



BIRD CHECKLIST

Mecklenburg County, NC: 318 species



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**Mecklenburg County
Park and Recreation**

Geese, Ducks, Swans

- Black-bellied Whistling Duck (Ac)
- Snow Goose (R)
- Ross's Goose (VR)
- Canada Goose* (Co)
- Tundra Swan (VR)
- Wood Duck* (U)
- Gadwall (U)
- American Wigeon (U)
- American Black Duck (U)
- Mallard* (Co)
- Blue-winged Teal (U)
- Northern Shoveler (U)
- Northern Pintail (R-U)
- Green-winged Teal (U)
- Canvasback (R-U)
- Redhead (R-U)
- Ring-necked Duck (FC-Co)
- Greater Scaup (R)
- Lesser Scaup (U)
- Surf Scoter (R)
- White-winged Scoter (R)
- Black Scoter (VR)
- Long-tailed Duck (VR-R)
- Bufflehead (U)
- Common Goldeneye (R)
- Hooded Merganser* (U-Co)
- Common Merganser (R)
- Red-breasted Merganser (R-U)
- Ruddy Duck (U)

Quails

- Northern Bobwhite* (U-FC)

Turkeys

- Wild Turkey* (U)

Loons

- Red-throated Loon (R)
- Common Loon (U)

Grebes

- Pied-billed Grebe* (FC)
- Horned Grebe (U-FC)
- Red-necked Grebe (VR-R)

- Eared Grebe (VR)
- Western Grebe (Ac)

Petrels, Shearwaters

- Sooty Shearwater^Δ (Ac)

Storks

- Wood Stork (VR)

Cormorants

- Double-crested Cormorant (VC)

Darters

- Anhinga (VR-R)

Pelicans

- American White Pelican (VR-R)
- Brown Pelican (VR)

Bitterns, Herons

- American Bittern (R)
- Least Bittern (VR)
- Great Blue Heron* (FC-Co)
- Great Egret (U-FC)
- Snowy Egret (R)
- Little Blue Heron (R-U)
- Tricolored Heron (VR-R)
- Cattle Egret (VR-R)
- Green Heron* (FC)
- Black-crowned Night-Heron (R)
- Yellow-crowned Night-Heron* (R)

Ibises, Spoonbills

- White Ibis (R)
- Glossy Ibis (VR)
- Roseate Spoonbill (Ac)

Vultures

- Black Vulture* (U-FC)
- Turkey Vulture* (FC-Co)

Kites, Eagles, Hawks

- Osprey* (R-FC)
- Swallow-tailed Kite (VR)
- Mississippi Kite* (R)
- Bald Eagle* (R-U)
- Northern Harrier (R-U)
- Sharp-shinned Hawk* (U)

- Cooper's Hawk* (U)
- Red-shouldered Hawk* (FC)
- Broad-winged Hawk* (U)
- Red-tailed Hawk* (FC-Co)
- Rough-legged Hawk (Ca)

Rails, Gallinules, Coots

- Yellow Rail (Ac)
- Black Rail (Ca)
- Clapper Rail (VR)
- King Rail* (Ca)
- Virginia Rail (R)
- Sora (R-U)
- Purple Gallinule (VR)
- Common Gallinule (R)
- American Coot (FC)

Cranes

- Sandhill Crane (R)

Stilts, Avocets

- American Avocet (Ca-VR)

Plovers

- Black-bellied Plover (VR)
- American Golden-Plover (VR)
- Semipalmated Plover (R-U)
- Piping Plover (Ac)
- Killdeer* (FC-Co)
- Spotted Sandpiper* (FC)
- Solitary Sandpiper (FC)
- Greater Yellowlegs (U)
- Willet (VR)
- Lesser Yellowlegs (U)
- Upland Sandpiper (R)
- Whimbrel (Ac)
- Marbled Godwit (Ac)
- Ruddy Turnstone (Ca)
- Red Knot (Ac)
- Stilt Sandpiper (R)
- Sanderling (VR)
- Dunlin (R)
- Baird's Sandpiper (VR-R)
- Least Sandpiper (U)
- White-rumped Sandpiper (VR)
- Buff-breasted Sandpiper (VR-R)

Abundance Codes

H: Historical **Ac:** Accidental
VR: Very Rare **R:** Rare
Ca: Casual **U:** Uncommon

FC: Fairly Common
Co: Common
VC: Very Common

Ab: Abundant
***:** Breeding Bird
(*) Unclear Breeding Status

Δ Pending Review
from NC Bird Records
Committee

- Pectoral Sandpiper (R)
- Semipalmated Sandpiper (R)
- Western Sandpiper (VR)
- Short-billed Dowitcher (R)
- Wilson's Snipe (U)
- American Woodcock* (R-U)
- Wilson's Phalarope (Ac)

Jaegers

- Pomarine Jaeger (Ca)
- Parasitic Jaeger (Ac)
- Long-tailed Jaeger (Ac)

Gulls, Terns, Skimmers

- Sabine's Gull (Ca)
- Bonaparte's Gull (FC)
- Black-headed Gull (Ac)
- Laughing Gull (R-U)
- Franklin's Gull (Ac)
- Ring-billed Gull (Co-Ab)
- Herring Gull (U-FC)
- Thayer's Gull (Ac)
- Iceland Gull (Ac)
- Lesser Black-backed Gull (VR)
- Great Black-backed Gull (Ac)
- Brown Noddy (Ac)
- Sooty Tern (Ac)
- Bridled Tern (Ac)
- Least Tern^Δ (Ac)
- Caspian Tern (R-U)
- Black Tern (R)
- Common Tern (R-U)
- Forster's Tern (R)
- Royal Tern (Ca)
- Black Skimmer (Ca)

Pigeons, Doves

- Rock Pigeon* (Co-Ab)
- Band-tailed Pigeon (Ac)
- Eurasian Collared-Dove* (R-U)
- Passenger Pigeon (extinct)
- Common Ground-Dove (VR)
- White-winged Dove (Ca)
- Mourning Dove* (Ab)

Cuckoos

- Yellow-billed Cuckoo* (U-FC)
- Black-billed Cuckoo* (R)

Owls

- Barn Owl* (R)
- Eastern Screech-Owl* (U)
- Great Horned Owl* (U)
- Snowy Owl (Ca)
- Barred Owl* (FC)
- Short-eared Owl (VR)
- Northern Saw-whet Owl (VR)

Goatsuckers

- Common Nighthawk* (R-U)
- Chuck-will's-widow* (R-U)
- Eastern Whip-poor-will* (R-U)

Swifts

- Chimney Swift* (Co)

Hummingbirds

- Ruby-throated Hummingbird* (FC)
- Black-chinned Hummingbird (Ca)
- Anna's Hummingbird (Ac)
- Calliope Hummingbird (VR)
- Rufous Hummingbird (R)

Kingfishers

- Belted Kingfisher* (FC)

Woodpeckers

- Red-headed Woodpecker* (U)
- Red-bellied Woodpecker* (Co)
- Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (U-FC)
- Downy Woodpecker* (Co)
- Hairy Woodpecker* (U-FC)
- Northern Flicker* (FC)
- Pileated Woodpecker* (R-U)

Falcons

- American Kestrel* (R-U)
- Merlin (R)
- Peregrine Falcon* (R)

Parakeets

- Carolina Parakeet (extinct)

Flycatchers

- Olive-sided Flycatcher (VR)
- Eastern Wood-Pewee* (FC-Co)
- Yellow-bellied Flycatcher (VR, R-U)
- Acadian Flycatcher* (FC)
- Alder Flycatcher (VR)
- Willow Flycatcher* (VR-U)
- Least Flycatcher (R-U)
- Eastern Phoebe* (FC)
- Ash-throated Flycatcher (Ac)^Δ
- Great Crested Flycatcher* (FC)
- Western Kingbird (Ac)
- Eastern Kingbird* (U-FC)

Shrikes

- Loggerhead Shrike* (R)

Vireos

- White-eyed Vireo* (FC-Co)
- Yellow-throated Vireo* (U-FC)
- Blue-headed Vireo* (U)
- Warbling Vireo (R)
- Philadelphia Vireo (R)
- Red-eyed Vireo* (Co-VC)

Jays, Crows

- Blue Jay* (VC)
- American Crow* (VC-Ab)
- Fish Crow* (Co)
- Common Raven* (R-U)

Larks

- Horned Lark* (R-U)

Swallows

- Purple Martin* (U-FC)
- Tree Swallow* (U-FC)
- Violet-green Swallow (Ac)
- Northern Rough-winged Swallow* (FC)
- Bank Swallow (U)
- Cliff Swallow* (U-FC)
- Barn Swallow* (Co)

Chickadees, Titmice

- Carolina Chickadee* (VC)
- Tufted Titmouse* (VC)

Nuthatches

- Red-breasted Nuthatch (R-U)
- White-breasted Nuthatch* (FC)
- Brown-headed Nuthatch* (U-FC)

Creepers

- Brown Creeper (U)

Wrens

- House Wren* (FC)
- Winter Wren (U)
- Sedge Wren (R)
- Marsh Wren (R)
- Carolina Wren* (VC)
- Bewick's Wren* (extirpated)

Gnatcatchers

- Blue-gray Gnatcatcher* (Co)

Kinglets

- Golden-crowned Kinglet (Co-VC)
- Ruby-crowned Kinglet (FC-Co)

Thrushes

- Eastern Bluebird* (Co-VC)
- Veery (U-FC)
- Gray-cheeked Thrush (U)
- Swainson's Thrush (U-FC)
- Hermit Thrush (FC)
- Wood Thrush* (U-FC)
- American Robin* (VC-Ab)

Mimic Thrushes

- Gray Catbird* (FC)
- Brown Thrasher* (Co)
- Northern Mockingbird* (VC)

Starlings

- European Starling* (Ab)

Pipits

- American Pipit (U-Co)

Waxwings

- Cedar Waxwing* (Co)

Longspurs

- Lapland Longspur (VR-R)

Wood Warblers

- Ovenbird* (FC-Co)
- Worm-eating Warbler* (U)

- Louisiana Waterthrush* (U-FC)
- Northern Waterthrush (U-FC)
- Golden-winged Warbler (R)
- Blue-winged Warbler (R-U)
- Black-and-white Warbler* (U-FC)
- Prothonotary Warbler* (U-FC)
- Swainson's Warbler(*) (R-U)
- Tennessee Warbler (U-FC)
- Orange-crowned Warbler (R-U)
- Nashville Warbler (R-U)
- Connecticut Warbler (VR-R)
- Mourning Warbler (VR-R)
- Kentucky Warbler* (U)
- Common Yellowthroat* (Co)
- Hooded Warbler* (FC-Co)
- American Redstart* (Co)
- Kirtland's Warbler (Ca)
- Cape May Warbler (U-FC)
- Cerulean Warbler (R)
- Northern Parula* (U-FC)
- Magnolia Warbler (U-FC)
- Bay-breasted Warbler (R-U)
- Blackburnian Warbler (R-U)
- Yellow Warbler* (R-U)
- Chestnut-sided Warbler (U)
- Blackpoll Warbler (U-FC)
- Black-throated Blue Warbler (U-FC)
- Palm Warbler (U-FC)
- Pine Warbler* (Co)
- Yellow-rumped Warbler (Co-FC)
- Yellow-throated Warbler(*) (U-FC)

- Prairie Warbler* (U-FC)
- Black-throated Green Warbler (U-FC)
- Canada Warbler (R-U)
- Wilson's Warbler (R)
- Yellow-breasted Chat* (FC-Co)

New World Sparrows

- Eastern Towhee* (Co)
- Bachman's Sparrow* (extirpated)
- Chipping Sparrow* (VC)
- Clay-colored Sparrow (VR)
- Field Sparrow* (FC-Co)
- Vesper Sparrow (R)
- Lark Sparrow (R)
- Savannah Sparrow (FC)
- Grasshopper Sparrow* (U)
- Henslow's Sparrow* (extirpated)
- Le Conte's Sparrow (VR)
- Nelson's Sparrow (VR)
- Fox Sparrow (U-FC)
- Song Sparrow* (Co-VC)
- Lincoln's Sparrow (R)
- Swamp Sparrow (U-FC)
- White-throated Sparrow (VC-Ab)
- White-crowned Sparrow (U)
- Dark-eyed Junco (Co-Ab)

Tanagers, Cardinals, Allies

- Summer Tanager* (FC-Co)
- Scarlet Tanager* (U-FC)
- Western Tanager (VR)

- Northern Cardinal* (VC)
- Rose-breasted Grosbeak (U-FC)
- Black-headed Grosbeak (Ac)
- Blue Grosbeak* (FC-Co)
- Indigo Bunting* (VC)
- Painted Bunting (VR)
- Dickcissel* (R)

Blackbirds, Orioles

- Bobolink (U-FC)
- Red-winged Blackbird* (Co-Ab)
- Eastern Meadowlark* (FC-Co)
- Rusty Blackbird (U)
- Brewer's Blackbird (R)
- Common Grackle* (Co-Ab)
- Brown-headed Cowbird* (FC-Co)
- Orchard Oriole* (U-FC)
- Hooded Oriole (Ac)
- Bullock's Oriole (Ca)
- Baltimore Oriole* (VR-U)

Finches, Allies

- House Finch* (VC)
- Purple Finch (U)
- Red Crossbill (R)
- Common Redpoll (Ca)
- Pine Siskin (R-FC)
- American Goldfinch* (Co-Ab)
- Evening Grosbeak (R)

Old World Sparrows

- House Sparrow* (VC-Ab)