

**A BIRD Checklist
for Mount Jefferson State Natural
Area
103 taxa**

Of the 473 species known from North Carolina, 103 have been recorded at the state park. Of these, 8 species are known to nest within the park. 20 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>

103 BIRD taxa**ANATIDAE: Swans, Geese & Ducks [2]**

__	Canada Goose	- - - -
	<i>Branta canadensis</i>	
__	Mallard	- - - -
	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	

ODONTOPHORIDAE: Quail [1]

__	~Northern Bobwhite	- - - -
	<i>Colinus virginianus</i>	

PHASIANIDAE: Grouse [2]

__	*Ruffed Grouse	- - - -
	<i>Bonasa umbellus</i>	
__	*Wild Turkey	- - - -
	<i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>	

COLUMBIDAE: Doves [1]

__	Mourning Dove	- - - -
	<i>Zenaida macroura</i>	

CUCULIDAE: Cuckoos, Roadrunner & Anis [1]

__	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	- - - -
	<i>Coccyzus americanus</i>	

CAPRIMULGIDAE: Goatsuckers [1]

__	Eastern whip-poor-will	- - - -
	<i>Antrostomus vociferus</i>	

APODIDAE: Swifts [1]

__	Chimney Swift	- - - -
	<i>Chaetura pelagica</i>	

TROCHILIDAE: Hummingbirds [1]

__	Ruby-throated Hummingbird	- - - -
	<i>Archilochus colubris</i>	

CHARADRIIDAE: Plovers [1]

__	Killdeer	- - - -
	<i>Charadrius vociferus</i>	

SCOLOPACIDAE: Sandpipers [1]

__	American Woodcock	- - - -
	<i>Scolopax minor</i>	

ARDEIDAE: Herons [1]

__	Great Blue Heron	- - - -
	<i>Ardea herodias</i>	

CATHARTIDAE: New World Vultures [2]

__	*Black Vulture	- - - -
	<i>Coragyps atratus</i>	
__	*Turkey Vulture	- - - -
	<i>Cathartes aura</i>	

ACCIPITRIDAE: Eagles, Kites & Hawks [5]

__	Bald Eagle	- - - -
	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	

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__	~Sharp-shinned Hawk	- - - -
	<i>Accipiter striatus</i>	
__	~Cooper's Hawk	- - - -
	<i>Accipiter cooperii</i>	
__	Broad-winged Hawk	- - - x
	<i>Buteo platypterus</i>	
__	~Red-tailed Hawk	- - - -
	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	

STRIGIDAE: Owls [4]

__	~Eastern Screech-owl	- - - -
	<i>Megascops asio</i>	
__	Barred Owl	- - - -
	<i>Strix varia</i>	
__	Long-eared Owl	- - - -
	<i>Asio otus</i>	
__	Northern Saw-whet Owl	R V R R
	<i>Aegolius acadicus</i>	

ALCEDINIDAE: Kingfisher [1]

__	Belted Kingfisher	- - - -
	<i>Megaceryle alcyon</i>	

PICIDAE: Woodpeckers [7]

__	Red-headed Woodpecker	- - - -
	<i>Melanerpes erythrocephalus</i>	
__	Red-bellied Woodpecker	- - - -
	<i>Melanerpes carolinus</i>	
__	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	- - - -
	<i>Sphyrapicus varius</i>	
__	Downy Woodpecker	- - - -
	<i>Dryobates pubescens</i>	
__	~Hairy Woodpecker	- - - -
	<i>Picoides villosus</i>	
__	Northern Flicker	- - - -
	<i>Colaptes auratus</i>	
__	Pileated Woodpecker	- - - -
	<i>Dryocopus pileatus</i>	

FALCONIDAE: Falcons [1]

__	~American Kestrel	- - - -
	<i>Falco sparverius</i>	

TYRANNIDAE: Flycatchers [6]

__	Eastern Wood-pewee	- - - -
	<i>Contopus virens</i>	
__	Willow Flycatcher	- - - -
	<i>Empidonax traillii</i>	

TYRANNIDAE: Flycatchers [6]

__	~Least Flycatcher	- - - -
	<i>Empidonax minimus</i>	
__	Eastern Phoebe	- - - -
	<i>Sayornis phoebe</i>	
__	~Great Crested Flycatcher	- - - -
	<i>Myiarchus crinitus</i>	
__	Eastern Kingbird	- - - -
	<i>Tyrannus tyrannus</i>	

VIREONIDAE: Vireos [4]

__	~White-eyed Vireo	- - - -
	<i>Vireo griseus</i>	
__	*Yellow-throated Vireo	- F - -
	<i>Vireo flavifrons</i>	
__	Blue-headed (or Solitary) Vireo	- - - -
	<i>Vireo solitarius</i>	
__	Red-eyed Vireo	- - - -
	<i>Vireo olivaceus</i>	

CORVIDAE: Jays & Crows [3]

__	Blue Jay	- - - -
	<i>Cyanocitta cristata</i>	
__	American Crow	- - - -
	<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>	
__	~Common Raven	- - - -
	<i>Corvus corax</i>	

HIRUNDINIDAE: Swallows [2]

__	Tree Swallow	- - - -
	<i>Tachycineta bicolor</i>	
__	Barn Swallow	- - - -
	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	

PARIDAE: Chickadees & Titmice [2]

__	Carolina Chickadee	- - - -
	<i>Poecile carolinensis</i>	
__	Tufted Titmouse	- - - -
	<i>Baeolophus bicolor</i>	

SITTIDAE: Nuthatches [2]

__	*Red-breasted Nuthatch	- - - -
	<i>Sitta canadensis</i>	
__	*White-breasted Nuthatch	C C - -
	<i>Sitta carolinensis</i>	

CERTHIIDAE: Creeper [1]

__	~Brown Creeper	- - - -
	<i>Certhia americana</i>	

TROGLODYTIDAE: Wrens [3]

__	House Wren	- - - -
	<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>	

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- ___ ~Winter Wren - - - -
Troglodytes hiemalis
- ___ *Carolina Wren - - - -
Thryothorus ludovicianus

REGULIDAE: Kinglets [2]

- ___ ~Golden-crowned Kinglet - - - -
Regulus satrapa
- ___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet - - - c
Corthylio calendula

TURDIDAE: Thrushes [5]

- ___ Eastern Bluebird - - - -
Sialia sialis
- ___ Veery - - - -
Catharus fuscescens
- ___ 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 [4]

- ___ House Finch - - - -
Haemorhous mexicanus
- ___ Purple Finch - - - -
Haemorhous purpureus
- ___ Pine Siskin - - - -
Spinus pinus
- ___ American Goldfinch - - - -
Spinus tristis

PASSERELLIDAE: [7]

- ___ Eastern Towhee - - - -
Pipilo erythrophthalmus

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- ___ Chipping Sparrow - - - -
Spizella passerina
- ___ Field Sparrow - - - -
Spizella pusilla
- ___ Savannah Sparrow - - - -
Passerculus sandwichensis
- ___ Song Sparrow - - - -
Melospiza melodia
- ___ White-throated Sparrow - - - -
Zonotrichia albicollis
- ___ ~Dark-eyed Junco - - - -
Junco hyemalis

ICTERIIDAE: [1]

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

ICTERIDAE: Blackbirds & Orioles [5]

- ___ Eastern Meadowlark - - - -
Sturnella magna
- ___ Baltimore Oriole - - - -
Icterus galbula
- ___ Red-winged Blackbird - - - -
Agelaius phoeniceus
- ___ Brown-headed Cowbird - - - -
Molothrus ater
- ___ Common Grackle - - - -
Quiscalus quiscula

PARULIDAE: Warblers [15]

- ___ Ovenbird - - - -
Seiurus aurocapilla
- ___ Worm-eating Warbler (Mountain population)..... - - - -
Helmitheros vermivorum
- ___ ~Northern Waterthrush - - - -
Parkesia noveboracensis
- ___ Black-and-white Warbler - - - -
Mniotilta varia
- ___ Common Yellowthroat - - - -
Geothlypis trichas
- ___ Hooded Warbler - - - -
Setophaga citrina
- ___ American Redstart - - - -
Setophaga ruticilla
- ___ Cape May Warbler - - - -
Setophaga tigrina

PARULIDAE: Warblers [15]

- ___ Blackburnian Warbler - - - -
Setophaga fusca
 - ___ ~Chestnut-sided Warbler - - - -
Setophaga pensylvanica
 - ___ Blackpoll Warbler - - - -
Setophaga striata
 - ___ ~Black-throated Blue Warbler - - - -
Setophaga caerulescens
 - ___ Yellow-rumped Warbler - - - -
Setophaga coronata
 - ___ ~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