

**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 .....	-	-	-	-
	<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*

**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*