

A BIRD Checklist for Hanging Rock State Park 171 taxa

Of the 473 species known from North Carolina, 171 have been recorded at the state park. Of these, 18 species are known to nest within the park. 6 are suspected of nesting. 1 is an escape. We would appreciate any report of sightings that increase our knowledge of the park's bird life.

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Notes

BIRD CHECKLIST Hanging 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>

171 BIRD taxa

ANATIDAE: Swans, Geese & Ducks [11]

| | |
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| ___ Snow Goose | - - V - |
| <i>Anser caerulescens</i> | |
| ___ Canada Goose | C C C C |
| <i>Branta canadensis</i> | |
| ___ Wood Duck | O O O O |
| <i>Aix sponsa</i> | |
| ___ Mallard | O O O O |
| <i>Anas platyrhynchos</i> | |
| ___ Ring-necked Duck | - - R R |
| <i>Aythya collaris</i> | |
| ___ Bufflehead | - - R R |
| <i>Bucephala albeola</i> | |
| ___ Common Goldeneye | - - - V |
| <i>Bucephala clangula</i> | |
| ___ Hooded Merganser | R - R O |
| <i>Lophodytes cucullatus</i> | |
| ___ Common Merganser | V - - V |
| <i>Mergus merganser</i> | |
| ___ Red-breasted Merganser | V - - V |
| <i>Mergus serrator</i> | |
| ___ Ruddy Duck | - - - - |
| <i>Oxyura jamaicensis</i> | |

ODONTOPHORIDAE: Quail [1]

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|------------------------------|---------|
| ___ *Northern Bobwhite | O O O O |
| <i>Colinus virginianus</i> | |

PHASIANIDAE: Grouse [3]

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| ___ Ring-necked Pheasant | - - E - |
| <i>Phasianus colchicus</i> | |
| ___ ~Ruffed Grouse | - - V - |
| <i>Bonasa umbellus</i> | |
| ___ *Wild Turkey | C C C C |
| <i>Meleagris gallopavo</i> | |

PODICIPEDIDAE: Grebes [2]

| | |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| ___ Pied-billed Grebe | - - R R |
| <i>Podilymbus podiceps</i> | |
| ___ Horned Grebe | - - V V |
| <i>Podiceps auritus</i> | |

COLUMBIDAE: Doves [2]

| | |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| ___ Rock Pigeon, Rock Dove | O - O - |
| <i>Columba livia</i> | |
| ___ *Mourning Dove | C C C C |
| <i>Zenaida macroura</i> | |

CUCULIDAE: Cuckoos, Roadrunner & Anis [1]

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| ___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo | F F F - |
| <i>Coccyzus americanus</i> | |

CAPRIMULGIDAE: Goatsuckers [3]

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

APODIDAE: Swifts [1]

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

TROCHILIDAE: Hummingbirds [1]

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| ___ ~Ruby-throated Hummingbird | F F F - |
| <i>Archilochus colubris</i> | |

RALLIDAE: Rails [1]

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|-------------------------|---------|
| ___ American Coot | - - R - |
| <i>Fulica americana</i> | |

GRUIDAE: Cranes [1]

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|----------------------------|---------|
| ___ Sandhill Crane | - - - V |
| <i>Antigone canadensis</i> | |

CHARADRIIDAE: Plovers [1]

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|-----------------------------|---------|
| ___ Killdeer | - R - R |
| <i>Charadrius vociferus</i> | |

SCOLOPACIDAE: Sandpipers [3]

| | |
|------------------------------|---------|
| ___ ~American Woodcock | - - - U |
| <i>Scolopax minor</i> | |
| ___ Spotted Sandpiper | O - O - |
| <i>Actitis macularia</i> | |
| ___ Solitary Sandpiper | O - - - |
| <i>Tringa solitaria</i> | |

LARIDAE: Gulls & Terns [1]

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|---------------------------|---------|
| ___ Caspian Tern | V - - - |
| <i>Hydroprogne caspia</i> | |

GAVIIDAE: Loons [1]

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|-----------------------|---------|
| ___ Common Loon | V - - - |
| <i>Gavia immer</i> | |

PHALACROCORACIDAE: Cormorants [1]

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| ___ Double-crested Cormorant | R - - R |
| <i>Nannopterum auritus</i> | |

ARDEIDAE: Herons [3]

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| ___ Great Blue Heron | U U U U |
| <i>Ardea herodias</i> | |

ARDEIDAE: Herons [3]

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|----------------------------|---------|
| ___ Great Egret | - - R - |
| <i>Ardea alba</i> | |
| ___ Green Heron | - R - - |
| <i>Butorides virescens</i> | |

CATHARTIDAE: New World Vultures [2]

| | |
|--------------------------|---------|
| ___ Black Vulture | C C C C |
| <i>Coragyps atratus</i> | |
| ___ Turkey Vulture | C C C C |
| <i>Cathartes aura</i> | |

PANDIONIDAE: Osprey [1]

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|--------------------------|---------|
| ___ Osprey | U U F R |
| <i>Pandion haliaetus</i> | |

ACCIPITRIDAE: Eagles, Kites & Hawks [10]

| | |
|---------------------------------|---------|
| ___ Swallow-tailed Kite | X - - - |
| <i>Elanoides forficatus</i> | |
| ___ Mississippi Kite | - - V - |
| <i>Ictinia mississippiensis</i> | |
| ___ Bald Eagle | - - O O |
| <i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i> | |
| ___ Northern Harrier | O - U U |
| <i>Circus hudsonius</i> | |
| ___ Sharp-shinned Hawk | U U F U |
| <i>Accipiter striatus</i> | |
| ___ Cooper's Hawk | U U F U |
| <i>Accipiter cooperii</i> | |
| ___ Red-shouldered Hawk | F F F F |
| <i>Buteo lineatus</i> | |
| ___ Broad-winged Hawk | F F C - |
| <i>Buteo platypterus</i> | |
| ___ Red-tailed Hawk | F F F F |
| <i>Buteo jamaicensis</i> | |
| ___ Golden Eagle | - - V - |
| <i>Aquila chrysaetos</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]

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|-----------------------------|---------|
| ___ Belted Kingfisher | U U U U |
| <i>Megaceryle alcyon</i> | |

PICIDAE: Woodpeckers [7]

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|------------------------------------|---------|
| ___ 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 | U - U F |
| <i>Sphyrapicus varius</i> | |
| ___ Downy Woodpecker | C C C C |
| <i>Dryobates pubescens</i> | |
| ___ Hairy Woodpecker | C C C C |
| <i>Picoides villosus</i> | |
| ___ Northern Flicker | C C C C |
| <i>Colaptes auratus</i> | |
| ___ *Pileated Woodpecker | C C C C |
| <i>Dryocopus pileatus</i> | |

FALCONIDAE: Falcons [3]

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|-----------------------------|---------|
| ___ American Kestrel | O O F O |
| <i>Falco sparverius</i> | |
| ___ Merlin | - - U - |
| <i>Falco columbarius</i> | |
| ___ *Peregrine Falcon | O O U O |
| <i>Falco peregrinus</i> | |

TYRANNIDAE: Flycatchers [7]

| | |
|------------------------------------|---------|
| ___ Olive-sided Flycatcher | V - - - |
| <i>Contopus cooperi</i> | |
| ___ Eastern Wood-pewee | F F F - |
| <i>Contopus virens</i> | |
| ___ Acadian Flycatcher | F F F - |
| <i>Empidonax virens</i> | |
| ___ Willow Flycatcher | R - - - |
| <i>Empidonax traillii</i> | |
| ___ ~Eastern Phoebe | F F F F |
| <i>Sayornis phoebe</i> | |
| ___ Great Crested Flycatcher | F F F - |
| <i>Myiarchus crinitus</i> | |
| ___ Eastern Kingbird | U - - - |
| <i>Tyrannus tyrannus</i> | |

VIREONIDAE: Vireos [6]

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|---|---------|
| ___ White-eyed Vireo | U U U - |
| <i>Vireo griseus</i> | |
| ___ Yellow-throated Vireo | U U U - |
| <i>Vireo flavifrons</i> | |
| ___ Blue-headed (or Solitary) Vireo | F F F O |
| <i>Vireo solitarius</i> | |

VIREONIDAE: Vireos [6]

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|------------------------------|---------|
| ___ Philadelphia Vireo | R - R - |
| <i>Vireo philadelphicus</i> | |
| ___ Warbling Vireo | O O O - |
| <i>Vireo gilvus</i> | |
| ___ Red-eyed Vireo | C C F - |
| <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 | - O O - |
| <i>Corvus ossifragus</i> | |
| ___ *Common Raven | C C C C |
| <i>Corvus corax</i> | |

HIRUNDINIDAE: Swallows [5]

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|---|---------|
| ___ Purple Martin | U O U - |
| <i>Progne subis</i> | |
| ___ Tree Swallow | U U U - |
| <i>Tachycineta bicolor</i> | |
| ___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow | - U U - |
| <i>Stelgidopteryx serripennis</i> | |
| ___ Cliff Swallow | O - O - |
| <i>Petrochelidon pyrrhonota</i> | |
| ___ Barn Swallow | U U U - |
| <i>Hirundo rustica</i> | |

PARIDAE: Chickadees & Titmice [2]

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|-------------------------------|---------|
| ___ *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 | C C C C |
| <i>Sitta carolinensis</i> | |
| ___ Brown-headed Nuthatch | O O O O |
| <i>Sitta pusilla</i> | |

CERTHIIDAE: Creeper [1]

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|--------------------------|---------|
| ___ Brown Creeper | O - O U |
| <i>Certhia americana</i> | |

TROGLODYTIDAE: Wrens [3]

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| ___ House Wren | O - O O |
| <i>Troglodytes aedon</i> | |

TROGLODYTIDAE: Wrens [3]

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|---------------------------------|---------|
| ___ Winter Wren | U - U F |
| <i>Troglodytes hiemalis</i> | |
| ___ *Carolina Wren | C C C C |
| <i>Thryothorus ludovicianus</i> | |

POLIOPTILIDAE: Gnatcatchers [1]

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|---------------------------------|---------|
| ___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher | F F F - |
| <i>Poliophtila caerulea</i> | |

REGULIDAE: Kinglets [2]

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|----------------------------------|---------|
| ___ Golden-crowned Kinglet | O - - U |
| <i>Regulus satrapa</i> | |
| ___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet | O - O U |
| <i>Corthylio calendula</i> | |

TURDIDAE: Thrushes [8]

| | |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| ___ *Eastern Bluebird | C C C C |
| <i>Sialia sialis</i> | |
| ___ Veery | O - U - |
| <i>Catharus fuscescens</i> | |
| ___ Gray-cheeked Thrush | - - U - |
| <i>Catharus minimus</i> | |
| ___ Bicknell's Thrush | - - V - |
| <i>Catharus bicknelli</i> | |
| ___ Swainson's Thrush | U - U - |
| <i>Catharus ustulatus</i> | |
| ___ Hermit Thrush | - - U F |
| <i>Catharus guttatus</i> | |
| ___ Wood Thrush | C C C - |
| <i>Hylocichla mustelina</i> | |
| ___ American Robin | C C C C |
| <i>Turdus migratorius</i> | |

MIMIDAE: Mockingbirds & Thrashers [3]

| | |
|--------------------------------|---------|
| ___ Gray Catbird | U U - - |
| <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]

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|-----------------------------|---------|
| ___ European Starling | F F F F |
| <i>Sturnus vulgaris</i> | |

BOMBYCILLIDAE: Waxwings [1]

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| ___ Cedar Waxwing | F F F F |
| <i>Bombycilla cedrorum</i> | |

FRINGILLIDAE: Finches [6]

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| ___ Evening Grosbeak | - - - R |
| <i>Coccothraustes vespertinus</i> | |

FRINGILLIDAE: Finches [6]

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|------------------------------|---------|
| __ House Finch | U U U U |
| <i>Haemorhous mexicanus</i> | |
| __ Purple Finch | O - - U |
| <i>Haemorhous purpureus</i> | |
| __ Red Crossbill | - - - R |
| <i>Loxia curvirostra</i> | |
| __ Pine Siskin | - - O U |
| <i>Spinus pinus</i> | |
| __ *American Goldfinch | A A A A |
| <i>Spinus tristis</i> | |

PASSERELLIDAE: [9]

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|----------------------------------|---------|
| __ *Eastern Towhee | F F F F |
| <i>Pipilo erythrophthalmus</i> | |
| __ Chipping Sparrow | F F F F |
| <i>Spizella passerina</i> | |
| __ Field Sparrow | U U U U |
| <i>Spizella pusilla</i> | |
| __ Savannah Sparrow | O - - O |
| <i>Passerculus sandwichensis</i> | |
| __ Fox Sparrow | - - - U |
| <i>Passerella iliaca</i> | |
| __ Song Sparrow | U U U F |
| <i>Melospiza melodia</i> | |
| __ Swamp Sparrow | - - - U |
| <i>Melospiza georgiana</i> | |
| __ White-throated Sparrow | U - U C |
| <i>Zonotrichia albicollis</i> | |
| __ Dark-eyed Junco | O - O F |
| <i>Junco hyemalis</i> | |

ICTERIIDAE: [1]

| | |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| __ Yellow-breasted Chat | O - - - |
| <i>Icteria virens</i> | |

ICTERIDAE: Blackbirds & Orioles [7]

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|-------------------------------|---------|
| __ Eastern Meadowlark | O - - - |
| <i>Sturnella magna</i> | |
| __ Orchard Oriole | O - - - |
| <i>Icterus spurius</i> | |
| __ Baltimore Oriole | O O O - |
| <i>Icterus galbula</i> | |
| __ Red-winged Blackbird | O O O O |
| <i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i> | |
| __ Brown-headed Cowbird | U U U U |
| <i>Molothrus ater</i> | |

ICTERIDAE: Blackbirds & Orioles [7]

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|---------------------------|---------|
| __ Rusty Blackbird | O - - O |
| <i>Euphagus carolinus</i> | |
| __ Common Grackle | U U U U |
| <i>Quiscalus quiscula</i> | |

PARULIDAE: Warblers [31]

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

PARULIDAE: Warblers [31]

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| __ Blackburnian Warbler | O - U - |
| <i>Setophaga fusca</i> | |
| __ Yellow Warbler | U - U - |
| <i>Setophaga petechia</i> | |
| __ Chestnut-sided Warbler | U - U - |
| <i>Setophaga pensylvanica</i> | |
| __ Blackpoll Warbler | U - U - |
| <i>Setophaga striata</i> | |
| __ Black-throated Blue Warbler | F - F - |
| <i>Setophaga caerulescens</i> | |
| __ Palm Warbler | O - - - |
| <i>Setophaga palmarum</i> | |
| __ Pine Warbler | F F F F |
| <i>Setophaga pinus</i> | |
| __ Yellow-rumped Warbler | U - U F |
| <i>Setophaga coronata</i> | |
| __ Yellow-throated Warbler | O - O - |
| <i>Setophaga dominica</i> | |
| __ Prairie Warbler | O - O - |
| <i>Setophaga discolor</i> | |
| __ *Black-throated Green Warbler | F F F - |
| <i>Setophaga virens</i> | |
| __ Canada Warbler | O - O - |
| <i>Cardellina canadensis</i> | |

CARDINALIDAE: Grosbeaks & Buntings [6]

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