

A BIRD Checklist for Chimney Rock State Park 132 taxa

Of the 473 species known from North Carolina, 132 have been recorded at the state park. Of these, 9 species are known to nest within the park. 36 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 Chimney 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



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

132 BIRD taxa**ANATIDAE: Swans, Geese & Ducks [3]**

___ Snow Goose	X - - -
<i>Anser caerulescens</i>	
___ Mallard	- - - -
<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	
___ Common Merganser	- - - -
<i>Mergus merganser</i>	

ODONTOPHORIDAE: Quail [1]

___ ~Northern Bobwhite	- - R R
<i>Colinus virginianus</i>	

PHASIANIDAE: Grouse [2]

___ ~Ruffed Grouse	R R R R
<i>Bonasa umbellus</i>	
___ *Wild Turkey	F F F F
<i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>	

COLUMBIDAE: Doves [2]

___ Rock Pigeon, Rock Dove	U U U R
<i>Columba livia</i>	
___ ~Mourning Dove	R U U R
<i>Zenaida macroura</i>	

CUCULIDAE: Cuckoos, Roadrunner & Anis [2]

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

CAPRIMULGIDAE: Goatsuckers [1]

___ Common Nighthawk	- - U -
<i>Chordeiles minor</i>	

APODIDAE: Swifts [1]

___ Chimney Swift	U U U -
<i>Chaetura pelagica</i>	

TROCHILIDAE: Hummingbirds [1]

___ ~Ruby-throated Hummingbird	U C C -
<i>Archilochus colubris</i>	

SCOLOPACIDAE: Sandpipers [1]

___ Spotted Sandpiper	- R - -
<i>Actitis macularius</i>	

GAVIIDAE: Loons [1]

___ Common Loon	X - - -
<i>Gavia immer</i>	

ARDEIDAE: Herons [1]

___ Great Blue Heron	- - - X
<i>Ardea herodias</i>	

THRESKIORNITHIDAE: Ibis [1]

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

CATHARTIDAE: New World Vultures [2]

___ ~Black Vulture	U U U U
<i>Coragyps atratus</i>	
___ ~Turkey Vulture	C C C U
<i>Cathartes aura</i>	

PANDIONIDAE: Osprey [1]

___ Osprey	R R R -
<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	

ACCIPITRIDAE: Eagles, Kites & Hawks [7]

___ Bald Eagle	- - - -
<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	
___ Northern Harrier	- - R -
<i>Circus hudsonius</i>	
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk	U - U U
<i>Accipiter striatus</i>	
___ Cooper's Hawk	U - U U
<i>Accipiter cooperii</i>	
___ Red-shouldered Hawk	- - R -
<i>Buteo lineatus</i>	
___ Broad-winged Hawk	C U C -
<i>Buteo platypterus</i>	
___ Red-tailed Hawk	U U C C
<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	

STRIGIDAE: Owls [3]

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

ALCEDINIDAE: Kingfisher [1]

___ Belted Kingfisher	R R R R
<i>Megaceryle alcyon</i>	

PICIDAE: Woodpeckers [7]

___ Red-headed Woodpecker	- - R -
<i>Melanerpes erythrocephalus</i>	
___ *Red-bellied Woodpecker	C C C C
<i>Melanerpes carolinus</i>	
___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	U - U C
<i>Sphyrapicus varius</i>	
___ *Downy Woodpecker	C C C C
<i>Dryobates pubescens</i>	

PICIDAE: Woodpeckers [7]

___ *Hairy Woodpecker	U U U U
<i>Picoides villosus</i>	
___ Northern Flicker	U U U U
<i>Colaptes auratus</i>	
___ *Pileated Woodpecker	- - - -
<i>Dryocopus pileatus</i>	

FALCONIDAE: Falcons [3]

___ ~American Kestrel	R R U R
<i>Falco sparverius</i>	
___ Merlin	- - X -
<i>Falco columbarius</i>	
___ *Peregrine Falcon	U U U U
<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	

TYRANNIDAE: Flycatchers [4]

___ ~Eastern Wood-pewee	U C C -
<i>Contopus virens</i>	
___ ~Acadian Flycatcher	U U - -
<i>Empidonax vireescens</i>	
___ *Eastern Phoebe	C C C U
<i>Sayornis phoebe</i>	
___ ~Great Crested Flycatcher	U U R -
<i>Myiarchus crinitus</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>	
___ Philadelphia Vireo	- - - -
<i>Vireo philadelphicus</i>	
___ ~Red-eyed Vireo	- - - -
<i>Vireo olivaceus</i>	

CORVIDAE: Jays & Crows [3]

___ ~Blue Jay	U U C U
<i>Cyanocitta cristata</i>	
___ ~American Crow	- - - -
<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>	
___ ~Common Raven	- - - -
<i>Corvus corax</i>	

ALAUDIDAE: Larks [1]

___ Horned Lark	X - - -
<i>Eremophila alpestris</i>	

HIRUNDINIDAE: Swallows [2]

__ *Northern Rough-winged Swallow	U U U -
<i>Stelgidopteryx serripennis</i>	
__ Barn Swallow	R R R -
<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	

PARIDAE: Chickadees & Titmice [2]

__ ~Carolina Chickadee	- - - -
<i>Poecile carolinensis</i>	
__ ~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>	

TURDIDAE: Thrushes [7]

__ 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>	

PASSERIDAE: Old World Sparrows [1]

__ House Sparrow	R R R R
<i>Passer domesticus</i>	

FRINGILLIDAE: Finches [4]

__ House Finch	- - - -
<i>Haemorhous mexicanus</i>	
__ Purple Finch	- - - -
<i>Haemorhous purpureus</i>	
__ Pine Siskin	- - - -
<i>Spinus pinus</i>	
__ American Goldfinch	- - - -
<i>Spinus tristis</i>	

PASSERELLIDAE: [6]

__ ~Eastern Towhee	- - - -
<i>Pipilo erythrophthalmus</i>	
__ ~Chipping Sparrow	- - - -
<i>Spizella passerina</i>	
__ Field Sparrow	- - - -
<i>Spizella pusilla</i>	
__ ~Song Sparrow	- - - -
<i>Melospiza melodia</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 [4]

__ Eastern Meadowlark	- - - -
<i>Sturnella magna</i>	
__ Baltimore Oriole	- - - -
<i>Icterus galbula</i>	
__ Brown-headed Cowbird	- - - -
<i>Molothrus ater</i>	
__ Common Grackle	- - - -
<i>Quiscalus quiscula</i>	

PARULIDAE: Warblers [31]

__ Ovenbird	- - - -
<i>Seiurus aurocapilla</i>	
__ ~Worm-eating Warbler (Mountain population).....	- - - -
<i>Helmitheros vermivorum</i>	
__ Louisiana Waterthrush	- - - -
<i>Parkesia motacilla</i>	
__ Blue-winged Warbler	- - - -
<i>Vermivora cyanoptera</i>	
__ ~Black-and-white Warbler	- - - -
<i>Mniotilta varia</i>	
__ Swainson's Warbler	- - - -
<i>Limnithlypis swainsonii</i>	
__ Tennessee Warbler	- - - -
<i>Leiothlypis peregrina</i>	
__ Orange-crowned Warbler	- - - -
<i>Leiothlypis celata</i>	
__ Nashville Warbler	- - - -
<i>Leiothlypis ruficapilla</i>	
__ Kentucky Warbler	- - - -
<i>Geothlypis formosa</i>	
__ Common Yellowthroat	- - - -
<i>Geothlypis trichas</i>	
__ ~Hooded Warbler	- - - -
<i>Setophaga citrina</i>	
__ American Redstart	- - - -
<i>Setophaga ruticilla</i>	
__ Cape May Warbler	- - - -
<i>Setophaga tigrina</i>	
__ *Cerulean Warbler	- - - -
<i>Setophaga cerulea</i>	
__ ~Northern Parula	- - - -
<i>Setophaga americana</i>	
__ Magnolia Warbler	- - - -
<i>Setophaga magnolia</i>	

PARULIDAE: Warblers [31]

- ___ Bay-breasted Warbler - - - -
Setophaga castanea
- ___ Blackburnian Warbler - - - -
Setophaga fusca
- ___ Yellow Warbler - - - -
Setophaga petechia
- ___ Chestnut-sided Warbler - - - -
Setophaga pensylvanica
- ___ Blackpoll Warbler - - - -
Setophaga striata
- ___ Black-throated Blue Warbler - - - -
Setophaga caerulescens
- ___ Palm Warbler - - - -
Setophaga palmarum
- ___ Pine Warbler - - - -
Setophaga pinus
- ___ Yellow-rumped Warbler - - - -
Setophaga coronata
- ___ Yellow-throated Warbler - - - -
Setophaga dominica
- ___ Prairie Warbler - - - -
Setophaga discolor
- ___ ~Black-throated Green Warbler - - - -
Setophaga virens
- ___ Canada Warbler - - - -
Cardellina canadensis
- ___ Wilson's Warbler - - - -
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