

A BIRD Checklist for Hanging Rock State Park 172 taxa

Of the 473 species known from North Carolina, 172 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>

172 BIRD taxa

ANATIDAE: [1]

__ Trumpeter Swan - - - -
Cygnus buccinator

ANATIDAE: Swans, Geese & Ducks [11]

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

ODONTOPHORIDAE: Quail [1]

__ *Northern Bobwhite O O O O
Colinus virginianus

PHASIANIDAE: Grouse [3]

__ Ring-necked Pheasant - - E -
Phasianus colchicus
 __ ~Ruffed Grouse - - V -
Bonasa umbellus
 __ *Wild Turkey C C C C
Meleagris gallopavo

PODICIPEDIDAE: Grebes [2]

__ Pied-billed Grebe - - R R
Podilymbus podiceps
 __ Horned Grebe - - V V
Podiceps auritus

COLUMBIDAE: Doves [2]

__ Rock Pigeon, Rock Dove O - O -
Columba livia

COLUMBIDAE: Doves [2]

__ *Mourning Dove C C C C
Zenaidura macroura

CUCULIDAE: Cuckoos, Roadrunner & Anis [1]

__ Yellow-billed Cuckoo F F F -
Coccyzus americanus

CAPRIMULGIDAE: Goatsuckers [3]

__ Common Nighthawk - U F -
Chordeiles minor
 __ Chuck-will's-widow U - - -
Antrostomus carolinensis
 __ Eastern whip-poor-will U U - -
Antrostomus vociferus

APODIDAE: Swifts [1]

__ *Chimney Swift U U F -
Chaetura pelagica

TROCHILIDAE: Hummingbirds [1]

__ ~Ruby-throated Hummingbird F F F -
Archilochus colubris

RALLIDAE: Rails [1]

__ American Coot - - R -
Fulica americana

GRUIDAE: Cranes [1]

__ Sandhill Crane - - - V
Antigone canadensis

CHARADRIIDAE: Plovers [1]

__ Killdeer - R - R
Charadrius vociferus

SCOLOPACIDAE: Sandpipers [3]

__ ~American Woodcock - - - U
Scolopax minor
 __ Spotted Sandpiper O - O -
Actitis macularia
 __ Solitary Sandpiper O - - -
Tringa solitaria

LARIDAE: Gulls & Terns [1]

__ Caspian Tern V - - -
Hydroprogne caspia

GAVIIDAE: Loons [1]

__ Common Loon V - - -
Gavia immer

PHALACROCORACIDAE: Cormorants [1]

__ Double-crested Cormorant R - - R
Nannopterum auritus

ARDEIDAE: Herons [3]

__ Great Blue Heron U U U U
Ardea herodias
 __ Great Egret - - R -
Ardea alba
 __ Green Heron - R - -
Butorides virescens

CATHARTIDAE: New World Vultures [2]

__ Black Vulture C C C C
Coragyps atratus
 __ Turkey Vulture C C C C
Cathartes aura

PANDIONIDAE: Osprey [1]

__ Osprey U U F R
Pandion haliaetus

ACCIPITRIDAE: Eagles, Kites & Hawks [10]

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

STRIGIDAE: Owls [3]

__ *Eastern Screech-owl U U U U
Megascops asio
 __ ~Great Horned Owl U U U U
Bubo virginianus
 __ Barred Owl U U U U
Strix varia

ALCEDINIDAE: Kingfisher [1]

__ Belted Kingfisher U U U U
Megaceryle alcyon

PICIDAE: Woodpeckers [7]

___ 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]

___ 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]

___ 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]

___ 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]

___ 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]

___ *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]

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

TROGLODYTIDAE: Wrens [3]

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

TROGLODYTIDAE: Wrens [3]

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

POLIOPTILIDAE: Gnatcatchers [1]

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

REGULIDAE: Kinglets [2]

___ 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]

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

BOMBYCILLIDAE: Waxwings [1]

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

FRINGILLIDAE: Finches [6]

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

FRINGILLIDAE: Finches [6]

___ 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]

___ *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]

___ 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]

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

PARULIDAE: Warblers [31]

___ 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]

___ 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]

___ 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>	