

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>](https://carolinabirdclub.org/ncbirds/index.html)

Resources



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

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

- Snow Goose x - - -
Anser caerulescens
- Mallard - - -
Anas platyrhynchos
- Common Merganser - - -
Mergus merganser

ODONTOPHORIDAE: Quail [1]

- ~Northern Bobwhite - - R R
Colinus virginianus

PHASIANIDAE: Grouse [2]

- ~Ruffed Grouse R R R R
Bonasa umbellus
- *Wild Turkey F F F F
Meleagris gallopavo

COLUMBIDAE: Doves [2]

- Rock Pigeon, Rock Dove U U U R
Columba livia
- ~Mourning Dove R U U R
Zenaida macroura

CUCULIDAE: Cuckoos, Roadrunner & Anis [2]

- Yellow-billed Cuckoo U U - -
Coccyzus americanus
- Black-billed Cuckoo x - - -
Coccyzus erythrophthalmus

CAPRIMULGIDAE: Goatsuckers [1]

- Common Nighthawk - - U -
Chordeiles minor

APODIDAE: Swifts [1]

- Chimney Swift U U U -
Chaetura peligra

TROCHILIDAE: Hummingbirds [1]

- ~Ruby-throated Hummingbird U C C -
Archilochus colubris

SCOLOPACIDAE: Sandpipers [1]

- Spotted Sandpiper - R - -
Actitis macularius

GAVIIDAE: Loons [1]

- Common Loon x - - -
Gavia immer

ARDEIDAE: Herons [1]

- Great Blue Heron - - - x
Ardea herodias

THRESKIORNITHIDAE: Ibis [1]

- White Ibis - - - -
Eudocimus albus

CATHARTIDAE: New World Vultures [2]

- ~Black Vulture U U U U
Coragyps atratus
- ~Turkey Vulture c c c U
Cathartes aura

PANDIONIDAE: Osprey [1]

- Osprey R R R -
Pandion haliaetus

ACCIPITRIDAE: Eagles, Kites & Hawks [7]

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

STRIGIDAE: Owls [3]

- Eastern Screech-owl R R R R
Megascops asio
- Great Horned Owl - - - -
Bubo virginianus
- Barred Owl U U - -
Strix varia

ALCEDINIDAE: Kingfisher [1]

- Belted Kingfisher R R R R
Megacyrle alcyon

PICIDAE: Woodpeckers [7]

- Red-headed Woodpecker - - R -
Melanerpes erythrocephalus
- *Red-bellied Woodpecker c c C C
Melanerpes carolinus
- Yellow-bellied Sapsucker U - U C
Sphyrapicus varius
- *Downy Woodpecker c c C C
Dryobates pubescens

PICIDAE: Woodpeckers [7]

- *Hairy Woodpecker U U U U
Picoides villosus
- Northern Flicker U U U U
Colaptes auratus
- *Pileated Woodpecker - - - -
Dryocopus pileatus

FALCONIDAE: Falcons [3]

- ~American Kestrel R R U R
Falco sparverius
- Merlin - - X -
Falco columbarius
- *Peregrine Falcon U U U U
Falco peregrinus

TYRANNIDAE: Flycatchers [4]

- ~Eastern Wood-peewee U C C -
Contopus virens
- ~Acadian Flycatcher U U - -
Empidonax virescens
- *Eastern Phoebe C C C U
Sayornis phoebe
- ~Great Crested Flycatcher U U R -
Myiarchus crinitus

VIREONIDAE: Vireos [5]

- White-eyed Vireo - - - -
Vireo griseus
- Yellow-throated Vireo - - - -
Vireo flavifrons
- Blue-headed (or Solitary) Vireo - - - -
Vireo solitarius
- Philadelphia Vireo - - - -
Vireo philadelphicus
- ~Red-eyed Vireo - - - -
Vireo olivaceus

CORVIDAE: Jays & Crows [3]

- ~Blue Jay U U C U
Cyanocitta cristata
- ~American Crow - - - -
Corvus brachyrhynchos
- ~Common Raven - - - -
Corvus corax

ALAUDIDAE: Larks [1]

- Horned Lark x - - -
Eremophila alpestris

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HIRUNDINIDAE: Swallows [2]

- *Northern Rough-winged Swallow U U U -
- *Stelgidopteryx serripennis*

- Barn Swallow R R R -
- *Hirundo rustica*

PARIDAE: Chickadees & Titmice [2]

- ~Carolina Chickadee - - -
- *Poecile carolinensis*

- ~Tufted Titmouse - - -
- *Baeolophus bicolor*

SITTIDAE: Nuthatches [2]

- Red-breasted Nuthatch - - -
- *Sitta canadensis*

- ~White-breasted Nuthatch - - -
- *Sitta carolinensis*

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 - - -
- *Polioptila 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*

- Swainson's Thrush - - -
- *Catharus ustulatus*

- Hermit Thrush - - -
- *Catharus guttatus*

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TURDIDAE: Thrushes [7]

- 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 R R R R
- *Passer domesticus*

FRINGILLIDAE: Finches [4]

- House Finch - - -
- *Haemorhous mexicanus*
- Purple Finch - - -
- *Haemorhous purpureus*

- Pine Siskin - - -
- *Spinus pinus*

- American Goldfinch - - -
- *Spinus tristis*

PASSERELLIDAE: [6]

- ~Eastern Towhee - - -
- *Pipilo erythrrophthalmus*

- ~Chipping Sparrow - - -
- *Spizella passerina*

- Field Sparrow - - -
- *Spizella pusilla*

- ~Song Sparrow - - -
- *Melospiza melodia*

- White-throated Sparrow - - -
- *Zonotrichia albicollis*

- ~Dark-eyed Junco - - -
- *Junco hyemalis*

ICTERIIDAE: [1]

- Yellow-breasted Chat - - -
- *Icteria virens*

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ICTERIDAE: Blackbirds & Orioles [4]

- Eastern Meadowlark - - -
- *Sturnella magna*
- Baltimore Oriole - - -
- *Icterus galbula*
- Brown-headed Cowbird - - -
- *Molothrus ater*
- Common Grackle - - -
- *Quiscalus quiscula*

PARULIDAE: Warblers [31]

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

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*