

A BIRD Checklist for Pilot Mountain State Park 179 taxa

Of the 473 species known from North Carolina, 179 have been recorded at the state park. Of these, 25 species are known to nest within the park. 14 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>

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

__ ~Canada Goose	- - - -
<i>Branta canadensis</i>	
__ Mute Swan	- - - -
<i>Cygnus olor</i>	
__ *Wood Duck	- - - -
<i>Aix sponsa</i>	
__ Blue-winged Teal	- - - -
<i>Spatula discors</i>	
__ Gadwall	- - - -
<i>Mareca strepera</i>	
__ *Mallard	- - - -
<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	
__ Redhead	- - - -
<i>Aythya americana</i>	
__ Ring-necked Duck	- - - -
<i>Aythya collaris</i>	
__ Hooded Merganser	- - - -
<i>Lophodytes cucullatus</i>	
__ Common Merganser	- - - -
<i>Mergus merganser</i>	

ODONTOPHORIDAE: Quail [1]

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

PHASIANIDAE: Grouse [1]

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

PODICIPEDIDAE: Grebes [1]

__ Pied-billed Grebe	- - - -
<i>Podilymbus podiceps</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 [2]

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

CAPRIMULGIDAE: Goatsuckers [3]

__ Common Nighthawk	- - - -
<i>Chordeiles minor</i>	

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__ 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 [2]

__ ~Ruby-throated Hummingbird	F F O -
<i>Archilochus colubris</i>	
__ a hummingbird	- - - X
<i>Selasphorus sp.</i>	

RALLIDAE: Rails [1]

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

CHARADRIIDAE: Plovers [2]

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

SCOLOPACIDAE: Sandpipers [6]

__ Least Sandpiper	- - - -
<i>Calidris minutilla</i>	
__ *American Woodcock	- - - -
<i>Scolopax minor</i>	
__ Spotted Sandpiper	- - - -
<i>Actitis macularia</i>	
__ Solitary Sandpiper	- - - -
<i>Tringa solitaria</i>	
__ Lesser Yellowlegs	- - - -
<i>Tringa flavipes</i>	
__ Greater Yellowlegs	- - - -
<i>Tringa melanoleuca</i>	

LARIDAE: Gulls & Terns [1]

__ Ring-billed Gull	- - - -
<i>Larus delawarensis</i>	

PHALACROCORACIDAE: Cormorants [1]

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

ANHINGIDAE: Anhinga [1]

__ Anhinga	- - - -
<i>Anhinga anhinga</i>	

PELECANIDAE: Pelicans [1]

__ American White Pelican	- - - -
<i>Pelecanus erythrorhynchos</i>	

ARDEIDAE: Herons [5]

__ Great Blue Heron	- - - -
<i>Ardea herodias</i>	
__ Great Egret	- - - -
<i>Ardea alba</i>	
__ Snowy Egret	- - - -
<i>Egretta thula</i>	
__ Little Blue Heron	- - - -
<i>Egretta caerulea</i>	
__ *Green Heron	- - - -
<i>Butorides virescens</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]

__ Swallow-tailed Kite	- - - -
<i>Elanoides forficatus</i>	
__ *Bald Eagle	- - - -
<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	
__ Northern Harrier	- - - -
<i>Circus hudsonius</i>	
__ Sharp-shinned Hawk	- - - -
<i>Accipiter striatus</i>	
__ Cooper's Hawk	- F -
<i>Accipiter cooperii</i>	
__ Red-shouldered Hawk	- - - -
<i>Buteo lineatus</i>	
__ Broad-winged Hawk	- F -
<i>Buteo platypterus</i>	
__ Red-tailed Hawk	- - - -
<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	

STRIGIDAE: Owls [3]

__ *Eastern Screech-owl	- - - -
<i>Megascops asio</i>	
__ Great Horned Owl	- - - -
<i>Bubo virginianus</i>	
__ Barred Owl	- - - -
<i>Strix varia</i>	

ALCEDINIDAE: Kingfisher [1]

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

PICIDAE: Woodpeckers [7]

___ Red-headed Woodpecker	- - -
<i>Melanerpes erythrocephalus</i>	
___ 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 [3]

___ American Kestrel	- - -
<i>Falco sparverius</i>	
___ Merlin	- - -
<i>Falco columbarius</i>	
___ Peregrine Falcon	- - -
<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	

TYRANNIDAE: Flycatchers [7]

___ Olive-sided Flycatcher	- - -
<i>Contopus cooperi</i>	
___ Eastern Wood-pewee	- - -
<i>Contopus virens</i>	
___ Acadian Flycatcher	- - -
<i>Empidonax vireescens</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>	

VIREONIDAE: Vireos [5]

___ Warbling Vireo	- - -
<i>Vireo gilvus</i>	
___ *Red-eyed Vireo	- - -
<i>Vireo olivaceus</i>	

CORVIDAE: Jays & Crows [4]

___ Blue Jay	- - -
<i>Cyanocitta cristata</i>	
___ ~American Crow	- - -
<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>	
___ Fish Crow	- - -
<i>Corvus ossifragus</i>	
___ *Common Raven	c c c c
<i>Corvus corax</i>	

HIRUNDINIDAE: Swallows [6]

___ Purple Martin	- - -
<i>Progne subis</i>	
___ Tree Swallow	- - -
<i>Tachycineta bicolor</i>	
___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow	- - -
<i>Stelgidopteryx serripennis</i>	
___ Bank Swallow	- - -
<i>Riparia riparia</i>	
___ ~Cliff Swallow	- - -
<i>Petrochelidon pyrrhonota</i>	
___ Barn Swallow	- - -
<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	

PARIDAE: Chickadees & Titmice [2]

___ *Carolina Chickadee	- - -
<i>Poecile carolinensis</i>	
___ ~Tufted Titmouse	- - -
<i>Baeolophus bicolor</i>	

SITTIDAE: Nuthatches [3]

___ Red-breasted Nuthatch	- - -
<i>Sitta canadensis</i>	
___ White-breasted Nuthatch	- - -
<i>Sitta carolinensis</i>	
___ Brown-headed Nuthatch	- - -
<i>Sitta pusilla</i>	

CERTHIIDAE: Creeper [1]

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

TROGLODYTIDAE: Wrens [3]

___ House Wren	- - -
<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>	

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___ Winter Wren	- - -
<i>Troglodytes hiemalis</i>	
___ ~Carolina Wren	- - -
<i>Thryothorus ludovicianus</i>	

POLIOPTILIDAE: Gnatcatchers [1]

___ ~Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	- - -
<i>Polioptila 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	c - - -
<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>	
___ 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 [5]

___ House Finch	- - -
<i>Haemorhous mexicanus</i>	

FRINGILLIDAE: Finches [5]

___ Purple Finch	U	-	-	C
<i>Haemorhous purpureus</i>				
___ Red Crossbill	-	-	-	-
<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>				
___ Pine Siskin	-	-	-	-
<i>Spinus pinus</i>				
___ American Goldfinch	C	C	-	-
<i>Spinus tristis</i>				

PASSERELLIDAE: [12]

___ *Eastern Towhee	-	-	-	-
<i>Pipilo erythrophthalmus</i>				
___ Chipping Sparrow	-	-	-	-
<i>Spizella passerina</i>				
___ *Field Sparrow	-	-	-	-
<i>Spizella pusilla</i>				
___ Vesper Sparrow	-	-	-	-
<i>Pooecetes gramineus</i>				
___ Savannah Sparrow	-	-	-	-
<i>Passerculus sandwichensis</i>				
___ Grasshopper Sparrow	-	-	-	-
<i>Ammodramus savannarum</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>				
___ White-crowned Sparrow	-	-	-	-
<i>Zonotrichia leucophrys</i>				
___ Dark-eyed Junco	-	-	-	-
<i>Junco hyemalis</i>				

ICTERIIDAE: [1]

___ Yellow-breasted Chat	-	-	-	-
<i>Icteria virens</i>				

ICTERIDAE: Blackbirds & Orioles [8]

___ Bobolink	-	-	-	-
<i>Dolichonyx oryzivorus</i>				
___ Eastern Meadowlark	-	-	-	-
<i>Sturnella magna</i>				
___ *Orchard Oriole	-	-	-	-
<i>Icterus spurius</i>				

ICTERIDAE: Blackbirds & Orioles [8]

___ Baltimore Oriole	-	-	-	-
<i>Icterus galbula</i>				
___ *Red-winged Blackbird	-	-	-	-
<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>				
___ Brown-headed Cowbird	-	-	-	-
<i>Molothrus ater</i>				
___ Rusty Blackbird	-	-	-	-
<i>Euphagus carolinus</i>				
___ Common Grackle	-	-	-	-
<i>Quiscalus quiscula</i>				

PARULIDAE: Warblers [34]

___ Ovenbird	-	-	-	-
<i>Seiurus aurocapilla</i>				
___ Worm-eating Warbler (Mountain population).....	-	-	-	-
<i>Helmitheros vermivorum</i>				
___ Louisiana Waterthrush	-	-	-	-
<i>Parkesia motacilla</i>				
___ Northern Waterthrush	-	-	-	-
<i>Parkesia noveboracensis</i>				
___ Golden-winged Warbler	-	-	-	-
<i>Vermivora chrysoptera</i>				
___ Blue-winged Warbler	-	-	-	-
<i>Vermivora cyanoptera</i>				
___ *Black-and-white Warbler	-	-	-	-
<i>Mniotilta varia</i>				
___ Prothonotary Warbler	-	-	-	-
<i>Protonotaria citrea</i>				
___ Swainson's Warbler	-	-	-	-
<i>Limnothlypis swainsonii</i>				
___ Tennessee Warbler	-	-	-	-
<i>Leiothlypis peregrina</i>				
___ Orange-crowned Warbler	-	-	-	-
<i>Leiothlypis celata</i>				
___ Nashville Warbler	-	-	-	-
<i>Leiothlypis ruficapilla</i>				
___ Connecticut Warbler	-	-	-	-
<i>Oporornis agilis</i>				
___ Kentucky Warbler	-	-	-	-
<i>Geothlypis formosa</i>				
___ *Common Yellowthroat	-	-	-	-
<i>Geothlypis trichas</i>				
___ Hooded Warbler	-	-	-	-
<i>Setophaga citrina</i>				

PARULIDAE: Warblers [34]

___ American Redstart	-	-	-	-
<i>Setophaga ruticilla</i>				
___ Cape May Warbler	-	-	-	-
<i>Setophaga tigrina</i>				
___ Northern Parula	-	-	-	-
<i>Setophaga americana</i>				
___ Magnolia Warbler	-	-	-	-
<i>Setophaga magnolia</i>				
___ Bay-breasted Warbler	-	-	-	-
<i>Setophaga castanea</i>				
___ Blackburnian Warbler	-	-	-	-
<i>Setophaga fusca</i>				
___ Yellow Warbler	-	-	-	-
<i>Setophaga petechia</i>				
___ Chestnut-sided Warbler	-	-	-	-
<i>Setophaga pensylvanica</i>				
___ Blackpoll Warbler	-	-	-	-
<i>Setophaga striata</i>				
___ Black-throated Blue Warbler	-	-	-	-
<i>Setophaga caerulescens</i>				
___ Palm Warbler	-	-	-	-
<i>Setophaga palmarum</i>				
___ Pine Warbler	-	-	-	-
<i>Setophaga pinus</i>				
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler	-	-	-	-
<i>Setophaga coronata</i>				
___ Yellow-throated Warbler	-	-	-	-
<i>Setophaga dominica</i>				
___ Prairie Warbler	-	-	-	-
<i>Setophaga discolor</i>				
___ Black-throated Green Warbler	A	-	-	-
<i>Setophaga virens</i>				
___ Canada Warbler	-	-	-	-
<i>Cardellina canadensis</i>				
___ Wilson's Warbler	-	-	-	-
<i>Cardellina pusilla</i>				

CARDINALIDAE: Grosbeaks & Buntings [6]

___ Summer Tanager	-	-	-	-
<i>Piranga rubra</i>				
___ Scarlet Tanager	-	-	-	-
<i>Piranga olivacea</i>				
___ *Northern Cardinal	-	-	-	-
<i>Cardinalis cardinalis</i>				

CARDINALIDAE: Grosbeaks & Buntings [6]

- Rose-breasted Grosbeak - - - -
Phœucticus ludovicianus
- Blue Grosbeak - - - -
Passerina caerulea
- *Indigo Bunting C C - -
Passerina cyanea