

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

PHASIANIDAE: Grouse [2]

- ___ ~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 - - - -
Antrastomus carolinensis
- ___ *Eastern whip-poor-will - - - -
Antrastomus vociferus

APODIDAE: Swifts [1]

- ___ *Chimney Swift - - - -
Chaetura pelagica

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 macularia

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-pewee - - - -
Contopus virens
- ___ Acadian Flycatcher - - - -
Empidonax vireescens
- ___ *Least Flycatcher - - - -
Empidonax minimus
- ___ Eastern Phoebe - - - -
Sayornis phoebe

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

CERTHIIDAE: Creeper [1]

- ___ Brown Creeper - - - -
Certhia americana

TROGLODYTIDAE: Wrens [2]

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

POLIOPTILIDAE: Gnatcatchers [1]

- ___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - - - -
Poliophtila 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

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 erythrophthalmus
- ___ *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

PARULIDAE: Warblers [22]

- ___ Worm-eating Warbler (Mountain population)..... - - - -
Helmitheros vermivorum
- ___ Louisiana Waterthrush - - - -
Parkesia motacilla
- ___ *Black-and-white Warbler - - - -
Mniotilta 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