

A BIRD Checklist for Elk Knob State Park 88 taxa

Of the 473 species known from North Carolina, 88 have been recorded at the state park. Of these, 25 species are known to nest within the park. 5 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 Elk Knob 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



88 BIRD taxa**PHASIANIDAE: Grouse [2]**

- ___ Ruffed Grouse - - - -
Bonasa umbellus
 ___ *Wild Turkey - - - -
Meleagris gallopavo

COLUMBIDAE: Doves [1]

- ___ *Mourning Dove - - - -
Zenaida macroura

CUCULIDAE: Cuckoos, Roadrunner & Anis [1]

- ___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo - - - -
Coccyzus americanus

APODIDAE: Swifts [1]

- ___ ~Chimney Swift - - - -
Chaetura pelagica

TROCHILIDAE: Hummingbirds [1]

- ___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird - - - -
Archilochus colubris

SCOLOPACIDAE: Sandpipers [1]

- ___ American Woodcock - - - -
Scolopax minor

CATHARTIDAE: New World Vultures [1]

- ___ Turkey Vulture - - - -
Cathartes aura

PANDIONIDAE: Osprey [1]

- ___ Osprey - - - -
Pandion haliaetus

ACCIPITRIDAE: Eagles, Kites & Hawks [5]

- ___ Northern Harrier - - - -
Circus hudsonius
 ___ Sharp-shinned Hawk - - - -
Accipiter striatus
 ___ Cooper's Hawk - - - -
Accipiter cooperii
 ___ Broad-winged Hawk - - - -
Buteo platypterus
 ___ Red-tailed Hawk - - - -
Buteo jamaicensis

STRIGIDAE: Owls [4]

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

STRIGIDAE: Owls [4]

- ___ Northern Saw-whet Owl - - - -
Aegolius acadicus

PICIDAE: Woodpeckers [6]

- ___ Red-bellied Woodpecker - - - -
Melanerpes carolinus
 ___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - - - -
Sphyrapicus varius
 ___ Downy Woodpecker - - - -
Dryobates pubescens
 ___ Hairy Woodpecker - - - -
Picoides villosus
 ___ Northern Flicker - - - -
Colaptes auratus
 ___ Pileated Woodpecker - - - -
Dryocopus pileatus

TYRANNIDAE: Flycatchers [3]

- ___ *Eastern Wood-pewee - - - -
Contopus virens
 ___ *Least Flycatcher - - - -
Empidonax minimus
 ___ Eastern Phoebe - - - -
Sayornis phoebe

VIREONIDAE: Vireos [3]

- ___ Yellow-throated Vireo - - - -
Vireo flavifrons
 ___ *Blue-headed (or Solitary) Vireo - - - -
Vireo solitarius
 ___ *Red-eyed Vireo - - - -
Vireo olivaceus

CORVIDAE: Jays & Crows [3]

- ___ *Blue Jay - - - -
Cyanocitta cristata
 ___ American Crow - - - -
Corvus brachyrhynchos
 ___ ~Common Raven - - - -
Corvus corax

HIRUNDINIDAE: Swallows [1]

- ___ Barn Swallow - - - -
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

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 [6]

- ___ Eastern Bluebird - - - -
Sialia sialis
 ___ Veery - - - -
Catharus fuscescens
 ___ Swainson's Thrush - - - -
Catharus ustulatus
 ___ ~Hermit Thrush - - - -
Catharus guttatus
 ___ *Wood Thrush - - - -
Hylocichla mustelina
 ___ *American Robin - - - -
Turdus migratorius

MIMIDAE: Mockingbirds & Thrashers [2]

- ___ *Gray Catbird - - - -
Dumetella carolinensis
 ___ *Brown Thrasher - - - -
Toxostoma rufum

STURNIDAE: Starling [1]

- ___ European Starling - - - -
Sturnus vulgaris

BOMBYCILLIDAE: Waxwings [1]

- ___ ~Cedar Waxwing - - - -
Bombycilla cedrorum

FRINGILLIDAE: Finches [2]

- ___ Pine Siskin - - - -
Spinus pinus
- ___ *American Goldfinch - - - -
Spinus tristis

PASSERELLIDAE: [8]

- ___ *Eastern Towhee - - - -
Pipilo erythrophthalmus
- ___ Chipping Sparrow - - - -
Spizella passerina
- ___ *Field Sparrow - - - -
Spizella pusilla
- ___ Vesper Sparrow - - - -
Pooecetes gramineus
- ___ *Song Sparrow - - - -
Melospiza melodia
- ___ White-throated Sparrow - - - -
Zonotrichia albicollis
- ___ White-crowned Sparrow - - - -
Zonotrichia leucophrys
- ___ *Dark-eyed Junco - - - -
Junco hyemalis

ICTERIDAE: Blackbirds & Orioles [4]

- ___ Red-winged Blackbird - - - -
Agelaius phoeniceus
- ___ Brown-headed Cowbird - - - -
Molothrus ater
- ___ Brewer's Blackbird - - - -
Euphagus cyanocephalus
- ___ Common Grackle - - - -
Quiscalus quiscula

PARULIDAE: Warblers [16]

- ___ *Ovenbird - - - -
Seiurus aurocapilla
- ___ *Golden-winged Warbler - - - -
Vermivora chrysoptera
- ___ Black-and-white Warbler - - - -
Mniotilta varia
- ___ Tennessee Warbler - - - -
Leiothlypis peregrina
- ___ Nashville Warbler - - - -
Leiothlypis ruficapilla
- ___ Connecticut Warbler - - - -
Oporornis agilis

PARULIDAE: Warblers [16]

- ___ *Common Yellowthroat - - - -
Geothlypis trichas
- ___ Hooded Warbler - - - -
Setophaga citrina
- ___ Cape May Warbler - - - -
Setophaga tigrina
- ___ Magnolia Warbler - - - -
Setophaga magnolia
- ___ Bay-breasted Warbler - - - -
Setophaga castanea
- ___ *Yellow Warbler - - - -
Setophaga petechia
- ___ *Chestnut-sided Warbler - - - -
Setophaga pensylvanica
- ___ Black-throated Blue Warbler - - - -
Setophaga caerulescens
- ___ Black-throated Green Warbler - - - -
Setophaga virens
- ___ Canada Warbler - - - -
Cardellina canadensis

CARDINALIDAE: Grosbeaks & Buntings [4]

- ___ Scarlet Tanager - - - -
Piranga olivacea
- ___ *Northern Cardinal - - - -
Cardinalis cardinalis
- ___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak - - - -
Pheucticus ludovicianus
- ___ *Indigo Bunting - - - -
Passerina cyanea