

**A BIRD Checklist  
for Raven Rock State Park  
190 taxa**

Of the 473 species known from North Carolina, 190 have been recorded at the state park. Of these, 74 species are known to nest within the park. 12 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  
Raven Rock 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**

**190 BIRD taxa****ANATIDAE: Swans, Geese & Ducks [14]**

___ *Canada Goose .....	F F F F
<i>Branta canadensis</i>	
___ *Wood Duck .....	U U U U
<i>Aix sponsa</i>	
___ Blue-winged Teal .....	- V V -
<i>Spatula discors</i>	
___ Gadwall .....	- - - -
<i>Mareca strepera</i>	
___ American Wigeon .....	- - - -
<i>Mareca americana</i>	
___ Mallard .....	O - O O
<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	
___ American Black Duck .....	- - - R
<i>Anas rubripes</i>	
___ Green-winged Teal .....	- - - -
<i>Anas crecca</i>	
___ Ring-necked Duck .....	- - - O
<i>Aythya collaris</i>	
___ Lesser Scaup .....	- - - -
<i>Aythya affinis</i>	
___ Bufflehead .....	- - - -
<i>Bucephala albeola</i>	
___ Common Goldeneye .....	- - - -
<i>Bucephala clangula</i>	
___ Hooded Merganser .....	U - - U
<i>Lophodytes cucullatus</i>	
___ Ruddy Duck .....	- - - -
<i>Oxyura jamaicensis</i>	

**ODONTOPHORIDAE: Quail [1]**

___ *Northern Bobwhite .....	U U U U
<i>Colinus virginianus</i>	

**PHASIANIDAE: Grouse [1]**

___ *Wild Turkey .....	U U U U
<i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>	

**PODICIPIDAE: Grebes [2]**

___ Pied-billed Grebe .....	- - - O
<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>	
___ Horned Grebe .....	V - - -
<i>Podiceps auritus</i>	

**COLUMBIDAE: Doves [2]**

___ Rock Pigeon, Rock Dove .....	O O O O
<i>Columba livia</i>	

**COLUMBIDAE: Doves [2]**

___ *Mourning Dove .....	C C C C
<i>Zenaidura macroura</i>	

**CUCULIDAE: Cuckoos, Roadrunner & Anis [2]**

___ *Yellow-billed Cuckoo .....	U U U -
<i>Coccyzus americanus</i>	
___ Black-billed Cuckoo .....	- - - -
<i>Coccyzus erythrophthalmus</i>	

**CAPRIMULGIDAE: Goatsuckers [3]**

___ Common Nighthawk .....	R R R -
<i>Chordeiles minor</i>	
___ *Chuck-will's-widow .....	F F U -
<i>Antrostomus carolinensis</i>	
___ *Eastern whip-poor-will .....	F F U -
<i>Antrostomus vociferus</i>	

**APODIDAE: Swifts [1]**

___ *Chimney Swift .....	F F F -
<i>Chaetura pelagica</i>	

**TROCHILIDAE: Hummingbirds [1]**

___ *Ruby-throated Hummingbird .....	F C O -
<i>Archilochus colubris</i>	

**RALLIDAE: Rails [2]**

___ Sora .....	X - - -
<i>Porzana carolina</i>	
___ American Coot .....	R - R R
<i>Fulica americana</i>	

**CHARADRIIDAE: Plovers [1]**

___ Killdeer .....	R R R R
<i>Charadrius vociferus</i>	

**SCOLOPACIDAE: Sandpipers [7]**

___ Upland Sandpiper (historical) .....	- - - -
<i>Bartramia longicauda</i>	
___ Least Sandpiper .....	- - - -
<i>Calidris minutilla</i>	
___ *American Woodcock .....	U U U U
<i>Scolopax minor</i>	
___ Wilson's Snipe .....	- - - -
<i>Gallinago delicata</i>	
___ Spotted Sandpiper .....	O R O -
<i>Actitis macularia</i>	
___ Solitary Sandpiper .....	O - O -
<i>Tringa solitaria</i>	
___ Greater Yellowlegs .....	V - V -
<i>Tringa melanoleuca</i>	

**LARIDAE: Gulls & Terns [1]**

___ Ring-billed Gull .....	- - - R
<i>Larus delawarensis</i>	

**GAVIIDAE: Loons [1]**

___ Common Loon .....	R - R -
<i>Gavia immer</i>	

**PHALACROCORACIDAE: Cormorants [1]**

___ Double-crested Cormorant .....	F O F U
<i>Nannopterum auritus</i>	

**ARDEIDAE: Herons [5]**

___ Great Blue Heron .....	O O O O
<i>Ardea herodias</i>	
___ Great Egret .....	R R - -
<i>Ardea alba</i>	
___ Green Heron .....	U U U -
<i>Butorides virescens</i>	
___ Black-crowned Night-heron .....	V - - -
<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	
___ Yellow-crowned Night-heron .....	- - - -
<i>Nyctanassa violacea</i>	

**THRESKIORNITHIDAE: Ibis [1]**

___ White Ibis .....	- V - -
<i>Eudocimus albus</i>	

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

___ *Black Vulture .....	O O O O
<i>Coragyps atratus</i>	
___ *Turkey Vulture .....	F F F F
<i>Cathartes aura</i>	

**PANDIONIDAE: Osprey [1]**

___ Osprey .....	U U U R
<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	

**ACCIPITRIDAE: Eagles, Kites & Hawks [9]**

___ Swallow-tailed Kite .....	- - - -
<i>Elanoides forficatus</i>	
___ ~Mississippi Kite .....	R R - -
<i>Ictinia mississippiensis</i>	
___ Bald Eagle .....	O O O O
<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	
___ Northern Harrier .....	O - O O
<i>Circus hudsonius</i>	
___ *Sharp-shinned Hawk .....	O R O O
<i>Accipiter striatus</i>	
___ ~Cooper's Hawk .....	U U U U
<i>Accipiter cooperii</i>	

**ACCIPITRIDAE: Eagles, Kites & Hawks [9]**

___ *Red-shouldered Hawk .....	U U U U
<i>Buteo lineatus</i>	
___ *Broad-winged Hawk .....	U U O -
<i>Buteo platypterus</i>	
___ *Red-tailed Hawk .....	U U U U
<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	

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

___ Barn Owl .....	V - - -
<i>Tyto alba</i>	

**STRIGIDAE: Owls [3]**

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

**ALCEDINIDAE: Kingfisher [1]**

___ *Belted Kingfisher .....	U U U U
<i>Megascops alcyon</i>	

**PICIDAE: Woodpeckers [8]**

___ *Red-headed Woodpecker .....	O O O O
<i>Melanerpes erythrocephalus</i>	
___ *Red-bellied Woodpecker .....	C C C C
<i>Melanerpes carolinus</i>	
___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker .....	F - F F
<i>Sphyrapicus varius</i>	
___ *Downy Woodpecker .....	C C C C
<i>Dryobates pubescens</i>	
___ ~Hairy Woodpecker .....	F F F F
<i>Picoides villosus</i>	
___ Red-cockaded Woodpecker (historical) .....	- - - -
<i>Dryobates borealis</i>	
___ *Northern Flicker .....	F F F F
<i>Colaptes auratus</i>	
___ *Pileated Woodpecker .....	F F F F
<i>Dryocopus pileatus</i>	

**FALCONIDAE: Falcons [2]**

___ American Kestrel .....	O R O O
<i>Falco sparverius</i>	
___ Merlin .....	V - V -
<i>Falco columbarius</i>	

**TYRANNIDAE: Flycatchers [7]**

___ *Eastern Wood-pewee .....	F F - -
<i>Contopus virens</i>	

**TYRANNIDAE: Flycatchers [7]**

___ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher .....	- - - -
<i>Empidonax flaviventris</i>	
___ *Acadian Flycatcher .....	F F O -
<i>Empidonax virescens</i>	
___ Least Flycatcher .....	V - - -
<i>Empidonax minimus</i>	
___ *Eastern Phoebe .....	U U U U
<i>Sayornis phoebe</i>	
___ *Great Crested Flycatcher .....	F F - -
<i>Myiarchus crinitus</i>	
___ *Eastern Kingbird .....	U U O -
<i>Tyrannus tyrannus</i>	

**LANIIDAE: Shrikes [1]**

___ Loggerhead Shrike .....	R R R R
<i>Lanius ludovicianus</i>	

**VIREONIDAE: Vireos [6]**

___ *White-eyed Vireo .....	F F F V
<i>Vireo griseus</i>	
___ *Yellow-throated Vireo .....	F F O -
<i>Vireo flavifrons</i>	
___ ~Blue-headed (or Solitary) Vireo .....	U R U U
<i>Vireo solitarius</i>	
___ Philadelphia Vireo .....	V - - -
<i>Vireo philadelphicus</i>	
___ Warbling Vireo .....	V - - -
<i>Vireo gilvus</i>	
___ *Red-eyed Vireo .....	C C C -
<i>Vireo olivaceus</i>	

**CORVIDAE: Jays & Crows [4]**

___ *Blue Jay .....	C C C C
<i>Cyanocitta cristata</i>	
___ *American Crow .....	C C C C
<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>	
___ Fish Crow .....	U R O O
<i>Corvus ossifragus</i>	
___ Common Raven .....	- - - -
<i>Corvus corax</i>	

**ALAUDIDAE: Larks [1]**

___ Horned Lark .....	- - V -
<i>Eremophila alpestris</i>	

**HIRUNDINIDAE: Swallows [6]**

___ Purple Martin .....	O O - -
<i>Progne subis</i>	

**HIRUNDINIDAE: Swallows [6]**

___ Tree Swallow .....	- - R -
<i>Tachycineta bicolor</i>	
___ *Northern Rough-winged Swallow .....	U U - -
<i>Stelgidopteryx serripennis</i>	
___ Bank Swallow .....	- - - -
<i>Riparia riparia</i>	
___ Cliff Swallow .....	- - - -
<i>Petrochelidon pyrrhonota</i>	
___ ~Barn Swallow .....	F F U -
<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	

**PARIDAE: Chickadees & Titmice [2]**

___ *Carolina Chickadee .....	C C C C
<i>Poecile carolinensis</i>	
___ *Tufted Titmouse .....	C C C C
<i>Baeolophus bicolor</i>	

**SITTIDAE: Nuthatches [3]**

___ Red-breasted Nuthatch .....	I - I I
<i>Sitta canadensis</i>	
___ ~White-breasted Nuthatch .....	U U U U
<i>Sitta carolinensis</i>	
___ *Brown-headed Nuthatch .....	O O O O
<i>Sitta pusilla</i>	

**CERTHIIDAE: Creeper [1]**

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

**TROGLODYTIDAE: Wrens [3]**

___ ~House Wren .....	R - R V
<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>	
___ Winter Wren .....	F - F F
<i>Troglodytes hiemalis</i>	
___ *Carolina Wren .....	F F F F
<i>Thryothorus ludovicianus</i>	

**POLIOPTILIDAE: Gnatcatchers [1]**

___ *Blue-gray Gnatcatcher .....	C C F R
<i>Poliioptila caerulea</i>	

**REGULIDAE: Kinglets [2]**

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

**TURDIDAE: Thrushes [7]**

___ *Eastern Bluebird .....	F F F F
<i>Sialia sialis</i>	

**TURDIDAE: Thrushes [7]**

___ Veery .....	R - R -
<i>Catharus fuscescens</i>	
___ Gray-cheeked Thrush .....	- - - -
<i>Catharus minimus</i>	
___ Swainson's Thrush .....	R - R -
<i>Catharus ustulatus</i>	
___ Hermit Thrush .....	F - F F
<i>Catharus guttatus</i>	
___ *Wood Thrush .....	F F O -
<i>Hylocichla mustelina</i>	
___ *American Robin .....	F F F A
<i>Turdus migratorius</i>	

**MIMIDAE: Mockingbirds & Thrashers [3]**

___ *Gray Catbird .....	O O O -
<i>Dumetella carolinensis</i>	
___ *Brown Thrasher .....	F F F F
<i>Toxostoma rufum</i>	
___ *Northern Mockingbird .....	F F F F
<i>Mimus polyglottos</i>	

**STURNIDAE: Starling [1]**

___ European Starling .....	R R R R
<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	

**BOMBYCILLIDAE: Waxwings [1]**

___ ~Cedar Waxwing .....	U O U F
<i>Bombycilla cedrorum</i>	

**PASSERIDAE: Old World Sparrows [1]**

___ *House Sparrow .....	R - - -
<i>Passer domesticus</i>	

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

___ American Pipit .....	O - O O
<i>Anthus rubescens</i>	

**FRINGILLIDAE: Finches [5]**

___ Evening Grosbeak .....	- - I I
<i>Coccothraustes vespertinus</i>	
___ *House Finch .....	F F F F
<i>Haemorhous mexicanus</i>	
___ Purple Finch .....	I - I I
<i>Haemorhous purpureus</i>	
___ Pine Siskin .....	I - I I
<i>Spinus pinus</i>	
___ *American Goldfinch .....	F F F F
<i>Spinus tristis</i>	

**PASSERELLIDAE: [13]**

___ *Eastern Towhee .....	C C C C
<i>Pipilo erythrophthalmus</i>	

**PASSERELLIDAE: [13]**

___ *Chipping Sparrow .....	A C C C
<i>Spizella passerina</i>	
___ *Field Sparrow .....	F F F F
<i>Spizella pusilla</i>	
___ Vesper Sparrow .....	- - V -
<i>Poocetes gramineus</i>	
___ Savannah Sparrow .....	O - O O
<i>Passerculus sandwichensis</i>	
___ *Grasshopper Sparrow .....	R R R -
<i>Ammodramus savannarum</i>	
___ Le Conte's Sparrow .....	V - V -
<i>Ammodramus leconteii</i>	
___ Fox Sparrow .....	R - R U
<i>Passerella iliaca</i>	
___ Song Sparrow .....	U - U F
<i>Melospiza melodia</i>	
___ Swamp Sparrow .....	U - U F
<i>Melospiza georgiana</i>	
___ White-throated Sparrow .....	C - C A
<i>Zonotrichia albicollis</i>	
___ White-crowned Sparrow .....	- - V -
<i>Zonotrichia leucophrys</i>	
___ Dark-eyed Junco .....	C - C A
<i>Junco hyemalis</i>	
<b>ICTERIIDAE: [1]</b>	
___ *Yellow-breasted Chat .....	F F F -
<i>Icteria virens</i>	
<b>ICTERIDAE: Blackbirds &amp; Orioles [8]</b>	
___ Bobolink .....	- - - -
<i>Dolichonyx oryzivorus</i>	
___ ~Eastern Meadowlark .....	U - U U
<i>Sturnella magna</i>	
___ *Orchard Oriole .....	O O - -
<i>Icterus spurius</i>	
___ Baltimore Oriole .....	O - O -
<i>Icterus galbula</i>	
___ Red-winged Blackbird .....	U U U U
<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>	
___ *Brown-headed Cowbird .....	C C F F
<i>Molothrus ater</i>	
___ Rusty Blackbird .....	- - - R
<i>Euphagus carolinus</i>	
___ *Common Grackle .....	F F F F
<i>Quiscalus quiscula</i>	

**PARULIDAE: Warblers [33]**

___ *Ovenbird .....	F F O X
<i>Seiurus aurocapilla</i>	
___ Worm-eating Warbler (Mountain population).....	R V - -
<i>Helmitheros vermivorum</i>	
___ *Louisiana Waterthrush .....	F F O -
<i>Parkesia motacilla</i>	
___ Northern Waterthrush .....	O - - -
<i>Parkesia noveboracensis</i>	
___ Golden-winged Warbler .....	- - - -
<i>Vermivora chrysoptera</i>	
___ Blue-winged Warbler .....	R - - -
<i>Vermivora cyanoptera</i>	
___ ~Black-and-white Warbler .....	F U F -
<i>Mniotilta varia</i>	
___ *Prothonotary Warbler .....	F F F -
<i>Protonotaria citrea</i>	
___ ~Swainson's Warbler .....	R R - -
<i>Limnithlypis swainsonii</i>	
___ Tennessee Warbler .....	- - V -
<i>Leiothlypis peregrina</i>	
___ Mourning Warbler .....	- - - -
<i>Geothlypis philadelphia</i>	
___ *Kentucky Warbler .....	F F O -
<i>Geothlypis formosa</i>	
___ *Common Yellowthroat .....	C C U O
<i>Geothlypis trichas</i>	
___ *Hooded Warbler .....	C C U -
<i>Setophaga citrina</i>	
___ *American Redstart .....	F F O -
<i>Setophaga ruticilla</i>	
___ Cape May Warbler .....	V - V -
<i>Setophaga tigrina</i>	
___ Cerulean Warbler .....	R V - -
<i>Setophaga cerulea</i>	
___ *Northern Parula .....	C C U -
<i>Setophaga americana</i>	
___ Magnolia Warbler .....	R - R -
<i>Setophaga magnolia</i>	
___ Bay-breasted Warbler .....	- - V -
<i>Setophaga castanea</i>	
___ Blackburnian Warbler .....	R - - -
<i>Setophaga fusca</i>	

**PARULIDAE: Warblers [33]**

___ Yellow Warbler .....	R - - -
<i>Setophaga petechia</i>	
___ Chestnut-sided Warbler .....	R - - -
<i>Setophaga pensylvanica</i>	
___ Blackpoll Warbler .....	O - - -
<i>Setophaga striata</i>	
___ Black-throated Blue Warbler .....	U - U -
<i>Setophaga caerulescens</i>	
___ Palm Warbler .....	O - O -
<i>Setophaga palmarum</i>	
___ *Pine Warbler .....	F F F F
<i>Setophaga pinus</i>	
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler .....	F - F F
<i>Setophaga coronata</i>	
___ *Yellow-throated Warbler .....	F F O -
<i>Setophaga dominica</i>	
___ *Prairie Warbler .....	F F - -
<i>Setophaga discolor</i>	
___ Black-throated Green Warbler .....	R - V -
<i>Setophaga virens</i>	
___ Canada Warbler .....	R - - -
<i>Cardellina canadensis</i>	
___ Wilson's Warbler .....	- - V -
<i>Cardellina pusilla</i>	

**CARDINALIDAE: Grosbeaks & Buntings [6]**

___ *Summer Tanager .....	F F F -
<i>Piranga rubra</i>	
___ ~Scarlet Tanager .....	F F U -
<i>Piranga olivacea</i>	
___ *Northern Cardinal .....	C C C C
<i>Cardinalis cardinalis</i>	
___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak .....	U - U -
<i>Pheucticus ludovicianus</i>	
___ *Blue Grosbeak .....	F F F -
<i>Passerina caerulea</i>	
___ *Indigo Bunting .....	C C F -
<i>Passerina cyanea</i>	