*Asio flammeus*

**ALCEDINIDAE: Kingfisher [1]**

\_\_ Belted Kingfisher ..... - - - -  
*Megaceryle alcyon*

**PICIDAE: Woodpeckers [8]**

\_\_ Red-headed Woodpecker ..... - - - -  
*Melanerpes erythrocephalus*  
 \_\_ ~Red-bellied Woodpecker ..... - - - -  
*Melanerpes carolinus*  
 \_\_ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker ..... - - - -  
*Sphyrapicus varius*  
 \_\_ Downy Woodpecker ..... - - - -  
*Dryobates pubescens*  
 \_\_ ~Hairy Woodpecker ..... - - - -  
*Picoides villosus*  
 \_\_ Red-cockaded Woodpecker ..... - - - -  
*Dryobates borealis*  
 \_\_ Northern Flicker ..... - - - -  
*Colaptes auratus*  
 \_\_ ~Pileated Woodpecker ..... - - - -  
*Dryocopus pileatus*

**FALCONIDAE: Falcons [3]**

\_\_ American Kestrel ..... - - - -  
*Falco sparverius*  
 \_\_ Merlin ..... - - - -  
*Falco columbarius*  
 \_\_ Peregrine Falcon ..... - - - -  
*Falco peregrinus*

**TYRANNIDAE: Flycatchers [8]**

\_\_ \*Eastern Wood-pewee ..... - - - -  
*Contopus virens*  
 \_\_ \*Acadian Flycatcher ..... - - - -  
*Empidonax virescens*  
 \_\_ \*Eastern Phoebe ..... - - - -  
*Sayornis phoebe*  
 \_\_ Ash-throated Flycatcher ..... - - - I  
*Myiarchus cinerascens*  
 \_\_ \*Great Crested Flycatcher ..... - - - -  
*Myiarchus crinitus*  
 \_\_ Tropical Kingbird ..... - - - X  
*Tyrannus melancholicus*  
 \_\_ Western Kingbird ..... - - - -  
*Tyrannus verticalis*  
 \_\_ \*Eastern Kingbird ..... - - - -  
*Tyrannus tyrannus*

**LANIIDAE: Shrikes [1]**

\_\_ Loggerhead Shrike ..... - - - -  
*Lanius ludovicianus*

**VIREONIDAE: Vireos [5]**

\_\_ ~White-eyed Vireo ..... - - - -  
*Vireo griseus*  
 \_\_ Yellow-throated Vireo ..... - - - -  
*Vireo flavifrons*  
 \_\_ Blue-headed (or Solitary) Vireo ..... - - - -  
*Vireo solitarius*  
 \_\_ Warbling Vireo ..... - - - X  
*Vireo gilvus*  
 \_\_ \*Red-eyed Vireo ..... - - - -  
*Vireo olivaceus*

**CORVIDAE: Jays & Crows [3]**

\_\_ ~Blue Jay ..... - - - -  
*Cyanocitta cristata*  
 \_\_ ~American Crow ..... - - - -  
*Corvus brachyrhynchos*  
 \_\_ ~Fish Crow ..... - - - -  
*Corvus ossifragus*

**ALAUDIDAE: Larks [1]**

\_\_ Horned Lark ..... - - - -  
*Eremophila alpestris*

**HIRUNDINIDAE: Swallows [4]**

\_\_ ~Purple Martin ..... - - - -  
*Progne subis*

**HIRUNDINIDAE: Swallows [4]**

- \_\_\_ Tree Swallow ..... C - C -  
*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 [3]**

- \_\_\_ House Wren ..... - - - -  
*Troglodytes aedon*
- \_\_\_ 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 [4]**

- \_\_\_ \*Eastern Bluebird ..... - - - -  
*Sialia sialis*
- \_\_\_ Hermit Thrush ..... - - - -  
*Catharus guttatus*
- \_\_\_ ~Wood Thrush ..... - - - -  
*Hylocichla mustelina*

**TURDIDAE: Thrushes [4]**

- \_\_\_ \*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*

**MOTACILLIDAE: Wagtails & Pipits [1]**

- \_\_\_ American Pipit ..... - - - -  
*Anthus rubescens*

**FRINGILLIDAE: Finches [6]**

- \_\_\_ Evening Grosbeak ..... - - - -  
*Coccothraustes vespertinus*
- \_\_\_ House Finch ..... - - - -  
*Haemorhous mexicanus*
- \_\_\_ Purple Finch ..... - - - -  
*Haemorhous purpureus*
- \_\_\_ Red Crossbill ..... - - - x  
*Loxia curvirostra*
- \_\_\_ Pine Siskin ..... - - - -  
*Spinus pinus*
- \_\_\_ ~American Goldfinch ..... - - - -  
*Spinus tristis*

**PASSERELLIDAE: [15]**

- \_\_\_ \*Eastern Towhee ..... - - - -  
*Pipilo erythrophthalmus*
- \_\_\_ \*Chipping Sparrow ..... - - - -  
*Spizella passerina*
- \_\_\_ Clay-colored Sparrow ..... - - v -  
*Spizella pallida*
- \_\_\_ Field Sparrow ..... - - - -  
*Spizella pusilla*

**PASSERELLIDAE: [15]**

- \_\_\_ Lark Sparrow ..... - - - -  
*Chondestes grammacus*
- \_\_\_ Savannah Sparrow ..... - - - -  
*Passerculus sandwichensis*
- \_\_\_ Grasshopper Sparrow ..... - - - -  
*Ammodramus savannarum*
- \_\_\_ Le Conte's Sparrow ..... - - - -  
*Ammodramus leconteii*
- \_\_\_ Fox Sparrow ..... - - - -  
*Passerella iliaca*
- \_\_\_ Song Sparrow ..... - - - -  
*Melospiza melodia*
- \_\_\_ Lincoln's Sparrow ..... - - v R  
*Melospiza lincolni*
- \_\_\_ Swamp Sparrow ..... - - - -  
*Melospiza georgiana*
- \_\_\_ White-throated Sparrow ..... - - - -  
*Zonotrichia albicollis*
- \_\_\_ White-crowned Sparrow ..... - - - -  
*Zonotrichia leucophrys*
- \_\_\_ Dark-eyed Junco ..... - - - -  
*Junco hyemalis*

**ICTERIDAE: Blackbirds & Orioles [9]**

- \_\_\_ 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*
- \_\_\_ Boat-tailed Grackle ..... - - v V  
*Quiscalus major*

**PARULIDAE: Warblers [18]**

- \_\_\_ Ovenbird ..... - - - -  
*Seiurus aurocapilla*

**PARULIDAE: Warblers [18]**

- \_\_\_ ~Louisiana Waterthrush ..... - - - -  
*Parkesia motacilla*
- \_\_\_ Northern Waterthrush ..... - - - -  
*Parkesia noveboracensis*
- \_\_\_ Black-and-white Warbler ..... - - - -  
*Mniotilta varia*
- \_\_\_ \*Prothonotary Warbler ..... - - - -  
*Protonotaria citrea*
- \_\_\_ Swainson's Warbler ..... - - - -  
*Limnothlypis swainsonii*
- \_\_\_ Orange-crowned Warbler ..... - - - -  
*Leiothlypis celata*
- \_\_\_ Connecticut Warbler ..... - - - -  
*Oporornis agilis*
- \_\_\_ \*Common Yellowthroat ..... - - - -  
*Geothlypis trichas*
- \_\_\_ Hooded Warbler ..... - - - -  
*Setophaga citrina*
- \_\_\_ ~American Redstart ..... - - - -  
*Setophaga ruticilla*
- \_\_\_ ~Northern Parula ..... - - - -  
*Setophaga americana*
- \_\_\_ Yellow Warbler ..... - - - v  
*Setophaga petechia*
- \_\_\_ Palm Warbler ..... - - - -  
*Setophaga palmarum*
- \_\_\_ ~Pine Warbler ..... - - - -  
*Setophaga pinus*
- \_\_\_ Yellow-rumped Warbler ..... - - - -  
*Setophaga coronata*
- \_\_\_ ~Yellow-throated Warbler ..... - - - -  
*Setophaga dominica*
- \_\_\_ Prairie Warbler ..... - - - -  
*Setophaga discolor*

**CARDINALIDAE: Grosbeaks & Buntings [7]**

- \_\_\_ \*Summer Tanager ..... - - - -  
*Piranga rubra*
- \_\_\_ Western Tanager ..... - - - -  
*Piranga ludoviciana*
- \_\_\_ \*Northern Cardinal ..... - - - -  
*Cardinalis cardinalis*
- \_\_\_ \*Blue Grosbeak ..... - - - -  
*Passerina caerulea*

**CARDINALIDAE: Grosbeaks & Buntings [7]**

- \_\_\_ \*Indigo Bunting ..... - - - -  
*Passerina cyanea*
- \_\_\_ Painted Bunting ..... - - x -  
*Passerina ciris*
- \_\_\_ Dickcissel ..... v - - v  
*Spiza americana*