

of the Great Smoky Mountains

A CHECKLIST

for the birds of Great Smoky Mountains National Park

Produced by Great Smoky Mountains Association in cooperation with Great Smoky Mountains National Park.



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KEY	☐ White-winged Scoter XW cc ☐ Common Goldeneye XW
STATUS CODE	☐ Bufflehead UW cc
A = Abundant; over 25 seen on a given day in proper	☐ Hooded Merganser UW, XS cc
habitat/season.	Common Merganser XW
C = Common; 5-25 seen per day in proper habitat/season.	☐ Red-breasted Merganser XM ☐ Ruddy Duck OM cc
F = Fairly common; at least one individual per day in proper habitat/season.	B Ruddy Buck OW CC
U = Uncommon; at least one seen per season of occurrence or	HAWKS & EAGLES
several seen per year.	□ Osprey UM
O = Occasional; one seen per year or less.	☐ Swallow-tailed Kite XS
X = Rare; has occurred in park at least once, but is not to be	☐ Mississippi Kite XM
expected.	□ Bald Eagle UMR□ Northern Harrier UMW
R = Permanent Resident	☐ Sharp-shinned Hawk UR*?
S = Summer Resident W = Winter Resident	☐ Cooper's Hawk UR*?
M = Migrant	☐ Northern Goshawk XM
	☐ Red-shouldered Hawk OMW, US*
SPECIAL NOTATIONS	☐ Broad-winged Hawk FS*, CM
* considered to breed within park	Red-tailed Hawk UR*?
? suspected to breed within park	☐ Golden Eagle XMW cc, XS ☐ American Kestrel UR cc
cc = Cades Cove	☐ Merlin XMS
he = high elevation (above 3,500') ri = reintroduced	☐ Peregrine Falcon OWM, US* ri
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	GROUSE, TURKEYS, & QUAILS ☐ Ruffed Grouse FR*
LOONS	☐ Wild Turkey FR* cc
☐ Red-throated Loon XM	☐ Northern Bobwhite UR*
☐ Common Loon OM	
GREBES	RAILS, GALLINULES, & COOTS
☐ Pied-billed Grebe UM	☐ King Rail XMS
□ Horned Grebe OM	☐ Virginia Rail XM
	☐ Sora OM ☐ Common Moorhen XM
STORM-PETRELS	☐ American Coot XMWS
☐ Band-rumped Storm Petrel XM	Brimerican Goot Am we
DELICANS & CODMODANTS	CRANES & VULTURES
PELICANS & CORMORANTS American White Pelican XM	☐ Sandhill Crane XM
Double-crested Cormorant OM	☐ Black Vulture FR* cc
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BITTERNS & HERONS	SHOREBIRDS
☐ American Bittern OM	☐ American Golden-Plover XM
Great Blue Heron UR cc	☐ Semipalmated Plover OM cc
☐ Great Egret OM ☐ Little Blue Heron OM	☐ Killdeer UR* cc
Green Heron US* cc	☐ Greater Yellowlegs OM
☐ Black-crowned Night-Heron XS	☐ Lesser Yellowlegs XM
☐ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron XS*	Solitary Sandpiper UM
- -	Willet XMSpotted Sandpiper UM
GEESE & DUCKS	Spotted Sandpiper OMLeast Sandpiper OM cc
Snow Goose XM	☐ Ruff XM
☐ Brant XM	☐ Short-billed Dowitcher XM
☐ Canada Goose UR* ☐ Wood Duck OR* cc	☐ Common Snipe UMW cc
Green-winged Teal XM	☐ American Woodcock UR*
American Black Duck UW cc	☐ Red-necked Phalarope XM

GULLS & TERNS

□ Red Phalarope XW

- ☐ Laughing Gull XM
- ☐ Bonaparte's Gull XM
- □ Ring-billed Gull OMW
- ☐ Herring Gull XW
- ☐ Sooty Tern XS

☐ American Black Duck UW cc

☐ Blue-winged Teal UM, OW

□ Northern Shoveler XM

☐ American Wigeon XM

☐ Ring-necked Duck UW cc

□ Redhead XW

☐ Mallard UW cc ☐ Gadwall XW cc □ Northern Pintail XM

DOVES ☐ Rock Dove OM	VIREOS White-eyed Vireo FS*
□ Mourning Dove CR* cc CUCKOOS	☐ Blue-headed Vireo CS* he ☐ Yellow-throated Vireo CS* ☐ Weak ling Vires OS
□ Black-billed Cuckoo US*	☐ Warbling Vireo OS☐ Philadelphia Vireo OM
☐ Yellow-billed Cuckoo FS*	☐ Red-eyed Vireo AS*
OWLS ☐ Barn Owl OR (formerly)	JAYS, CROWS, & RAVENS ☐ Blue Jay CR*
☐ Long-eared Owl XW	☐ American Crow CR*
☐ Short-eared Owl XW	☐ Common Raven FR* he
☐ Eastern Screech-Owl FR*	
Great Horned Owl UR*	CHICKADEES & TITMICE
□ Barred Owl FR* □ Saw-whet Owl FR* he	☐ Carolina Chickadee CR* ☐ Black-capped Chickadee FR* he
D Saw-whet Owi FK Tie	☐ Tufted Titmouse CR*
NIGHTHAWKS & NIGHTJARS	
☐ Common Nighthawk UM	NUTHATCHES & CREEPERS
Chuck-will's-widow US*	Red-breasted Nuthatch CR* he
□ Whip-poor-will FS*	☐ White-breasted Nuthatch FR* ☐ Brown Creeper FR* he
SWIFTS & HUMMINGBIRDS	Brown Creeper I'V he
☐ Chimney Swift CS*	WRENS
□ Ruby-throated Hummingbird FS,* CM-fall	☐ Carolina Wren CR* ☐ Bewick's Wren XR (formerly OR*)
KINGFISHERS	☐ House Wren OR*, FM
☐ Belted Kingfisher FR*	☐ Winter Wren CR* he
WOODBECKERG	Sedge Wren OM
WOODPECKERS ☐ Red-headed Woodpecker OR,* UM	☐ Marsh Wren OM
☐ Red-bellied Woodpecker FR*	KINGLETS
☐ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker US,* FW	☐ Golden-crowned Kinglet CR* he
□ Downy Woodpecker FR*	□ Ruby-crowned Kinglet FMW
☐ Hairy Woodpecker FR*	CNATCATCHERS
□ Red-cockaded Woodpecker OR* (formerly) □ Northern Flicker FR*	GNATCATCHERS ☐ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher CS*
☐ Pileated Woodpecker FR*	Brac gray Chatcatcher Co
	THRUSHES
FLYCATCHERS	☐ Eastern Bluebird FR* cc
□ Olive-sided Flycatcher OS* he □ Eastern Wood-Pewee CS*	☐ Veery CS* he☐ Gray-cheeked Thrush FM
☐ Acadian Flycatcher CS*	☐ Swainson's Thrush CM, OS
□ Alder Flycatcher OM XS	☐ Hermit Thrush FW, US*
□ Willow Flycatcher OS	□ Wood Thrush CS*
☐ Least Flycatcher US* ☐ Factors Phacha CP* (LWV)	☐ American Robin FR,* CM
☐ Eastern Phoebe CR* (UW) ☐ Great Crested Flycatcher FS*	THRASHERS
☐ Western Kingbird XM	☐ Gray Catbird FS*, OW
☐ Eastern Kingbird FS* cc	□ Northern Mockingbird UR*
□ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher XM cc	☐ Brown Thrasher FS,* UW
LARK	STARLINGS
☐ Horned Lark OMW	☐ European Starling UR*
SWALLOWS	PIPITS & WAXWINGS
☐ Purple Martin US	☐ Water Pipit OWM
☐ Tree Swallow OMS*	☐ Cedar Waxwing FR* (erratic)
□ Northern Rough-winged Swallow FS*	WOOD WARRIESS
☐ Bank Swallow OM ☐ Cliff Swallow UM	WOOD WARBLERS ☐ Blue-winged Warbler FM
☐ Barn Swallow CS*	☐ Golden-winged Warbler OS*
	☐ Tennessee Warbler CM
SHRIKES	☐ Orange-crowned Warbler OMW
□ Loggerhead Shrike OM cc	Nashville Warbler FM

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Mantham Danula EC*
□ Northern Parula FS*
☐ Yellow Warbler FS*
☐ Chestnut-sided Warbler CS* he
□ Magnolia Warbler CM (*?)
☐ Cape May Warbler FM
☐ Black-throated Blue Warbler CS* he
☐ Yellow-rumped Warbler A-CMW
☐ Black-throated Green Warbler AS*
☐ Blackburnian Warbler FS*
☐ Yellow-throated Warbler FS*
☐ Pine Warbler FS*, OW
☐ Prairie Warbler US*
Palm Warbler FM, OW
☐ Bay-breasted Warbler FM
☐ Blackpoll Warbler FM (spr.), OM (fall)
☐ Cerulean Warbler FM, OS*
☐ Black-and-white Warbler CS*
☐ American Redstart FS*
☐ Prothonotary Warbler OM, XS*
☐ Worm-eating Warbler FS*
worm-eating warbier 15
☐ Swainson's Warbler US*
☐ Ovenbird AS*
■ Northern Waterthrush OM
☐ Louisiana Waterthrush CS*
☐ Kentucky Warbler US*
☐ Connecticut Warbler OM
☐ Mourning Warbler XM
☐ Common Yellowthroat FS*
☐ Hooded Warbler CS*
☐ Wilson's Warbler OM
☐ Canada Warbler CS* he
☐ Yellow-breasted Chat US* cc
☐ Yellow-breasted Chat US* cc
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☐ Dickcissel XW cc, OM he

MEADOWLARKS, BLACKBIRDS, & ORIOLES ☐ Bobolink UM* cc ☐ Red-winged Blackbird FM, CS* cc, UW ☐ Eastern Meadowlark CR* cc ☐ Yellow-headed Blackbird XM Rusty Blackbird UM, OW ☐ Brewer's Blackbird XM ☐ Common Grackle FS,* UW ☐ Brown-headed Cowbird FM, FR* ☐ Orchard Oriole UM, US* ☐ Baltimore Oriole UM, OS* cc FINCHES ☐ Purple Finch U-FW ☐ House Finch UR □ Red Crossbill UR he (erratic) (*?) ☐ White-winged Crossbill XW

OLD WORLD SPARROWS

☐ Pine Siskin US, U-CW (erratic) (*?)

☐ House Sparrow UR

☐ Common Redpoll XW

☐ American Goldfinch FR*
☐ Evening Grosbeak U-CW (erratic)

The following is a compilation of species documented as being observed in or over the park, and includes the National Park, Foothills Parkway and other adjacent lands and waters protected by the park's regulations.

Checklist compiled by Fred J. Alsop III and Paul Super.

REFERENCE

Forty-first Supplement to A.O.U. Checklist of American Birds. 1997.

BIRD OBSERVATIONS

The staff of Great Smoky Mountains National Park is interested in your observations of unusual birds in the park. Information that is of assistance to the park staff includes:

- ♦ date and time
- exact location
- elevation
- weather and temperature
- number of individuals
- your familiarity with the species

Send observations of unusual birds to:

Research Coordinator Great Smoky Mountains National Park Twin Creeks Science and Education Center 1316 Cherokee Orchard Road Gatlinburg, TN 37738