

**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**

**BIRD  
CHECKLIST  
Mount Jefferson State Natural Area**



**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 ..... - - - -  
*Branta canadensis*  
 \_\_\_ Mallard ..... - - - -  
*Anas platyrhynchos*

**ODONTOPHORIDAE: Quail [1]**

- \_\_\_ ~Northern Bobwhite ..... - - - -  
*Colinus virginianus*

**PHASIANIDAE: Grouse [2]**

- \_\_\_ \*Ruffed Grouse ..... - - - -  
*Bonasa umbellus*  
 \_\_\_ \*Wild Turkey ..... - - - -  
*Meleagris gallopavo*

**COLUMBIDAE: Doves [1]**

- \_\_\_ Mourning Dove ..... - - - -  
*Zenaida macroura*

**CUCULIDAE: Cuckoos, Roadrunner & Anis [1]**

- \_\_\_ Yellow-billed Cuckoo ..... - - - -  
*Coccyzus americanus*

**CAPRIMULGIDAE: Goatsuckers [1]**

- \_\_\_ Eastern whip-poor-will ..... - - - -  
*Antrostomus vociferus*

**APODIDAE: Swifts [1]**

- \_\_\_ Chimney Swift ..... - - - -  
*Chaetura pelagica*

**TROCHILIDAE: Hummingbirds [1]**

- \_\_\_ Ruby-throated Hummingbird ..... - - - -  
*Archilochus colubris*

**CHARADRIIDAE: Plovers [1]**

- \_\_\_ Killdeer ..... - - - -  
*Charadrius vociferus*

**SCOLOPACIDAE: Sandpipers [1]**

- \_\_\_ American Woodcock ..... - - - -  
*Scolopax minor*

**ARDEIDAE: Herons [1]**

- \_\_\_ Great Blue Heron ..... - - - -  
*Ardea herodias*

**CATHARTIDAE: New World Vultures [2]**

- \_\_\_ \*Black Vulture ..... - - - -  
*Coragyps atratus*  
 \_\_\_ \*Turkey Vulture ..... - - - -  
*Cathartes aura*

**ACCIPITRIDAE: Eagles, Kites & Hawks [5]**

- \_\_\_ Bald Eagle ..... - - - -  
*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*

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- \_\_\_ ~Sharp-shinned Hawk ..... - - - -  
*Accipiter striatus*  
 \_\_\_ ~Cooper's Hawk ..... - - - -  
*Accipiter cooperii*  
 \_\_\_ Broad-winged Hawk ..... - - - x  
*Buteo platypterus*  
 \_\_\_ ~Red-tailed Hawk ..... - - - -  
*Buteo jamaicensis*

**STRIGIDAE: Owls [4]**

- \_\_\_ ~Eastern Screech-owl ..... - - - -  
*Megascops asio*  
 \_\_\_ Barred Owl ..... - - - -  
*Strix varia*  
 \_\_\_ Long-eared Owl ..... - - - -  
*Asio otus*  
 \_\_\_ Northern Saw-whet Owl ..... R V R R  
*Aegolius acadicus*

**ALCEDINIDAE: Kingfisher [1]**

- \_\_\_ Belted Kingfisher ..... - - - -  
*Megascops alcyon*

**PICIDAE: Woodpeckers [7]**

- \_\_\_ Red-headed Woodpecker ..... - - - -  
*Melanerpes erythrocephalus*  
 \_\_\_ Red-bellied Woodpecker ..... - - - -  
*Melanerpes carolinus*  
 \_\_\_ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker ..... - - - -  
*Sphyrapicus varius*  
 \_\_\_ Downy Woodpecker ..... - - - -  
*Dryobates pubescens*  
 \_\_\_ ~Hairy Woodpecker ..... - - - -  
*Picoides villosus*  
 \_\_\_ Northern Flicker ..... - - - -  
*Colaptes auratus*  
 \_\_\_ Pileated Woodpecker ..... - - - -  
*Dryocopus pileatus*

**FALCONIDAE: Falcons [1]**

- \_\_\_ ~American Kestrel ..... - - - -  
*Falco sparverius*

**TYRANNIDAE: Flycatchers [6]**

- \_\_\_ Eastern Wood-pewee ..... - - - -  
*Contopus virens*  
 \_\_\_ Willow Flycatcher ..... - - - -  
*Empidonax traillii*

**TYRANNIDAE: Flycatchers [6]**

- \_\_\_ ~Least Flycatcher ..... - - - -  
*Empidonax minimus*  
 \_\_\_ Eastern Phoebe ..... - - - -  
*Sayornis phoebe*  
 \_\_\_ ~Great Crested Flycatcher ..... - - - -  
*Myiarchus crinitus*  
 \_\_\_ Eastern Kingbird ..... - - - -  
*Tyrannus tyrannus*

**VIREONIDAE: Vireos [4]**

- \_\_\_ ~White-eyed Vireo ..... - - - -  
*Vireo griseus*  
 \_\_\_ \*Yellow-throated Vireo ..... - F - -  
*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]**

- \_\_\_ Tree Swallow ..... - - - -  
*Tachycineta bicolor*  
 \_\_\_ Barn Swallow ..... - - - -  
*Hirundo rustica*

**PARIDAE: Chickadees & Titmice [2]**

- \_\_\_ Carolina Chickadee ..... - - - -  
*Poecile carolinensis*  
 \_\_\_ Tufted Titmouse ..... - - - -  
*Baeolophus bicolor*

**SITTIDAE: Nuthatches [2]**

- \_\_\_ \*Red-breasted Nuthatch ..... - - - -  
*Sitta canadensis*  
 \_\_\_ \*White-breasted Nuthatch ..... C C - -  
*Sitta carolinensis*

**CERTHIIDAE: Creeper [1]**

- \_\_\_ ~Brown Creeper ..... - - - -  
*Certhia americana*

**TROGLODYTIDAE: Wrens [3]**

- \_\_\_ House Wren ..... - - - -  
*Troglodytes aedon*

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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*

**PASSERELLIDAE: [7]**

- \_\_\_ 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*