

A BIRD Checklist for Merchants Millpond State Park 223 taxa

Of the 473 species known from North Carolina, 223 have been recorded at the state park. Of these, 71 species are known to nest within the park. 15 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

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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>

223 BIRD taxa

ANATIDAE: Swans, Geese & Ducks [24]

___ Snow Goose	R - R R
<i>Anser caerulescens</i>	
___ *Canada Goose	C C C C
<i>Branta canadensis</i>	
___ Tundra Swan	X X U O
<i>Cygnus columbianus</i>	
___ *Wood Duck	C C C C
<i>Aix sponsa</i>	
___ Blue-winged Teal	U - U O
<i>Spatula discors</i>	
___ Northern Shoveler	R - R R
<i>Spatula clypeata</i>	
___ Gadwall	R - O U
<i>Mareca strepera</i>	
___ Eurasian Wigeon	- - - -
<i>Mareca penelope</i>	
___ American Wigeon	O - F F
<i>Mareca americana</i>	
___ *Mallard	F F C C
<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	
___ American Black Duck	O - U F
<i>Anas rubripes</i>	
___ Northern Pintail	V - V R
<i>Anas acuta</i>	
___ Green-winged Teal	U - U U
<i>Anas crecca</i>	
___ Canvasback	V - V V
<i>Aythya valisineria</i>	
___ Redhead	V - V V
<i>Aythya americana</i>	
___ Ring-necked Duck	U - F C
<i>Aythya collaris</i>	
___ Greater Scaup	- - - V
<i>Aythya marila</i>	
___ Lesser Scaup	V - V V
<i>Aythya affinis</i>	
___ Bufflehead	R - R R
<i>Bucephala albeola</i>	
___ Common Goldeneye	O - O U
<i>Bucephala clangula</i>	
___ Hooded Merganser	U R F F
<i>Lophodytes cucullatus</i>	

ANATIDAE: Swans, Geese & Ducks [24]

___ Common Merganser	- - - -
<i>Mergus merganser</i>	
___ Red-breasted Merganser	- - - R
<i>Mergus serrator</i>	
___ Ruddy Duck	V - V R
<i>Oxyura jamaicensis</i>	

ODONTOPHORIDAE: Quail [1]

___ ~Northern Bobwhite	U U U U
<i>Colinus virginianus</i>	

PHASIANIDAE: Grouse [1]

___ *Wild Turkey	F F F F
<i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>	

PODICIPEDIDAE: Grebes [3]

___ Pied-billed Grebe	U - F F
<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>	
___ Horned Grebe	V - V V
<i>Podiceps auritus</i>	
___ Red-necked Grebe	V - V V
<i>Podiceps grisegena</i>	

COLUMBIDAE: Doves [2]

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

CUCULIDAE: Cuckoos, Roadrunner & Anis [2]

___ *Yellow-billed Cuckoo	F F U -
<i>Coccyzus americanus</i>	
___ Black-billed Cuckoo	- - - -
<i>Coccyzus erythrophthalmus</i>	

CAPRIMULGIDAE: Goatsuckers [3]

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

APODIDAE: Swifts [1]

___ *Chimney Swift	C C C -
<i>Chaetura pelagica</i>	

TROCHILIDAE: Hummingbirds [1]

___ *Ruby-throated Hummingbird	C C C -
<i>Archilochus colubris</i>	

RALLIDAE: Rails [7]

___ Yellow Rail	- - - -
<i>Coturnicops noveboracensis</i>	

RALLIDAE: Rails [7]

___ King Rail	V V V V
<i>Rallus elegans</i>	
___ Virginia Rail	V - - -
<i>Rallus limicola</i>	
___ Sora	R - R -
<i>Porzana carolina</i>	
___ Purple Gallinule (historical)	X - - -
<i>Porphyrio martinicus</i>	
___ Common Gallinule	O V R -
<i>Gallinula galeata</i>	
___ American Coot	U - U O
<i>Fulica americana</i>	

CHARADRIIDAE: Plovers [1]

___ *Killdeer	F F F F
<i>Charadrius vociferus</i>	

SCOLOPACIDAE: Sandpipers [8]

___ Least Sandpiper	- - - -
<i>Calidris minutilla</i>	
___ Pectoral Sandpiper	- - R -
<i>Calidris melanotos</i>	
___ *American Woodcock	U U U U
<i>Scolopax minor</i>	
___ Wilson's Snipe	U - U U
<i>Gallinago delicata</i>	
___ Spotted Sandpiper	U - U -
<i>Actitis macularius</i>	
___ Solitary Sandpiper	V - - -
<i>Tringa solitaria</i>	
___ Lesser Yellowlegs	- - - -
<i>Tringa flavipes</i>	
___ Greater Yellowlegs	O - O -
<i>Tringa melanoleuca</i>	

LARIDAE: Gulls & Terns [6]

___ Laughing Gull	U - U O
<i>Leucophaeus atricilla</i>	
___ Ring-billed Gull	F U F F
<i>Larus delawarensis</i>	
___ Herring Gull	U - U U
<i>Larus argentatus</i>	
___ Great Black-backed Gull	O - O O
<i>Larus marinus</i>	
___ Black Tern (historical)	- - X -
<i>Chlidonias niger</i>	

LARIDAE: Gulls & Terns [6]

___ Royal Tern - - - -
Thalasseus maximus

GAVIIDAE: Loons [1]

___ Common Loon O - O -
Gavia immer

CICONIIDAE: Stork [1]

___ Wood Stork - - - -
Mycteria americana

PHALACROCORACIDAE: Cormorants [1]

___ Double-crested Cormorant U - U U
Nannopterum auritus

ANHINGIDAE: Anhinga [1]

___ ~Anhinga U U O -
Anhinga anhinga

ARDEIDAE: Herons [11]

___ American Bittern O - O U
Botaurus lentiginosus

___ Least Bittern R R R -
Ixobrychus exilis

___ *Great Blue Heron C C C C
Ardea herodias

___ ~Great Egret F F F O
Ardea alba

___ Snowy Egret O O O V
Egretta thula

___ Little Blue Heron R R R -
Egretta caerulea

___ Tricolored Heron V R V -
Egretta tricolor

___ Cattle Egret O O O -
Bubulcus ibis

___ ~Green Heron C C C -
Butorides virescens

___ Black-crowned Night-heron O U O -
Nycticorax nycticorax

___ Yellow-crowned Night-heron - - - -
Nyctanassa violacea

THRESKIORNITHIDAE: Ibis [2]

___ White Ibis - I - -
Eudocimus albus

___ Glossy Ibis R R R -
Plegadis falcinellus

CATHARTIDAE: New World Vultures [2]

___ *Black Vulture C C C C
Coragyps atratus

CATHARTIDAE: New World Vultures [2]

___ ~Turkey Vulture C C C C
Cathartes aura

PANDIONIDAE: Osprey [1]

___ Osprey F F U R
Pandion haliaetus

ACCIPITRIDAE: Eagles, Kites & Hawks [9]

___ ~Mississippi Kite - - - -
Ictinia mississippiensis

___ *Bald Eagle F F F F
Haliaeetus leucocephalus

___ Northern Harrier F - F F
Circus hudsonius

___ Sharp-shinned Hawk U U U U
Accipiter striatus

___ ~Cooper's Hawk U U U U
Accipiter cooperii

___ *Red-shouldered Hawk C C C C
Buteo lineatus

___ Broad-winged Hawk R R R -
Buteo platyterus

___ *Red-tailed Hawk F F F F
Buteo jamaicensis

___ Rough-legged Hawk (historical) - - - X
Buteo lagopus

TYTONIDAE: Barn-owl [1]

___ Barn Owl R R R R
Tyto alba

STRIGIDAE: Owls [3]

___ *Eastern Screech-owl U U U U
Megascops asio

___ *Great Horned Owl F F F F
Bubo virginianus

___ *Barred Owl F F F F
Strix varia

ALCEDINIDAE: Kingfisher [1]

___ ~Belted Kingfisher F F F F
Megaceryle alcyon

PICIDAE: Woodpeckers [8]

___ *Red-headed Woodpecker O O O O
Melanerpes erythrocephalus

___ *Red-bellied Woodpecker C C C C
Melanerpes carolinus

___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker U - C C
Sphyrapicus varius

PICIDAE: Woodpeckers [8]

___ *Downy Woodpecker C C C C
Dryobates pubescens

___ *Hairy Woodpecker F F F F
Picoides villosus

___ Red-cockaded Woodpecker - - - -
Dryobates borealis

___ *Northern Flicker C C C C
Colaptes auratus

___ *Pileated Woodpecker C C C C
Dryocopus pileatus

FALCONIDAE: Falcons [3]

___ American Kestrel F - F F
Falco sparverius

___ Merlin R R R -
Falco columbarius

___ Peregrine Falcon - - - -
Falco peregrinus

TYRANNIDAE: Flycatchers [6]

___ *Eastern Wood-pewee F F U -
Contopus virens

___ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher - - V -
Empidonax flaviventris

___ *Acadian Flycatcher C C U -
Empidonax virescens

___ *Eastern Phoebe F F F F
Sayornis phoebe

___ *Great Crested Flycatcher C C F -
Myiarchus crinitus

___ *Eastern Kingbird F F F -
Tyrannus tyrannus

LANIIDAE: Shrikes [1]

___ Loggerhead Shrike R - R R
Lanius ludovicianus

VIREONIDAE: Vireos [6]

___ *White-eyed Vireo C C F O
Vireo griseus

___ *Yellow-throated Vireo C C F -
Vireo flavifrons

___ Blue-headed (or Solitary) Vireo U - U U
Vireo solitarius

___ Philadelphia Vireo - - R -
Vireo philadelphicus

___ Warbling Vireo V - - -
Vireo gilvus

VIREONIDAE: Vireos [6]

___ *Red-eyed Vireo C C F -
Vireo olivaceus

CORVIDAE: Jays & Crows [3]

___ *Blue Jay F F F F
Cyanocitta cristata

___ *American Crow C C C C
Corvus brachyrhynchos

___ *Fish Crow C C C C
Corvus ossifragus

ALAUDIDAE: Larks [1]

___ Horned Lark U - U U
Eremophila alpestris

HIRUNDINIDAE: Swallows [5]

___ ~Purple Martin F F F U
Progne subis

___ Tree Swallow F - F -
Tachycineta bicolor

___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow F U U -
Stelgidopteryx serripennis

___ Bank Swallow R - R -
Riparia riparia

___ Barn Swallow F F F -
Hirundo rustica

PARIDAE: Chickadees & Titmice [2]

___ *Carolina Chickadee C C C C
Poecile carolinensis

___ *Tufted Titmouse C C C C
Baeolophus bicolor

SITTIDAE: Nuthatches [3]

___ Red-breasted Nuthatch V - U U
Sitta canadensis

___ *White-breasted Nuthatch C C C C
Sitta carolinensis

___ *Brown-headed Nuthatch F F F F
Sitta pusilla

CERTHIIDAE: Creeper [1]

___ Brown Creeper O - U U
Certhia americana

TROGLODYTIDAE: Wrens [3]

___ House Wren U - U U
Troglodytes aedon

___ Winter Wren U - F F
Troglodytes hiemalis

TROGLODYTIDAE: Wrens [3]

___ *Carolina Wren C C C C
Thryothorus ludovicianus

POLIOPTILIDAE: Gnatcatchers [1]

___ *Blue-gray Gnatcatcher C C C -
Poliioptila caerulea

REGULIDAE: Kinglets [2]

___ Golden-crowned Kinglet U - U F
Regulus satrapa

___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet F - F F
Corthylio calendula

TURDIDAE: Thrushes [7]

___ *Eastern Bluebird C C C C
Sialia sialis

___ Veery O - O -
Catharus fuscescens

___ Gray-cheeked Thrush U - U -
Catharus minimus

___ Swainson's Thrush U - U -
Catharus ustulatus

___ Hermit Thrush U - C C
Catharus guttatus

___ *Wood Thrush F F U -
Hylocichla mustelina

___ *American Robin C C C C
Turdus migratorius

MIMIDAE: Mockingbirds & Thrashers [3]

___ *Gray Catbird F F F F
Dumetella carolinensis

___ *Brown Thrasher F F F F
Toxostoma rufum

___ *Northern Mockingbird F F F C
Mimus polyglottos

STURNIDAE: Starling [1]

___ *European Starling U U F F
Sturnus vulgaris

BOMBYCILLIDAE: Waxwings [1]

___ *Cedar Waxwing F U F F
Bombycilla cedrorum

PASSERIDAE: Old World Sparrows [1]

___ House Sparrow O O O O
Passer domesticus

MOTACILLIDAE: Wagtails & Pipits [1]

___ American Pipit U - U U
Anthus rubescens

FRINGILLIDAE: Finches [5]

___ Evening Grosbeak O - O O
Coccothraustes vespertinus

___ House Finch U U U U
Haemorhous mexicanus

___ Purple Finch U - C C
Haemorhous purpureus

___ Pine Siskin O - O O
Spinus pinus

___ *American Goldfinch C C C C
Spinus tristis

PARULIDAE: Warblers [35]

___ Worm-eating Warbler (Coastal Plain
population)..... O - O -
Helmitheros vermivorum pop. 1

PASSERELLIDAE: [12]

___ *Eastern Towhee F F F F
Pipilo erythrophthalmus

___ American Tree Sparrow (historical) - - X -
Spizelloides arborea

___ *Chipping Sparrow C C C C
Spizella passerina

___ *Field Sparrow U U U U
Spizella pusilla

___ Lark Sparrow - - - -
Chondestes grammacus

___ Savannah Sparrow U - U U
Passerculus sandwichensis

___ Fox Sparrow U - F F
Passerella iliaca

___ Song Sparrow U U F F
Melospiza melodia

___ Swamp Sparrow U - F F
Melospiza georgiana

___ White-throated Sparrow C - C C
Zonotrichia albicollis

___ White-crowned Sparrow I - - I
Zonotrichia leucophrys

___ Dark-eyed Junco C - C C
Junco hyemalis

ICTERIIDAE: [1]

___ ~Yellow-breasted Chat U U O -
Icteria virens

ICTERIDAE: Blackbirds & Orioles [7]

___ Bobolink U - U -
Dolichonyx oryzivorus

ICTERIDAE: Blackbirds & Orioles [7]

___ Eastern Meadowlark	- - - -
<i>Sturnella magna</i>	
___ *Orchard Oriole	C C U -
<i>Icterus spurius</i>	
___ Baltimore Oriole	U - U -
<i>Icterus galbula</i>	

PARULIDAE: Warblers [35]

___ Black-throated Green Warbler - Coastal Plain Population.....	- - - -
<i>Setophaga virens waynei</i>	

ICTERIDAE: Blackbirds & Orioles [7]

___ *Red-winged Blackbird	C F C C
<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>	
___ *Brown-headed Cowbird	C C C C
<i>Molothrus ater</i>	
___ Rusty Blackbird	O - O O
<i>Euphagus carolinus</i>	
___ *Common Grackle	C C C C
<i>Quiscalus quiscula</i>	

PARULIDAE: Warblers [35]

___ *Ovenbird	C C F -
<i>Seiurus aurocapilla</i>	
___ Worm-eating Warbler (Mountain population).....	- - - -
<i>Helmitheros vermivorum</i>	
___ *Louisiana Waterthrush	F F F -
<i>Parkesia motacilla</i>	
___ Northern Waterthrush	U - U -
<i>Parkesia noveboracensis</i>	
___ Golden-winged Warbler	V - V -
<i>Vermivora chrysoptera</i>	
___ Blue-winged Warbler	R - R -
<i>Vermivora cyanoptera</i>	
___ ~Black-and-white Warbler	C C F V
<i>Mniotilta varia</i>	
___ *Prothonotary Warbler	C C U -
<i>Protonotaria citrea</i>	
___ ~Swainson's Warbler	- - - -
<i>Limnothlypis swainsonii</i>	
___ Tennessee Warbler	- - R -
<i>Leiothlypis peregrina</i>	
___ Orange-crowned Warbler	O - O V
<i>Leiothlypis celata</i>	

PARULIDAE: Warblers [35]

___ Nashville Warbler	- - - -
<i>Leiothlypis ruficapilla</i>	
___ Connecticut Warbler	- - V -
<i>Oporornis agilis</i>	
___ ~Kentucky Warbler	O V O -
<i>Geothlypis formosa</i>	
___ *Common Yellowthroat	C C C R
<i>Geothlypis trichas</i>	
___ *Hooded Warbler	F F F -
<i>Setophaga citrina</i>	
___ ~American Redstart	F O F -
<i>Setophaga ruticilla</i>	
___ Cape May Warbler	R - O -
<i>Setophaga tigrina</i>	
___ Cerulean Warbler	V - - -
<i>Setophaga cerulea</i>	
___ *Northern Parula	C C F -
<i>Setophaga americana</i>	
___ Magnolia Warbler	U - U -
<i>Setophaga magnolia</i>	
___ Bay-breasted Warbler	- - R -
<i>Setophaga castanea</i>	
___ Blackburnian Warbler	- - V -
<i>Setophaga fusca</i>	
___ Yellow Warbler	O - O -
<i>Setophaga petechia</i>	
___ Chestnut-sided Warbler	- - U -
<i>Setophaga pennsylvanica</i>	
___ Blackpoll Warbler	U - U -
<i>Setophaga striata</i>	
___ Black-throated Blue Warbler	U - U -
<i>Setophaga caerulescens</i>	
___ Palm Warbler	O - O -
<i>Setophaga palmarum</i>	
___ *Pine Warbler	F F F F
<i>Setophaga pinus</i>	
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler	C - C C
<i>Setophaga coronata</i>	
___ *Yellow-throated Warbler	C C F O
<i>Setophaga dominica</i>	
___ *Prairie Warbler	F F F F
<i>Setophaga discolor</i>	
___ Black-throated Green Warbler	O - O -
<i>Setophaga virens</i>	

PARULIDAE: Warblers [35]

___ Canada Warbler	V - - -
<i>Cardellina canadensis</i>	
___ Wilson's Warbler	- - V -
<i>Cardellina pusilla</i>	

CARDINALIDAE: Grosbeaks & Buntings [7]

___ *Summer Tanager	C C C -
<i>Piranga rubra</i>	
___ *Scarlet Tanager	U U U -
<i>Piranga olivacea</i>	
___ *Northern Cardinal	C C C C
<i>Cardinalis cardinalis</i>	
___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	U - U -
<i>Pheucticus ludovicianus</i>	
___ *Blue Grosbeak	F F F X
<i>Passerina caerulea</i>	
___ *Indigo Bunting	F F U -
<i>Passerina cyanea</i>	
___ Painted Bunting (historical)	X - - -
<i>Passerina ciris</i>	