

**A BIRD Checklist
for Occoneechee Mountain State
Natural Area
126 taxa**

Of the 473 species known from North Carolina, 126 have been recorded at the state park. Of these, 4 species are known to nest within the park. 22 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

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ANATIDAE: Swans, Geese & Ducks [5]

___ *Canada Goose	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Branta canadensis</i>				
___ Wood Duck	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Aix sponsa</i>				
___ Ring-necked Duck	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Aythya collaris</i>				
___ Bufflehead	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Bucephala albeola</i>				
___ Hooded Merganser	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Lophodytes cucullatus</i>				

ODONTOPHORIDAE: Quail [1]

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

PHASIANIDAE: Grouse [1]

___ Wild Turkey	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>				

PODICIPEDIDAE: Grebes [1]

___ Pied-billed Grebe	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>				

COLUMBIDAE: Doves [2]

___ Rock Pigeon, Rock Dove	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Columba livia</i>				
___ ~Mourning Dove	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Zenaidura macroura</i>				

CUCULIDAE: Cuckoos, Roadrunner & Anis [2]

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

APODIDAE: Swifts [1]

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

TROCHILIDAE: Hummingbirds [1]

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

RALLIDAE: Rails [1]

___ American Coot	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Fulica americana</i>				

CHARADRIIDAE: Plovers [1]

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

SCOLOPACIDAE: Sandpipers [2]

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

SCOLOPACIDAE: Sandpipers [2]

___ Spotted Sandpiper	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Actitis macularia</i>				

LARIDAE: Gulls & Terns [1]

___ Ring-billed Gull	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Larus delawarensis</i>				

PHALACROCORACIDAE: Cormorants [1]

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

ARDEIDAE: Herons [2]

___ ~Great Blue Heron	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Ardea herodias</i>				
___ Green Heron	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Butorides virescens</i>				

CATHARTIDAE: New World Vultures [2]

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

PANDIONIDAE: Osprey [1]

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

ACCIPITRIDAE: Eagles, Kites & Hawks [7]

___ Swallow-tailed Kite	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Elanoides forficatus</i>				
___ Mississippi Kite	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Ictinia mississippiensis</i>				
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Accipiter striatus</i>				
___ Cooper's Hawk	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Accipiter cooperii</i>				
___ ~Red-shouldered Hawk	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Buteo lineatus</i>				
___ Broad-winged Hawk	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Buteo platypterus</i>				
___ ~Red-tailed Hawk	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>				

STRIGIDAE: Owls [2]

___ ~Great Horned Owl	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Bubo virginianus</i>				
___ Barred Owl	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Strix varia</i>				

ALCEDINIDAE: Kingfisher [1]

___ Belted Kingfisher	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Megascops alcyon</i>				

PICIDAE: Woodpeckers [6]

___ ~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>				

TYRANNIDAE: Flycatchers [6]

___ Eastern Wood-pewee	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Contopus virens</i>				
___ Acadian Flycatcher	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Empidonax virescens</i>				
___ 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	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Vireo flavifrons</i>				
___ Blue-headed (or Solitary) Vireo	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Vireo solitarius</i>				
___ Red-eyed Vireo	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Vireo olivaceus</i>				

CORVIDAE: Jays & Crows [4]

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

HIRUNDINIDAE: Swallows [4]

___ Purple Martin	-	-	-	-
<i>Progne subis</i>				
___ Tree Swallow	-	-	-	-
<i>Tachycineta bicolor</i>				
___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow	-	-	-	-
<i>Stelgidopteryx serripennis</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 [3]

___ Red-breasted Nuthatch	-	-	-	-
<i>Sitta canadensis</i>				
___ White-breasted Nuthatch	-	-	-	-
<i>Sitta carolinensis</i>				
___ Brown-headed Nuthatch	-	-	-	-
<i>Sitta pusilla</i>				

CERTHIIDAE: Creeper [1]

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

TROGLODYTIDAE: Wrens [2]

___ Winter Wren	-	-	-	-
<i>Troglodytes hiemalis</i>				
___ Carolina Wren	-	-	-	-
<i>Thryothorus ludovicianus</i>				

POLIOPTILIDAE: Gnatcatchers [1]

___ ~Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	-	-	-	-
<i>Poliophtila caerulea</i>				

REGULIDAE: Kinglets [2]

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

TURDIDAE: Thrushes [7]

___ Eastern Bluebird	-	-	-	-
<i>Sialia sialis</i>				
___ Veery	-	-	-	-
<i>Catharus fuscescens</i>				
___ Gray-cheeked Thrush	-	-	-	-
<i>Catharus minimus</i>				

TURDIDAE: Thrushes [7]

___ Swainson's Thrush	-	-	-	-
<i>Catharus ustulatus</i>				
___ Hermit Thrush	-	-	-	-
<i>Catharus guttatus</i>				
___ ~Wood Thrush	-	-	-	-
<i>Hylocichla mustelina</i>				
___ *American Robin	-	-	-	-
<i>Turdus migratorius</i>				

MIMIDAE: Mockingbirds & Thrashers [3]

___ ~Gray Catbird	-	-	-	-
<i>Dumetella carolinensis</i>				
___ ~Brown Thrasher	-	-	-	-
<i>Toxostoma rufum</i>				
___ ~Northern Mockingbird	-	-	-	-
<i>Mimus polyglottos</i>				

STURNIDAE: Starling [1]

___ European Starling	-	-	-	-
<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>				

BOMBYCILLIDAE: Waxwings [1]

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

PASSERIDAE: Old World Sparrows [1]

___ House Sparrow	-	-	-	-
<i>Passer domesticus</i>				

FRINGILLIDAE: Finches [4]

___ Evening Grosbeak	-	-	-	-
<i>Coccothraustes vespertinus</i>				
___ House Finch	-	-	-	-
<i>Haemorhous mexicanus</i>				
___ Pine Siskin	-	-	-	-
<i>Spinus pinus</i>				
___ American Goldfinch	-	-	-	-
<i>Spinus tristis</i>				

PASSERELLIDAE: [7]

___ ~Eastern Towhee	-	-	-	-
<i>Pipilo erythrophthalmus</i>				
___ Chipping Sparrow	-	-	-	-
<i>Spizella passerina</i>				
___ Field Sparrow	-	-	-	-
<i>Spizella pusilla</i>				
___ Fox Sparrow	-	-	-	-
<i>Passerella iliaca</i>				
___ ~Song Sparrow	-	-	-	-
<i>Melospiza melodia</i>				

PASSERELLIDAE: [7]

___ White-throated Sparrow	-	-	-	-
<i>Zonotrichia albicollis</i>				
___ ~Dark-eyed Junco	-	-	-	-
<i>Junco hyemalis</i>				

ICTERIIDAE: [1]

___ Yellow-breasted Chat	-	-	-	-
<i>Icteria virens</i>				

ICTERIDAE: Blackbirds & Orioles [3]

___ *Red-winged Blackbird	-	-	-	-
<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>				
___ Brown-headed Cowbird	-	-	-	-
<i>Molothrus ater</i>				
___ Common Grackle	-	-	-	-
<i>Quiscalus quiscula</i>				

PARULIDAE: Warblers [22]

___ Ovenbird	-	-	-	-
<i>Seiurus aurocapilla</i>				
___ Worm-eating Warbler (Mountain population).....	-	-	-	-
<i>Helmitheros vermivorum</i>				
___ Louisiana Waterthrush	-	-	-	-
<i>Parkesia motacilla</i>				
___ ~Black-and-white Warbler	-	-	-	-
<i>Mniotilta varia</i>				
___ Prothonotary Warbler	-	-	-	-
<i>Protonotaria citrea</i>				
___ Common Yellowthroat	-	-	-	-
<i>Geothlypis trichas</i>				
___ Hooded Warbler	-	-	-	-
<i>Setophaga citrina</i>				
___ American Redstart	-	-	-	-
<i>Setophaga ruticilla</i>				
___ Cerulean Warbler	-	-	-	-
<i>Setophaga cerulea</i>				
___ Northern Parula	-	-	-	-
<i>Setophaga americana</i>				
___ Magnolia Warbler	-	-	-	-
<i>Setophaga magnolia</i>				
___ Blackburnian Warbler	-	-	-	-
<i>Setophaga fusca</i>				
___ Yellow Warbler	-	-	-	-
<i>Setophaga petechia</i>				
___ Chestnut-sided Warbler	-	-	-	-
<i>Setophaga pensylvanica</i>				

PARULIDAE: Warblers [22]

___ Blackpoll Warbler	-	-	-
<i>Setophaga striata</i>			
___ Black-throated Blue Warbler	-	-	-
<i>Setophaga caerulescens</i>			
___ Pine Warbler	-	-	-
<i>Setophaga pinus</i>			
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler	-	-	-
<i>Setophaga coronata</i>			
___ Yellow-throated Warbler	-	-	-
<i>Setophaga dominica</i>			
___ Prairie Warbler	-	-	-
<i>Setophaga discolor</i>			
___ Black-throated Green Warbler	-	-	-
<i>Setophaga virens</i>			
___ Wilson's Warbler	-	-	-
<i>Cardellina pusilla</i>			

CARDINALIDAE: Grosbeaks & Buntings [6]

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