

A BIRD Checklist for South Mountains State Park 139 taxa

Of the 473 species known from North Carolina, 139 have been recorded at the state park. Of these, 17 species are known to nest within the park. 2 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 South Mountains 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



139 BIRD taxa**ANATIDAE: Swans, Geese & Ducks [9]**

- Canada Goose — — —

 - Branta canadensis*

- Wood Duck — — —

 - Aix sponsa*

- Blue-winged Teal — — —

 - Spatula discors*

- Mallard — — —

 - Anas platyrhynchos*

- Canvasback — — —

 - Aythya valisineria*

- Ring-necked Duck — — —

 - Aythya collaris*

- Lesser Scaup — — —

 - Aythya affinis*

- Hooded Merganser — — —

 - Lophodytes cucullatus*

- Common Merganser — — —

 - Mergus merganser*

ODONTOPHORIDAE: Quail [1]

- Northern Bobwhite — — —

 - Colinus virginianus*

- Ruffed Grouse — — —

 - Bonasa umbellus*

- Wild Turkey — — —

 - Meleagris gallopavo*

COLUMBIDAE: Doves [2]

- Rock Pigeon, Rock Dove — — —

 - Columba livia*

- Mourning Dove — — —

 - Zenaida macroura*

CUCULIDAE: Cuckoos, Roadrunner & Anis [1]

- Yellow-billed Cuckoo — — —

 - Coccyzus americanus*

CAPRIMULGIDAE: Goatsuckers [3]

- Common Nighthawk — — —

 - Chordeiles minor*

- Chuck-will's-widow — — —

 - Antrostomus carolinensis*

- Eastern whip-poor-will — — —

 - Antrostomus vociferus*

APODIDAE: Swifts [1]

- Chimney Swift — — —

 - Chaetura pelasgica*

TROCHILIDAE: Hummingbirds [2]

- Ruby-throated Hummingbird — — —

 - Archilochus colubris*

- Rufous Hummingbird — — —

 - Selasphorus rufus*

RALLIDAE: Rails [1]

- American Coot — — —

 - Fulica americana*

CHARADRIIDAE: Plovers [1]

- Killdeer — — —

 - Charadrius vociferus*

SCOLOPACIDAE: Sandpipers [2]

- American Woodcock — — —

 - Scolopax minor*

- Spotted Sandpiper — — —

 - Actitis macularius*

LARIDAE: Gulls & Terns [1]

- Ring-billed Gull — — —

 - Larus delawarensis*

ARDEIDAE: Herons [2]

- Great Blue Heron — — —

 - Ardea herodias*

- Green Heron — — —

 - Butorides virescens*

THRESKIORNITHIDAE: Ibis [1]

- White Ibis — — —

 - Eudocimus albus*

CATHARTIDAE: New World Vultures [2]

- Black Vulture — — —

 - Coragyps atratus*

- Turkey Vulture — — —

 - Cathartes aura*

PANDIONIDAE: Osprey [1]

- Osprey — — —

 - Pandion haliaetus*

ACCIPITRIDAE: Eagles, Kites & Hawks [6]

- Bald Eagle — — —

 - Haliaeetus leucocephalus*

- Sharp-shinned Hawk — — —

 - Accipiter striatus*

- Cooper's Hawk — — —

 - Accipiter cooperii*

- Red-shouldered Hawk — — —

 - Buteo lineatus*

ACCIPITRIDAE: Eagles, Kites & Hawks [6]

- *Broad-winged Hawk — — —

 - Buteo platypterus*

- Red-tailed Hawk — — —

 - Buteo jamaicensis*

TYTONIDAE: Barn-owl [1]

- Barn Owl — — —

 - Tyto alba*

STRIGIDAE: Owls [3]

- *Eastern Screech-owl — — —

 - Megascops asio*

- Great Horned Owl — — —

 - Bubo virginianus*

- *Barred Owl — — —

 - Strix varia*

ALCEDINIDAE: Kingfisher [1]

- Belted Kingfisher — — —

 - Megaceryle alcyon*

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 [1]

- American Kestrel — — —

 - Falco sparverius*

TYRANNIDAE: Flycatchers [6]

- *Eastern Wood-peewee — — —

 - Contopus virens*

- Acadian Flycatcher — — —

 - Empidonax virescens*

- Least Flycatcher — — —

 - Empidonax minimus*

- Eastern Phoebe — — —

 - Sayornis phoebe*

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TYRANNIDAE: Flycatchers [6]

- Great Crested Flycatcher - - - -
- Myiarchus crinitus*
- Eastern Kingbird - - - -
- Tyrannus tyrannus*

VIREONIDAE: Vireos [4]

- *White-eyed Vireo - - - -
- Vireo griseus*
- Yellow-throated Vireo - - - -
- Vireo flavifrons*
- Blue-headed (or Solitary) Vireo - - - -
- Vireo solitarius*
- Red-eyed Vireo - - - -
- Vireo olivaceus*

CORVIDAE: Jays & Crows [3]

- Blue Jay - - - -
- Cyanocitta cristata*
- American Crow - - - -
- Corvus brachyrhynchos*
- Common Raven - - - -
- Corvus corax*

HIRUNDINIDAE: Swallows [5]

- Purple Martin - - - -
- Progne subis*
- Tree Swallow - - - -
- Tachycineta bicolor*
- Northern Rough-winged Swallow - - - -
- Stelgidopteryx serripennis*
- Bank Swallow - - - -
- Riparia riparia*
- Barn Swallow - - - -
- Hirundo rustica*

PARIDAE: Chickadees & Titmice [2]

- Carolina Chickadee - - - -
- Poecile carolinensis*
- Tufted Titmouse - - - -
- Baeolophus bicolor*

SITTIDAE: Nuthatches [3]

- ~Red-breasted Nuthatch v x o f
- Sitta canadensis*
- White-breasted Nuthatch - - - -
- Sitta carolinensis*
- Brown-headed Nuthatch - - - -
- Sitta pusilla*

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CERTHIIDAE: Creeper [1]

- Brown Creeper - - - -
- Certhia americana*

TROGLODYTIDAE: Wrens [2]

- Winter Wren - - - -
- Troglodytes hiemalis*
- Carolina Wren - - - -
- Thryothorus ludovicianus*

POLOPTILIDAE: Gnatcatchers [1]

- Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - - - -
- Polioptila caerulea*

REGULIDAE: Kinglets [2]

- Golden-crowned Kinglet - - - -
- Regulus satrapa*
- Ruby-crowned Kinglet - - - -
- Corthylio calendula*

TURDIDAE: Thrushes [6]

- Eastern Bluebird - - - -
- Sialia sialis*
- Veery - - - -
- Catharus fuscescens*
- Swainson's Thrush - - - -
- Catharus ustulatus*
- Hermit Thrush - - - -
- 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*

PASSERIDAE: Old World Sparrows [1]

- House Sparrow - - - -
- Passer domesticus*

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FRINGILLIDAE: Finches [5]

- Evening Grosbeak - - - -
- Coccothraustes vespertinus*
- House Finch - - - -
- Haemorhous mexicanus*
- *Purple Finch - - - -
- Haemorhous purpureus*
- Pine Siskin - - - -
- Spinus pinus*
- American Goldfinch - - - -
- Spinus tristis*

PASSERELLIDAE: [8]

- Eastern Towhee - - - -
- Pipilo erythrrophthalmus*
- *Chipping Sparrow - - - -
- Spizella passerina*
- Field Sparrow - - - -
- Spizella pusilla*
- Fox Sparrow - - - -
- Passerella iliaca*
- Song Sparrow - - - -
- Melospiza melodia*
- Swamp Sparrow - - - -
- Melospiza georgiana*
- 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 [22]

- Ovenbird - - - -
- Seiurus aurocapilla*

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- Worm-eating Warbler (Mountain population)..... - - - -
- *Helmitheros vermivorum*
- Louisiana Waterthrush - - - -
- *Parkesia motacilla*
- *Black-and-white Warbler - - - -
- *Mniotilla varia*
- Swainson's Warbler - - - -
- *Limnothlypis swainsonii*
- Tennessee Warbler - - - -
- *Leiothlypis peregrina*
- Common Yellowthroat - - - -
- *Geothlypis trichas*
- Hooded Warbler - - - -
- *Setophaga citrina*
- American Redstart - - - -
- *Setophaga ruticilla*
- Cape May Warbler - - - -
- *Setophaga tigrina*
- Northern Parula - - - -
- *Setophaga americana*
- Magnolia Warbler - - - -
- *Setophaga magnolia*
- Bay-breasted Warbler - - - -
- *Setophaga castanea*
- Yellow Warbler - - - -
- *Setophaga petechia*
- Chestnut-sided Warbler - - - -
- *Setophaga pensylvanica*
- Blackpoll Warbler - - - -
- *Setophaga striata*
- Black-throated Blue Warbler - - - -
- *Setophaga caerulescens*
- Pine Warbler - - - -
- *Setophaga pinus*
- Yellow-rumped Warbler - - - -
- *Setophaga coronata*
- Yellow-throated Warbler - - - -
- *Setophaga dominica*
- Prairie Warbler - - - -
- *Setophaga discolor*
- Black-throated Green Warbler A C C -
- *Setophaga virens*

CARDINALIDAE: Grosbeaks & Buntings [6]

- Summer Tanager - - - -
- *Piranga rubra*
- *Scarlet Tanager - - - -
- *Piranga olivacea*
- Northern Cardinal - - - -
- *Cardinalis cardinalis*
- Rose-breasted Grosbeak - - - -
- *Pheucticus ludovicianus*
- Blue Grosbeak - - - -
- *Passerina caerulea*
- Indigo Bunting - - - -
- *Passerina cyanea*