

A BIRD Checklist for Mount Mitchell State Park 80 taxa

Of the 473 species known from North Carolina, 80 have been recorded at the state park. Of these, 7 species are known to nest within the park. 24 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:

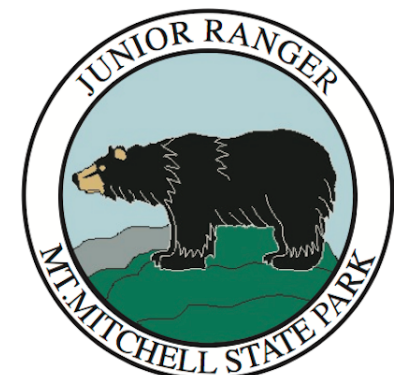
Spring - March to May
Summer - June to August
Fall - September to November
Winter - December to February

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>

80 BIRD taxa**ANATIDAE: Swans, Geese & Ducks [1]**

___ Canada Goose	-	-	-	-
<i>Branta canadensis</i>				

ODONTOPHORIDAE: Quail [1]

___ Northern Bobwhite	-	V	-	-
<i>Colinus virginianus</i>				

PHASIANIDAE: Grouse [2]

___ *Ruffed Grouse	0	0	0	0
<i>Bonasa umbellus</i>				
___ Wild Turkey	-	-	-	-
<i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>				

COLUMBIDAE: Doves [1]

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

APODIDAE: Swifts [1]

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

TROCHILIDAE: Hummingbirds [1]

___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird	-	F	-	-
<i>Archilochus colubris</i>				

SCOLOPACIDAE: Sandpipers [2]

___ Sanderling	-	-	X	-
<i>Calidris alba</i>				
___ American Woodcock	0	0	-	-
<i>Scolopax minor</i>				

GAVIIDAE: Loons [1]

___ Common Loon	-	-	-	-
<i>Gavia immer</i>				

PHALACROCORACIDAE: Cormorants [1]

___ Double-crested Cormorant	-	-	-	-
<i>Nannopterum auritus</i>				

ARDEIDAE: Herons [1]

___ Least Bittern	-	-	-	-
<i>Ixobrychus exilis</i>				

CATHARTIDAE: New World Vultures [1]

___ Turkey Vulture	-	-	-	-
<i>Cathartes aura</i>				

PANDIONIDAE: Osprey [1]

___ Osprey	-	-	-	-
<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>				

ACCIPITRIDAE: Eagles, Kites & Hawks [5]

___ ~Sharp-shinned Hawk	-	-	-	-
<i>Accipiter striatus</i>				

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___ ~Cooper's Hawk	-	-	-	-
<i>Accipiter cooperii</i>				
___ *Broad-winged Hawk	-	-	-	-
<i>Buteo platypterus</i>				
___ Red-tailed Hawk	-	-	-	-
<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>				
___ Golden Eagle	-	-	-	-
<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>				

STRIGIDAE: Owls [2]

___ Barred Owl	-	-	-	-
<i>Strix varia</i>				
___ ~Northern Saw-whet Owl	-	-	-	-
<i>Aegolius acadicus</i>				

PICIDAE: Woodpeckers [4]

___ 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>				

FALCONIDAE: Falcons [2]

___ Merlin	-	-	-	-
<i>Falco columbarius</i>				
___ ~Peregrine Falcon	-	-	-	-
<i>Falco peregrinus</i>				

TYRANNIDAE: Flycatchers [3]

___ ~Olive-sided Flycatcher	-	-	-	-
<i>Contopus cooperi</i>				
___ ~Alder Flycatcher	-	-	-	-
<i>Empidonax alnorum</i>				
___ Least Flycatcher	-	-	-	-
<i>Empidonax minimus</i>				

VIREONIDAE: Vireos [1]

___ *Blue-headed (or Solitary) Vireo	-	-	-	-
<i>Vireo solitarius</i>				

CORVIDAE: Jays & Crows [3]

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

PARIDAE: Chickadees & Titmice [3]

___ Carolina Chickadee	-	-	-	-
<i>Poecile carolinensis</i>				
___ Black-capped Chickadee (historical)	-	-	-	-
<i>Poecile atricapillus</i>				
___ Tufted Titmouse	-	-	-	-
<i>Baeolophus bicolor</i>				

SITTIDAE: Nuthatches [2]

___ ~Red-breasted Nuthatch	-	-	-	-
<i>Sitta canadensis</i>				
___ White-breasted Nuthatch	-	-	-	-
<i>Sitta carolinensis</i>				

CERTHIIDAE: Creeper [1]

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

TROGLODYTIDAE: Wrens [2]

___ House Wren	-	-	-	-
<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>				
___ ~Winter Wren	C	-	-	-
<i>Troglodytes hiemalis</i>				

REGULIDAE: Kinglets [2]

___ ~Golden-crowned Kinglet	-	-	-	-
<i>Regulus satrapa</i>				
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	-	-	-	-
<i>Corthylio calendula</i>				

TURDIDAE: Thrushes [6]

___ ~Veery	-	F	-	-
<i>Catharus fuscescens</i>				
___ Gray-cheeked Thrush	-	-	-	-
<i>Catharus minimus</i>				
___ Swainson's Thrush	-	-	-	-
<i>Catharus ustulatus</i>				
___ ~Hermit Thrush	-	U	-	-
<i>Catharus guttatus</i>				
___ Wood Thrush	-	-	-	-
<i>Hylocichla mustelina</i>				
___ ~American Robin	-	F	-	-
<i>Turdus migratorius</i>				

MIMIDAE: Mockingbirds & Thrashers [2]

___ ~Gray Catbird	-	-	-	-
<i>Dumetella carolinensis</i>				
___ Brown Thrasher	-	-	-	-
<i>Toxostoma rufum</i>				

BOMBYCILLIDAE: Waxwings [1]

___ ~Cedar Waxwing	-	C	-	-
<i>Bombycilla cedrorum</i>				

FRINGILLIDAE: Finches [4]

___ House Finch	-	X	-	-
<i>Haemorhous mexicanus</i>				
___ Red Crossbill	-	-	-	-
<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>				
___ *Pine Siskin	-	C	-	-
<i>Spinus pinus</i>				
___ ~American Goldfinch	-	F	-	-
<i>Spinus tristis</i>				

CALCARIIDAE: Longspurs and Snow Bunting [1]

___ Snow Bunting	-	-	-	-
<i>Plectrophenax nivalis</i>				

PASSERELLIDAE: [3]

___ Eastern Towhee	-	-	-	-
<i>Pipilo erythrophthalmus</i>				
___ ~Song Sparrow	-	-	-	-
<i>Melospiza melodia</i>				
___ *Dark-eyed Junco	-	C	-	-
<i>Junco hyemalis</i>				

ICTERIDAE: Blackbirds & Orioles [1]

___ Eastern Meadowlark	R	-	-	-
<i>Sturnella magna</i>				

PARULIDAE: Warblers [14]

___ Golden-winged Warbler	-	-	V	-
<i>Vermivora chrysoptera</i>				
___ Tennessee Warbler	-	-	-	-
<i>Leiothlypis peregrina</i>				
___ Orange-crowned Warbler	-	-	-	-
<i>Leiothlypis celata</i>				
___ Connecticut Warbler	-	-	X	-
<i>Oporornis agilis</i>				
___ Kentucky Warbler	-	-	-	-
<i>Geothlypis formosa</i>				
___ Common Yellowthroat	-	-	-	-
<i>Geothlypis trichas</i>				
___ ~Magnolia Warbler	-	-	-	-
<i>Setophaga magnolia</i>				
___ ~Blackburnian Warbler	-	-	-	-
<i>Setophaga fusca</i>				
___ *Chestnut-sided Warbler	-	-	-	-
<i>Setophaga pensylvanica</i>				
___ Blackpoll Warbler	-	-	-	-
<i>Setophaga striata</i>				
___ Black-throated Blue Warbler	-	-	-	-
<i>Setophaga caerulescens</i>				

PARULIDAE: Warblers [14]

___ ~Yellow-rumped Warbler	-	-	-	-
<i>Setophaga coronata</i>				
___ Black-throated Green Warbler	-	-	-	-
<i>Setophaga virens</i>				
___ Canada Warbler	-	-	-	-
<i>Cardellina canadensis</i>				

CARDINALIDAE: Grosbeaks & Buntings [4]

___ Scarlet Tanager	-	-	-	-
<i>Piranga olivacea</i>				
___ ~Northern Cardinal	-	-	-	-
<i>Cardinalis cardinalis</i>				
___ ~Rose-breasted Grosbeak	-	-	-	-
<i>Pheucticus ludovicianus</i>				
___ Indigo Bunting	-	-	-	-
<i>Passerina cyanea</i>				