

Birds of the Highlands Plateau

Highlands - Cashiers - Scaly Mountain

This checklist is provided by the Highlands Plateau Audubon Society, P.O. Box 833, Highlands, NC 28741. This list contains the birds most likely to occur in the region. Please report sightings of other species to the Society.

Name _____

Date _____

Location _____

Seasonal Status

PR Permanent resident, breeds in area

SR Summer resident, breeds in area

WR Winter resident

M Migrant, present in spring and/or fall

V Visitant, various seasons, non-breeding

Abundance Code

C Common, present in proper habitat/season

U Uncommon, a few sightings each year

O Occasional, not seen every year

R Rare, one or two sightings every few years

STATUS CODE

GREBES

___ Pied-billed WR, M U

WADING BIRDS

___ Great Blue Heron V U

___ Great Egret V O

___ Green Heron V O

GEESE & DUCKS

___ Canada Goose PR C

___ Wood Duck PR C

___ Mallard PR C

___ American Black Duck WR U

___ Gadwall M R

___ Northern Pintail M R

___ American Wigeon M R

___ Blue-winged Teal M R

___ Green-winged Teal M R

___ Ring-necked Duck WR, M U

___ Lesser Scaup M R

___ Bufflehead WR, M U

___ Hooded Merganser WR, M U

___ Ruddy Duck M R

DIURNAL RAPTORS

___ Turkey Vulture V, M C

___ Black Vulture V, M U

___ Northern Harrier M R

___ Sharp-shinned Hawk PR C

___ Cooper's Hawk PR U

___ Red-shouldered Hawk PR U

___ Broad-winged Hawk SR C

___ Red-tailed Hawk PR C

___ Bald Eagle V, M O

___ Osprey V, M U

___ Merlin M O

___ American Kestrel M O

___ Peregrine Falcon SR, M U

GAME BIRDS

___ Northern Bobwhite PR R

___ Ruffed Grouse PR C

___ Wild Turkey PR C

COOTS

___ American Coot WR, M O

SHOREBIRDS

___ Killdeer M O

___ Solitary Sandpiper M R

___ Spotted Sandpiper SR U

___ American Woodcock PR O

___ Common Snipe M R

GULLS

___ Ring-billed Gull V R

PIGEONS & DOVES

___ Mourning Dove PR C

___ Rock Dove PR U

CUCKOOS

___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo SR U

___ Black-billed Cuckoo M R

OWLS

___ Great Horned Owl PR U

___ Barred Owl PR C

___ Eastern Screech Owl PR U

NIGHTJARS & NIGHTHAWKS

___ Whip-poor-will SR O

___ Chuck-will's-widow SR R

___ Common Nighthawk M U

SWIFTS & HUMMINGBIRDS

___ Chimney Swift SR C

___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird SR C

KINGFISHERS

___ Belted Kingfisher PR C

WOODPECKERS

___ Red-headed Woodpecker PR R

___ Red-bellied Woodpecker PR U

___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker WR C

___ Downy Woodpecker PR C

___ Hairy Woodpecker PR U

___ Northern Flicker PR C

___ Pileated Woodpecker PR U

FLYCATCHERS

___ Eastern Wood-pewee SR U

___ Acadian Flycatcher SR U

___ Willow Flycatcher SR O

___ Least Flycatcher SR U

___ Eastern Phoebe PR C

___ Great Crested Flycatcher SR O

___ Eastern Kingbird M R

VIREOS

___ Red-eyed Vireo SR C

___ White-eyed Vireo SR O

___ Yellow-throated Vireo SR U

___ Blue-headed Vireo SR C

JAYS, RAVENS & CROWS

___ Blue Jay	PR	C
___ Common Raven	PR	C
___ American Crow	PR	C

MARTINS & SWALLOWS

___ Purple Martin	SR	R
___ N. Rough-winged Swallow	SR	C
___ Tree Swallow	SR, M	U
___ Barn Swallow	SR	C

TITMICE & CHICKADEES

___ Tufted Titmouse	PR	C
___ Black-capped Chickadee	V	R
___ Carolina Chickadee	PR	C

NUTHATCHES & CREEPERS

___ Red-breasted Nuthatch	PR	C
___ White-breasted Nuthatch	PR	C
___ Brown Creeper	PR	U

WRENS

___ Carolina Wren	PR	C
___ House Wren	SR	U
___ Winter Wren	PR	C

KINGLETS & GNATCATCHERS

___ Golden-crowned Kinglet	PR	C
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	WR, M	U
___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	SR	C

THRUSHES

___ Eastern Bluebird	PR	C
___ American Robin	PR	C
___ Wood Thrush	SR	C
___ Veery	SR	C
___ Swainson's Thrush	M	U
___ Gray-cheeked Thrush	M	R
___ Hermit Thrush	WR	U

THRASHERS

___ Gray Catbird	SR	C
___ Northern Mockingbird	PR	U
___ Brown Thrasher	PR	C

STARLINGS & WAXWINGS

___ European Starling	PR	U
___ Cedar Waxwing	PR	C

WOOD-WARBLERS

___ Northern Parula	SR	C
___ Orange-crowned Warbler	M	R
___ Tennessee Warbler	M	C
___ Blue-winged Warbler	SR	R
___ Golden-winged Warbler	SR	R
___ Nashville Warbler	M	R
___ Yellow Warbler	SR	O
___ Chestnut-sided Warbler	SR	C
___ Magnolia Warbler	M	U
___ Cape May Warbler	M	R
___ Black-throated Blue Warbler	SR	C
___ Cerulean Warbler	M	R
___ Blackburnian Warbler	SR	C
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler	M	U
___ Black-throated Green Warbler	SR	C
___ Prairie Warbler	M	R
___ Palm Warbler	M	U
___ Pine Warbler	M	O
___ Bay-breasted Warbler	M	O
___ Blackpoll Warbler	M	O
___ Yellow-throated Warbler	SR	U
___ Worm-eating Warbler	SR	C
___ Black and White Warbler	SR	C
___ American Redstart	SR	U
___ Swainson's Warbler	SR	U
___ Ovenbird	SR	C
___ Northern Waterthrush	M	R
___ Louisiana Waterthrush	SR	U
___ Kentucky Warbler	SR	R
___ Common Yellowthroat	SR	U
___ Wilson's Warbler	M	R
___ Canada Warbler	SR	C
___ Hooded Warbler	SR	C
___ Yellow-breasted Chat	SR	R

TANAGERS

___ Summer Tanager	SR	R
___ Scarlet Tanager	SR	C

CARDINALS, GROSBEAKS & BUNTINGS

___ Northern Cardinal	PR	C
___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	SR	C
___ Indigo Bunting	SR	C

SPARROWS

___ Eastern Towhee	PR	C
___ Field Sparrow	PR	U
___ Chipping Sparrow	PR	U
___ Savannah Sparrow	M	U
___ White-throated Sparrow	WR	C
___ White-crowned Sparrow	M	O
___ Fox Sparrow	WR	U
___ Song Sparrow	PR	C
___ Swamp Sparrow	WR	U
___ Dark-eyed Junco	PR	C

MEADOWLARKS, BLACKBIRDS & ORIOLES

___ Eastern Meadowlark	PR	O
___ Brown-headed Cowbird	PR	U
___ Red-winged Blackbird	PR	C
___ Common Grackle	PR	C
___ Baltimore Oriole	M	R
___ Orchard Oriole	M	R

FINCHES

___ Evening Grosbeak	V	R
___ Purple Finch	WR	U
___ House Finch	PR	C
___ Red Crossbill	PR	C
___ Pine Siskin	PR	C
___ American Goldfinch	PR	C

OLD WORLD SPARROWS

___ House Sparrow	PR	U
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OTHER SPECIES & NOTES

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