

A BIRD Checklist for Gorges State Park 99 taxa

Of the 473 species known from North Carolina, 99 have been recorded at the state park. Of these, 1 species is known to nest within the park. 1 is 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 Gorges 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



99 BIRD taxa**NUMIDIDAE: [1]**

- ___ a guineafowl - - - -
Numida unidentifed species

ANATIDAE: Swans, Geese & Ducks [5]

- ___ Canada Goose - - - -
Branta canadensis
 ___ Wood Duck - - - -
Aix sponsa
 ___ Blue-winged Teal - - - -
Spatula discors
 ___ Mallard - - - -
Anas platyrhynchos
 ___ Common Merganser - - - -
Mergus merganser

PHASIANIDAE: Grouse [2]

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

COLUMBIDAE: Doves [1]

- ___ Mourning Dove - - - -
Zenaida macroura

CUCULIDAE: Cuckoos, Roadrunner & Anis [2]

- ___ *Yellow-billed Cuckoo - - - -
Coccyzus americanus
 ___ Black-billed Cuckoo - - - -
Coccyzus erythrophthalmus

CAPRIMULGIDAE: Goatsuckers [2]

- ___ Common Nighthawk - - - -
Chordeiles minor
 ___ Eastern whip-poor-will - - - -
Anrostomus vociferus

APODIDAE: Swifts [1]

- ___ Chimney Swift - - - -
Chaetura pelagica

TROCHILIDAE: Hummingbirds [1]

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

SCOLOPACIDAE: Sandpipers [3]

- ___ American Woodcock - - - -
Scolopax minor
 ___ Wilson's Snipe - - - -
Gallinago delicata

SCOLOPACIDAE: Sandpipers [3]

- ___ Spotted Sandpiper - - - -
Actitis macularius

ARDEIDAE: Herons [1]

- ___ Great Blue Heron - - - -
Ardea herodias

CATHARTIDAE: New World Vultures [2]

- ___ Black Vulture - - - -
Coragyps atratus
 ___ Turkey Vulture - - - -
Cathartes aura

PANDIONIDAE: Osprey [1]

- ___ Osprey - - - -
Pandion haliaetus

ACCIPITRIDAE: Eagles, Kites & Hawks [6]

- ___ Bald Eagle - - - -
Haliaeetus leucocephalus
 ___ Sharp-shinned Hawk - - - -
Accipiter striatus
 ___ Cooper's Hawk - - - -
Accipiter cooperii
 ___ Red-shouldered Hawk - - - -
Buteo lineatus
 ___ Broad-winged Hawk - - - -
Buteo platypterus
 ___ Red-tailed Hawk - - - -
Buteo jamaicensis

STRIGIDAE: Owls [3]

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

ALCEDINIDAE: Kingfisher [1]

- ___ Belted Kingfisher - - - -
Megaceryle alcyon

PICIDAE: Woodpeckers [5]

- ___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - - - -
Sphyrapicus varius
 ___ Downy Woodpecker - - - -
Dryobates pubescens
 ___ ~Hairy Woodpecker - - - -
Picoides villosus

PICIDAE: Woodpeckers [5]

- ___ Northern Flicker - - - -
Colaptes auratus
 ___ Pileated Woodpecker - - - -
Dryocopus pileatus

TYRANNIDAE: Flycatchers [5]

- ___ Eastern Wood-pewee - - - -
Contopus virens
 ___ Acadian Flycatcher - - - -
Empidonax vireescens
 ___ Eastern Phoebe - - - -
Sayornis phoebe
 ___ Great Crested Flycatcher - - - -
Myiarchus crinitus
 ___ Eastern Kingbird - - - -
Tyrannus tyrannus

VIREONIDAE: Vireos [4]

- ___ White-eyed Vireo - - - -
Vireo griseus
 ___ 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 [2]

- ___ Purple Martin - - - -
Progne subis
 ___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow - - - -
Stelgidopteryx serripennis

PARIDAE: Chickadees & Titmice [2]

- ___ Carolina Chickadee - - - -
Poecile carolinensis
 ___ Tufted Titmouse - - - -
Baeolophus bicolor

SITTIDAE: Nuthatches [2]

- ___ Red-breasted Nuthatch - - - -
Sitta canadensis

SITTIDAE: Nuthatches [2]

- __ White-breasted Nuthatch - - - -
Sitta carolinensis

TROGLODYTIDAE: Wrens [2]

- __ Winter Wren - - - -
Troglodytes hiemalis
- __ Carolina Wren - - - -
Thryothorus ludovicianus

POLIOPTILIDAE: Gnatcatchers [1]

- __ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - - - -
Poliopitila caerulea

REGULIDAE: Kinglets [1]

- __ Golden-crowned Kinglet - - - -
Regulus satrapa

TURDIDAE: Thrushes [5]

- __ Eastern Bluebird - - - -
Sialia sialis
- __ 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

BOMBYCILLIDAE: Waxwings [1]

- __ Cedar Waxwing - - - -
Bombycilla cedrorum

FRINGILLIDAE: Finches [3]

- __ Red Crossbill - - - -
Loxia curvirostra
- __ Pine Siskin - - - -
Spinus pinus
- __ American Goldfinch - - - -
Spinus tristis

PASSERELLIDAE: [6]

- __ Eastern Towhee - - - -
Pipilo erythrophthalmus
- __ Chipping Sparrow - - - -
Spizella passerina

PASSERELLIDAE: [6]

- __ 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

PARULIDAE: Warblers [18]

- __ Ovenbird - - - -
Seiurus aurocapilla
- __ Worm-eating Warbler (Mountain population)..... - - - -
Helmitheros vermivorum
- __ Louisiana Waterthrush - - - -
Parkesia motacilla
- __ Black-and-white Warbler - - - -
Mniotilta varia
- __ Swainson's Warbler - - - -
Limnothlypis swainsonii
- __ Kentucky Warbler - - - -
Geothlypis formosa
- __ Hooded Warbler - - - -
Setophaga citrina
- __ American Redstart - - - -
Setophaga ruticilla
- __ Northern Parula - - - -
Setophaga americana
- __ Magnolia Warbler - - - -
Setophaga magnolia
- __ Blackburnian Warbler - - - -
Setophaga fusca
- __ Chestnut-sided Warbler - - - -
Setophaga pensylvanica
- __ Black-throated Blue Warbler - - - -
Setophaga caerulescens
- __ Pine Warbler - - - -
Setophaga pinus
- __ Yellow-throated Warbler - - - -
Setophaga dominica

PARULIDAE: Warblers [18]

- __ Prairie Warbler - - - -
Setophaga discolor
- __ Black-throated Green Warbler - - - -
Setophaga virens
- __ Canada Warbler - - - -
Cardellina canadensis

CARDINALIDAE: Grosbeaks & Buntings [4]

- __ Summer Tanager - - - -
Piranga rubra
- __ Scarlet Tanager - - - -
Piranga olivacea
- __ Northern Cardinal - - - -
Cardinalis cardinalis
- __ Indigo Bunting - - - -
Passerina cyanea