A BIRD Checklist for Pilot Mountain State Park 179 taxa

Of the 473 species known from North Carolina, 179 have been recorded at the state park. Of these, 24 species are known to nest within the park. 15 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
Pilot Mountain State Park

NORTH CAROLINA STATE PARKS
Naturally Wonderful

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

Pilot Mountain State Park, NC

179 BIRD taxa

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ANATIDAE: Swans, Geese & Ducks [10]
__ ~Canada Goose ..... - - - -
Branta canadensis
__ Mute Swan ..... - - - -
Cygnus olor
__ *Wood Duck ..... - - - -
Aix sponsa
__ Blue-winged Teal ..... - - - -
Spatula discors
__ Gadwall ..... - - - -
Mareca strepera
__ *Mallard ..... - - - -
Anas platyrhynchos
__ Redhead ..... - - - -
Aythya americana
__ Ring-necked Duck ..... - - - -
Aythya collaris
__ Hooded Merganser ..... - - - -
Lophodytes cucullatus
__ Common Merganser ..... - - - -
Mergus merganser

ODONTOPHORIDAE: Quail [1]
__ ~Northern Bobwhite ..... - - - -
Colinus virginianus

PHASIANIDAE: Grouse [1]
__ *Wild Turkey ..... - - - -
Meleagris gallopavo

PODICIPEDIDAE: Grebes [1]
__ Pied-billed Grebe ..... - - - -
Podilymbus podiceps

COLUMBIDAE: Doves [3]
__ Rock Pigeon, Rock Dove ..... - - - -
Columba livia
__ Eurasian Collared-dove ..... - - - -
Streptopelia decaocto
__ *Mourning Dove ..... - - - -
Zenaida macroura

CUCULIDAE: Cuckoos, Roadrunner & Anis [2]
__ ~Yellow-billed Cuckoo ..... - - - -
Coccyzus americanus
__ Black-billed Cuckoo ..... - - - -
Coccyzus erythropthalmus

CAPRIMULGIDAE: Goatsuckers [3]
__ Common Nighthawk ..... - - - -
Chordeiles minor

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CAPRIMULGIDAE: Goatsuckers [3]
__ Chuck-will's-widow ..... - - - -
Antrostomus carolinensis
__ Eastern whip-poor-will ..... - - - -
Antrostomus vociferus

APODIDAE: Swifts [1]
__ Chimney Swift ..... - - - -
Chaetura pelagica

TROCHILIDAE: Hummingbirds [2]
__ ~Ruby-throated Hummingbird ..... F F 0 -
Archilochus colubris
__ a hummingbird ..... - - - X
Selasphorus sp.

RALLIDAE: Rails [1]
__ American Coot ..... - - - -
Fulica americana

CHARADRIIDAE: Plovers [2]
__ Semipalmated Plover ..... - - - -
Charadrius semipalmatus
__ Killdeer ..... - - - -
Charadrius vociferus

SCOLOPACIDAE: Sandpipers [6]
__ Least Sandpiper ..... - - - -
Calidris minutilla
__ *American Woodcock ..... - - - -
Scolopax minor
__ Spotted Sandpiper ..... - - - -
Actitis macularius
__ Solitary Sandpiper ..... - - - -
Tringa solitaria
__ Lesser Yellowlegs ..... - - - -
Tringa flavipes
__ Greater Yellowlegs ..... - - - -
Tringa melanoleuca

LARIDAE: Gulls & Terns [1]
__ Ring-billed Gull ..... - - - -
Larus delawarensis

PHALACROCORACIDAE: Cormorants [1]
__ Double-crested Cormorant ..... - - - -
Nannopterum auritus

ANHINGIDAE: Anhinga [1]
__ Anhinga ..... - - - -
Anhinga anhinga

PELECANIDAE: Pelicans [1]
__ American White Pelican ..... - - - -
Pelecanus erythrorhynchos

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ARDEIDAE: Herons [5]
__ Great Blue Heron ..... - - - -
Ardea herodias
__ Great Egret ..... - - - -
Ardea alba
__ Snowy Egret ..... - - - -
Egretta thula
__ Little Blue Heron ..... - - - -
Egretta caerulea
__ *Green Heron ..... - - - -
Butorides virescens

CATHARTIDAE: New World Vultures [2]
__ ~Black Vulture ..... - - - -
Coragyps atratus
__ ~Turkey Vulture ..... - - - -
Cathartes aura

PANDIONIDAE: Osprey [1]
__ Osprey ..... - - - -
Pandion haliaetus

ACCIPITRIDAE: Eagles, Kites & Hawks [8]
__ Swallow-tailed Kite ..... - - - -
Elanoides forficatus
__ *Bald Eagle ..... - - - -
Haliaeetus leucocephalus
__ Northern Harrier ..... - - - -
Circus hudsonius
__ Sharp-shinned Hawk ..... - - - -
Accipiter striatus
__ Cooper's Hawk ..... - - F -
Accipiter cooperii
__ Red-shouldered Hawk ..... - - - -
Buteo lineatus
__ Broad-winged Hawk ..... - - F -
Buteo platypterus
__ Red-tailed Hawk ..... - - - -
Buteo jamaicensis

STRIGIDAE: Owls [3]
__ *Eastern Screech-owl ..... - - - -
Megascops asio
__ Great Horned Owl ..... - - - -
Bubo virginianus
__ Barred Owl ..... - - - -
Strix varia

ALCEDINIDAE: Kingfisher [1]
__ Belted Kingfisher ..... - - - -
Megaceryle alcyon

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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 [3]
__ American Kestrel ..... - - - -
Falco sparverius
__ Merlin ..... - - - -
Falco columbarius
__ Peregrine Falcon ..... - - - -
Falco peregrinus

TYRANNIDAE: Flycatchers [7]
__ Olive-sided Flycatcher ..... - - - -
Contopus cooperi
__ Eastern Wood-pewee ..... - - - -
Contopus virens
__ Acadian Flycatcher ..... - - - -
Empidonax virescens
__ Least Flycatcher ..... - - - -
Empidonax minimus
__ Eastern Phoebe ..... - - - -
Sayornis phoebe
__ *Great Crested Flycatcher ..... - - - -
Myiarchus crinitus
__ Eastern Kingbird ..... - - - -
Tyrannus tyrannus

VIREONIDAE: Vireos [5]
__ *White-eyed Vireo ..... - - - -
Vireo griseus
__ Yellow-throated Vireo ..... - - - -
Vireo flavifrons
__ Blue-headed (or Solitary) Vireo ..... - - - -
Vireo solitarius

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VIREONIDAE: Vireos [5]
__ Warbling Vireo ..... - - - -
Vireo gilvus
__ *Red-eyed Vireo ..... - - - -
Vireo olivaceus

CORVIDAE: Jays & Crows [4]
__ Blue Jay ..... - - - -
Cyanocitta cristata
__ ~American Crow ..... - - - -
Corvus brachyrhynchos
__ Fish Crow ..... - - - -
Corvus ossifragus
__ *Common Raven ..... c c c c
Corvus corax

HIRUNDINIDAE: Swallows [6]
__ Purple Martin ..... - - - -
Progne subis
__ Tree Swallow ..... - - - -
Tachycineta bicolor
__ Northern Rough-winged Swallow ..... - - - -
Stelgidopteryx serripennis
__ Bank Swallow ..... - - - -
Riparia riparia
__ ~Cliff Swallow ..... - - - -
Petrochelidon pyrrhonota
__ Barn Swallow ..... - - - -
Hirundo rustica

PARIDAE: Chickadees & Titmice [2]
__ *Carolina Chickadee ..... - - - -
Poecile carolinensis
__ ~Tufted Titmouse ..... - - - -
Baeolophus bicolor

SITTIDAE: Nuthatches [3]
__ Red-breasted Nuthatch ..... - - - -
Sitta canadensis
__ White-breasted Nuthatch ..... - - - -
Sitta carolinensis
__ Brown-headed Nuthatch ..... - - - -
Sitta pusilla

CERTHIIDAE: Creeper [1]
__ ~Brown Creeper ..... - - - -
Certhia americana

TROGLODYTIDAE: Wrens [3]
__ House Wren ..... - - - -
Troglodytes aedon

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TROGLODYTIDAE: Wrens [3]
__ Winter Wren ..... - - - -
Troglodytes hiemalis
__ ~Carolina Wren ..... - - - -
Thryothorus ludovicianus

POLIOPTILIDAE: Gnatcatchers [1]
__ ~Blue-gray Gnatcatcher ..... - - - -
Polioptila caerulea

REGULIDAE: Kinglets [2]
__ Golden-crowned Kinglet ..... - - - -
Regulus satrapa
__ Ruby-crowned Kinglet ..... - - - -
Corthylio calendula

TURDIDAE: Thrushes [7]
__ *Eastern Bluebird ..... - - - -
Sialia sialis
__ Veery ..... - - - -
Catharus fuscescens
__ Gray-cheeked Thrush ..... - - - -
Catharus minimus
__ Swainson's Thrush ..... - - - -
Catharus ustulatus
__ ~Hermit Thrush ..... c - - -
Catharus guttatus
__ *Wood Thrush ..... - - - -
Hylocichla mustelina
__ *American Robin ..... - - - -
Turdus migratorius

MIMIDAE: Mockingbirds & Thrashers [3]
__ Gray Catbird ..... - - - -
Dumetella carolinensis
__ Brown Thrasher ..... - - - -
Toxostoma rufum
__ Northern Mockingbird ..... - - - -
Mimus polyglottos

STURNIDAE: Starling [1]
__ European Starling ..... - - - -
Sturnus vulgaris

BOMBYCILLIDAE: Waxwings [1]
__ Cedar Waxwing ..... - - - -
Bombycilla cedrorum

FRINGILLIDAE: Finches [5]
__ House Finch ..... - - - -
Haemorhous mexicanus

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FRINGILLIDAE: Finches [5]

__ Purple Finch ..... u - - c
Haemorhous purpureus

__ Red Crossbill ..... - - - -
Loxia curvirostra

__ Pine Siskin ..... - - - -
Spinus pinus

__ American Goldfinch ..... c c - -
Spinus tristis

PASSERELLIDAE: [12]

__ *Eastern Towhee ..... - - - -
Pipilo erythrophthalmus

__ Chipping Sparrow ..... - - - -
Spizella passerina

__ *Field Sparrow ..... - - - -
Spizella pusilla

__ Vesper Sparrow ..... - - - -
Pooecetes gramineus

__ Savannah Sparrow ..... - - - -
Passerculus sandwichensis

__ Grasshopper Sparrow ..... - - - -
Ammodramus savannarum

__ Fox Sparrow ..... - - - -
Passerella iliaca

__ Song Sparrow ..... - - - -
Melospiza melodia

__ Swamp Sparrow ..... - - - -
Melospiza georgiana

__ White-throated Sparrow ..... - - - -
Zonotrichia albicollis

__ White-crowned Sparrow ..... - - - -
Zonotrichia leucophrys

__ Dark-eyed Junco ..... - - - -
Junco hyemalis

ICTERIIDAE: [1]

__ Yellow-breasted Chat ..... - - - -
Icteria virens

ICTERIDAE: Blackbirds & Orioles [8]

__ Bobolink ..... - - - -
Dolichonyx oryzivorus

__ Eastern Meadowlark ..... - - - -
Sturnella magna

__ *Orchard Oriole ..... - - - -
Icterus spurius

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ICTERIDAE: Blackbirds & Orioles [8]

__ Baltimore Oriole ..... - - - -
Icterus galbula

__ *Red-winged Blackbird ..... - - - -
Agelaius phoeniceus

__ Brown-headed Cowbird ..... - - - -
Molothrus ater

__ Rusty Blackbird ..... - - - -
Euphagus carolinus

__ Common Grackle ..... - - - -
Quiscalus quiscula

PARULIDAE: Warblers [34]

__ Ovenbird ..... - - - -
Seiurus aurocapilla

__ Worm-eating Warbler (Mountain population)..... - - - -
Helmitheros vermivorum

__ Louisiana Waterthrush ..... - - - -
Parkesia motacilla

__ Northern Waterthrush ..... - - - -
Parkesia noveboracensis

__ Golden-winged Warbler ..... - - - -
Vermivora chrysoptera

__ Blue-winged Warbler ..... - - - -
Vermivora cyanoptera

__ *Black-and-white Warbler ..... - - - -
Mniotilta varia

__ Prothonotary Warbler ..... - - - -
Protonotaria citrea

__ Swainson's Warbler ..... - - - -
Limnothlypis swainsonii

__ Tennessee Warbler ..... - - - -
Leiothlypis peregrina

__ Orange-crowned Warbler ..... - - - -
Leiothlypis celata

__ Nashville Warbler ..... - - - -
Leiothlypis ruficapilla

__ Connecticut Warbler ..... - - - -
Oporornis agilis

__ Kentucky Warbler ..... - - - -
Geothlypis formosa

__ *Common Yellowthroat ..... - - - -
Geothlypis trichas

__ Hooded Warbler ..... - - - -
Setophaga citrina

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PARULIDAE: Warblers [34]

__ American Redstart ..... - - - -
Setophaga ruticilla

__ Cape May Warbler ..... - - - -
Setophaga tigrina

__ Northern Parula ..... - - - -
Setophaga americana

__ Magnolia Warbler ..... - - - -
Setophaga magnolia

__ Bay-breasted Warbler ..... - - - -
Setophaga castanea

__ Blackburnian Warbler ..... - - - -
Setophaga fusca

__ Yellow Warbler ..... - - - -
Setophaga petechia

__ Chestnut-sided Warbler ..... - - - -
Setophaga pensylvanica

__ Blackpoll Warbler ..... - - - -
Setophaga striata

__ Black-throated Blue Warbler ..... - - - -
Setophaga caerulescens

__ Palm Warbler ..... - - - -
Setophaga palmarum

__ Pine Warbler ..... - - - -
Setophaga pinus

__ Yellow-rumped Warbler ..... - - - -
Setophaga coronata

__ Yellow-throated Warbler ..... - - - -
Setophaga dominica

__ Prairie Warbler ..... - - - -
Setophaga discolor

__ Black-throated Green Warbler ..... a - - -
Setophaga virens

__ Canada Warbler ..... - - - -
Cardellina canadensis

__ Wilson's Warbler ..... - - - -
Cardellina pusilla

CARDINALIDAE: Grosbeaks & Buntings [6]

__ Summer Tanager ..... - - - -
Piranga rubra

__ Scarlet Tanager ..... - - - -
Piranga olivacea

__ *Northern Cardinal ..... - - - -
Cardinalis cardinalis

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CARDINALIDAE: Grosbeaks & Buntings [6]				
__ Rose-breasted Grosbeak *Pheucticus ludovicianus*	-	-	-	-
__ Blue Grosbeak *Passerina caerulea*	-	-	-	-
__ *Indigo Bunting *Passerina cyanea*	c	c	-	-