

A BIRD Checklist for Pettigrew State Park 197 taxa

Of the 473 species known from North Carolina, 197 have been recorded at the state park. Of these, 31 species are known to nest within the park. 30 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 Pettigrew State Park



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>

197 BIRD taxa**ANATIDAE: Swans, Geese & Ducks [26]**

___ *Snow Goose	-	-	-	C
___ <i>Anser caerulescens</i>				
___ Ross's Goose	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Anser rossii</i>				
___ Cackling Goose	-	-	-	X
___ <i>Branta hutchinsii</i>				
___ ~Canada Goose	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Branta canadensis</i>				
___ Tundra Swan	-	-	-	C
___ <i>Cygnus columbianus</i>				
___ Black Swan	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Cygnus atratus</i>				
___ ~Wood Duck	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Aix sponsa</i>				
___ Blue-winged Teal	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Spatula discors</i>				
___ Northern Shoveler	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Spatula clypeata</i>				
___ Gadwall	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Mareca strepera</i>				
___ American Wigeon	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Mareca americana</i>				
___ Mallard	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>				
___ American Black Duck	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Anas rubripes</i>				
___ Northern Pintail	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Anas acuta</i>				
___ Green-winged Teal	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Anas crecca</i>				
___ Canvasback	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Aythya valisineria</i>				
___ Ring-necked Duck	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Aythya collaris</i>				
___ Greater Scaup	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Aythya marila</i>				
___ Lesser Scaup	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Aythya affinis</i>				
___ Black Scoter	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Melanitta americana</i>				
___ Bufflehead	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Bucephala albeola</i>				

ANATIDAE: Swans, Geese & Ducks [26]

___ Common Goldeneye	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Bucephala clangula</i>				
___ *Hooded Merganser	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Lophodytes cucullatus</i>				
___ Common Merganser	V	-	-	F
___ <i>Mergus merganser</i>				
___ Red-breasted Merganser	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Mergus serrator</i>				
___ Ruddy Duck	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Oxyura jamaicensis</i>				

ODONTOPHORIDAE: Quail [1]

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

PHASIANIDAE: Grouse [1]

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

PODICIPEDIDAE: Grebes [3]

___ Pied-billed Grebe	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>				
___ Horned Grebe	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Podiceps auritus</i>				
___ Red-necked Grebe	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Podiceps grisegena</i>				

COLUMBIDAE: Doves [3]

___ Rock Pigeon, Rock Dove	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Columba livia</i>				
___ Eurasian Collared-dove	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>				
___ *Mourning Dove	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Zenaida macroura</i>				

CUCULIDAE: Cuckoos, Roadrunner & Anis [1]

___ *Yellow-billed Cuckoo	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Coccyzus americanus</i>				

CAPRIMULGIDAE: Goatsuckers [1]

___ *Common Nighthawk	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Chordeiles minor</i>				

APODIDAE: Swifts [1]

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

TROCHILIDAE: Hummingbirds [1]

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

RALLIDAE: Rails [2]

___ King Rail	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Rallus elegans</i>				

RALLIDAE: Rails [2]

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

CHARADRIIDAE: Plovers [2]

___ Semipalmated Plover	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Charadrius semipalmatus</i>				
___ ~Killdeer	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Charadrius vociferus</i>				

SCOLOPACIDAE: Sandpipers [6]

___ Sanderling	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Calidris alba</i>				
___ Least Sandpiper	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Calidris minutilla</i>				
___ American Woodcock	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Scolopax minor</i>				
___ Wilson's Snipe	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Gallinago delicata</i>				
___ Spotted Sandpiper	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Actitis macularia</i>				
___ Greater Yellowlegs	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Tringa melanoleuca</i>				

LARIDAE: Gulls & Terns [9]

___ Bonaparte's Gull	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Chroicocephalus philadelphia</i>				
___ Laughing Gull	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Leucophaeus atricilla</i>				
___ Ring-billed Gull	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Larus delawarensis</i>				
___ Herring Gull	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Larus argentatus</i>				
___ Great Black-backed Gull	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Larus marinus</i>				
___ Caspian Tern	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>				
___ Black Tern	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Chlidonias niger</i>				
___ Forster's Tern	-	-	-	-
___ <i>Sterna forsteri</i>				
___ Black Skimmer	-	-	-	X
___ <i>Rynchops niger</i>				

GAVIIDAE: Loons [1]

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

PHALACROCORACIDAE: Cormorants [1]

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

ANHINGIDAE: Anhinga [1]

___ Anhinga	-	-	-	-
<i>Anhinga anhinga</i>				

PELECANIDAE: Pelicans [2]

___ American White Pelican	-	-	-	-
<i>Pelecanus erythrorhynchos</i>				
___ Brown Pelican	-	-	-	-
<i>Pelecanus occidentalis</i>				

ARDEIDAE: Herons [7]

___ American Bittern	-	-	-	-
<i>Botaurus lentiginosus</i>				
___ Least Bittern	-	-	-	-
<i>Ixobrychus exilis</i>				
___ ~Great Blue Heron	-	-	-	-
<i>Ardea herodias</i>				
___ Great Egret	-	-	-	-
<i>Ardea alba</i>				
___ Snowy Egret	-	-	-	-
<i>Egretta thula</i>				
___ Cattle Egret	-	-	-	-
<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>				
___ Green Heron	-	-	-	-
<i>Butorides virescens</i>				

THRESKIORNITHIDAE: Ibis [1]

___ White Ibis	-	-	-	-
<i>Eudocimus albus</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]

___ Bald Eagle	-	-	-	-
<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>				
___ Northern Harrier	-	-	-	-
<i>Circus hudsonius</i>				
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk	-	-	-	-
<i>Accipiter striatus</i>				
___ Cooper's Hawk	-	-	-	-
<i>Accipiter cooperii</i>				
___ ~Red-shouldered Hawk	-	-	-	-
<i>Buteo lineatus</i>				

ACCIPITRIDAE: Eagles, Kites & Hawks [7]

___ Red-tailed Hawk	-	-	-	-
<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>				
___ Golden Eagle	-	-	-	-
<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>				

TYTONIDAE: Barn-owl [1]

___ Barn Owl	-	-	-	-
<i>Tyto alba</i>				

STRIGIDAE: Owls [4]

___ ~Eastern Screech-owl	-	-	-	-
<i>Megascops asio</i>				
___ Great Horned Owl	-	-	-	-
<i>Bubo virginianus</i>				
___ ~Barred Owl	-	-	-	-
<i>Strix varia</i>				
___ Short-eared Owl	-	-	-	-
<i>Asio flammeus</i>				

ALCEDINIDAE: Kingfisher [1]

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

PICIDAE: Woodpeckers [8]

___ 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>				
___ Red-cockaded Woodpecker	-	-	-	-
<i>Dryobates borealis</i>				
___ Northern Flicker	-	-	-	-
<i>Colaptes auratus</i>				
___ ~Pileated Woodpecker	-	-	-	-
<i>Dryocopus pileatus</i>				

FALCONIDAE: Falcons [3]

___ American Kestrel	-	-	-	-
<i>Falco sparverius</i>				
___ Merlin	-	-	-	-
<i>Falco columbarius</i>				
___ Peregrine Falcon	-	-	-	-
<i>Falco peregrinus</i>				

TYRANNIDAE: Flycatchers [8]

___ *Eastern Wood-pewee	-	-	-	-
<i>Contopus virens</i>				
___ *Acadian Flycatcher	-	-	-	-
<i>Empidonax virescens</i>				
___ *Eastern Phoebe	-	-	-	-
<i>Sayornis phoebe</i>				
___ Ash-throated Flycatcher	-	-	-	I
<i>Myiarchus cinerascens</i>				
___ *Great Crested Flycatcher	-	-	-	-
<i>Myiarchus crinitus</i>				
___ Tropical Kingbird	-	-	-	x
<i>Tyrannus melancholicus</i>				
___ Western Kingbird	-	-	-	-
<i>Tyrannus verticalis</i>				
___ *Eastern Kingbird	-	-	-	-
<i>Tyrannus tyrannus</i>				

LANIIDAE: Shrikes [1]

___ Loggerhead Shrike	-	-	-	-
<i>Lanius ludovicianus</i>				

VIREONIDAE: Vireos [5]

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

CORVIDAE: Jays & Crows [3]

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

ALAUDIDAE: Larks [1]

___ Horned Lark	-	-	-	-
<i>Eremophila alpestris</i>				

HIRUNDINIDAE: Swallows [4]

___ ~Purple Martin	-	-	-	-
<i>Progne subis</i>				

HIRUNDINIDAE: Swallows [4]

___ Tree Swallow	C	-	C	-
<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 [3]

___ House Wren	-	-	-	-
<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>				
___ 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 [4]

___ *Eastern Bluebird	-	-	-	-
<i>Sialia sialis</i>				
___ Hermit Thrush	-	-	-	-
<i>Catharus guttatus</i>				
___ ~Wood Thrush	-	-	-	-
<i>Hylocichla mustelina</i>				

TURDIDAE: Thrushes [4]

___ *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>				

MOTACILLIDAE: Wagtails & Pipits [1]

___ American Pipit	-	-	-	-
<i>Anthus rubescens</i>				

FRINGILLIDAE: Finches [6]

___ Evening Grosbeak	-	-	-	-
<i>Coccothraustes vespertinus</i>				
___ House Finch	-	-	-	-
<i>Haemorhous mexicanus</i>				
___ Purple Finch	-	-	-	-
<i>Haemorhous purpureus</i>				
___ Red Crossbill	-	-	-	X
<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>				
___ Pine Siskin	-	-	-	-
<i>Spinus pinus</i>				
___ ~American Goldfinch	-	-	-	-
<i>Spinus tristis</i>				

PASSERELLIDAE: [15]

___ *Eastern Towhee	-	-	-	-
<i>Pipilo erythrophthalmus</i>				
___ *Chipping Sparrow	-	-	-	-
<i>Spizella passerina</i>				
___ Clay-colored Sparrow	-	-	V	-
<i>Spizella pallida</i>				
___ Field Sparrow	-	-	-	-
<i>Spizella pusilla</i>				

PASSERELLIDAE: [15]

___ Lark Sparrow	-	-	-	-
<i>Chondestes grammacus</i>				
___ Savannah Sparrow	-	-	-	-
<i>Passerculus sandwichensis</i>				
___ Grasshopper Sparrow	-	-	-	-
<i>Ammodramus savannarum</i>				
___ Le Conte's Sparrow	-	-	-	-
<i>Ammodramus leconteii</i>				
___ Fox Sparrow	-	-	-	-
<i>Passerella iliaca</i>				
___ Song Sparrow	-	-	-	-
<i>Melospiza melodia</i>				
___ Lincoln's Sparrow	-	-	V	R
<i>Melospiza lincolni</i>				
___ Swamp Sparrow	-	-	-	-
<i>Melospiza georgiana</i>				
___ White-throated Sparrow	-	-	-	-
<i>Zonotrichia albicollis</i>				
___ White-crowned Sparrow	-	-	-	-
<i>Zonotrichia leucophrys</i>				
___ Dark-eyed Junco	-	-	-	-
<i>Junco hyemalis</i>				

ICTERIDAE: Blackbirds & Orioles [9]

___ Bobolink	-	-	-	-
<i>Dolichonyx oryzivorus</i>				
___ ~Eastern Meadowlark	-	-	-	-
<i>Sturnella magna</i>				
___ *Orchard Oriole	-	-	-	-
<i>Icterus spurius</i>				
___ Baltimore Oriole	-	-	-	-
<i>Icterus galbula</i>				
___ *Red-winged Blackbird	-	-	-	-
<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>				
___ *Brown-headed Cowbird	-	-	-	-
<i>Molothrus ater</i>				
___ Rusty Blackbird	-	-	-	-
<i>Euphagus carolinus</i>				
___ ~Common Grackle	-	-	-	-
<i>Quiscalus quiscula</i>				
___ Boat-tailed Grackle	-	-	V	-
<i>Quiscalus major</i>				

PARULIDAE: Warblers [18]

___ Ovenbird	-	-	-	-
<i>Seiurus aurocapilla</i>				

PARULIDAE: Warblers [18]

___ ~Louisiana Waterthrush	-	-	-	-
<i>Parkesia motacilla</i>				
___ Northern Waterthrush	-	-	-	-
<i>Parkesia noveboracensis</i>				
___ Black-and-white Warbler	-	-	-	-
<i>Mniotilta varia</i>				
___ *Prothonotary Warbler	-	-	-	-
<i>Protonotaria citrea</i>				
___ Swainson's Warbler	-	-	-	-
<i>Limnothlypis swainsonii</i>				
___ Orange-crowned Warbler	-	-	-	-
<i>Leiothlypis celata</i>				
___ Connecticut Warbler	-	-	-	-
<i>Oporornis agilis</i>				
___ *Common Yellowthroat	-	-	-	-
<i>Geothlypis trichas</i>				
___ Hooded Warbler	-	-	-	-
<i>Setophaga citrina</i>				
___ ~American Redstart	-	-	-	-
<i>Setophaga ruticilla</i>				
___ ~Northern Parula	-	-	-	-
<i>Setophaga americana</i>				
___ Yellow Warbler	-	-	-	V
<i>Setophaga petechia</i>				
___ Palm Warbler	-	-	-	-
<i>Setophaga palmarum</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>				

CARDINALIDAE: Grosbeaks & Buntings [7]

___ *Summer Tanager	-	-	-	-
<i>Piranga rubra</i>				
___ Western Tanager	-	-	-	-
<i>Piranga ludoviciana</i>				
___ *Northern Cardinal	-	-	-	-
<i>Cardinalis cardinalis</i>				
___ *Blue Grosbeak	-	-	-	-
<i>Passerina caerulea</i>				

CARDINALIDAE: Grosbeaks & Buntings [7]

___ *Indigo Bunting	-	-	-	-
<i>Passerina cyanea</i>				
___ Painted Bunting	-	-	X	-
<i>Passerina ciris</i>				
___ Dickcissel	V	-	-	V
<i>Spiza americana</i>				