

Seasonal occurrences and relative abundance at Sandy Mush GL

S-Spring	March-May
s-summer	June-August
F-Fall	September- November
W-Winter	December-February

C-Common	Seen regularly in suitable habitat
F-Fairly common	Likely to be seen in suitable habitat
U-Uncommon	Present, but not may not be seen
O-Occasional	Seen only a few times during a season
R-Rare	Not seen every year
A-Accidental	Seen only once

Ducks, Geese, Swans	S s F W
__Canada goose	F F F F
__Wood Duck	F F F F
__Mallard	O O O O
__Blue-winged teal	R
__Hooded Merganser	R
Game Birds	
__Northern Bobwhite	C C C C
__Ruffed Grouse	C C C C
__Wild Turkey	C C C C

Loons	
__Common loon	R

Cormorants	
__Double-crested Cormorant	R R

Bitterns, Herons, Allies	
__Great Blue Heron	F F F F
__Great Egret	R
__Green Heron	U

Vultures, Hawks, Eagles, Allies	
__Black Vulture	C C C C
__Turkey Vulture	C C C C
__Swallow-tailed Kite	A
__Osprey	U O O
__Bald Eagle	R R
__Northern Harrier	U U U

	S s F W
__Sharp-shinned Hawk	F F F F
__Cooper's Hawk	F F F F
__Red-shouldered Hawk	F F F F
__Broad-winged Hawk	F F F
__Red-tailed Hawk	C C C C
__American Kestrel	C C C C
__Peregrine Falcon	R

Cranes and Rails	
__Sandhill Crane	R R

Sandpipers, Phalaropes, Allies	
__Spotted Sandpiper	O O
__Solitary Sandpiper	R R
__Upland Sandpiper	R
__Wilson's Snipe	U
__American Woodcock	U U U U

Pigeons and Doves	
__Rock Pigeon	R R
__Mourning Dove	C C C C

Cuckoos	
__Yellow-billed Cuckoo	C C C

Owls	
__Barn Owl	U U U U
__Eastern Screech Owl	C C F U
__Great-horned Owl	F F F F
__Barred Owl	F F F F

Goatsuckers	
__Eastern Whip-poor-will	F U

Swifts and Hummingbirds	
__Chimney Swift	C C C
__Ruby-throated Hummingbird	C C C

Kingfishers, Woodpeckers	
__Belted Kingfisher	C C C
__Red-headed Woodpecker	R R
__Red-bellied Woodpecker	C C C C
__Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	C C C
__Downy Woodpecker	C C C C
__Hairy Woodpecker	F F F F
__Northern Flicker	C C C C
__Pileated Woodpecker	C C C C

Flycatchers	S s F W
__Eastern Wood-pewee	F F
__Acadian Flycatcher	C C
__Willow Flycatcher	R
__Eastern Phoebe	C C C C
__Great-crested Flycatcher	F F
__Eastern Kingbird	F F

Vireos	
__White-eyed Vireo	C C C
__Yellow-throated Vireo	U U
__Blue-headed Vireo	F F F
__Red-eyed Vireo	C C C

Jays and Crows	
__Blue Jay	C C C C
__American Crow	C C C C
__Common Raven	O O O

Swallows	
__Purple Martin	R O
__Tree Swallow	F F
__N. Rough-winged Swallow	F F
__Bank Swallow	R
__Cliff Swallow	R
__Barn Swallow	F F

Chickadees and Titmice	
__Carolina Chickadee	C C C C
__Tufted Titmouse	C C C C

Nuthatches	
__Red-breasted Nuthatch	U U U
__White-breasted Nuthatch	C C C C
__Brown-headed Nuthatch	F F F F

Creepers	
__Brown Creeper	U U U

Wrens	
__Carolina Wren	C C C C
__House Wren	U F U
__Winter Wren	U R U U
__Marsh Wren	R

Gnatcatchers and Kinglets	
__Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	C C C
__Golden-crowned Kinglet	F F F
__Ruby-crowned Kinglet	U U U

Thrushes	S s F W
__Eastern Bluebird	C C C C
__Gray-cheeked Thrush	R
__Swainson's Thrush	F
__Hermit Thrush	U U U
__Wood Thrush	F F U
__American Robin	C C C C

Mockingbirds and Thrashers	
__Gray Catbird	F C F
__Northern Mockingbird	C C C C
__Brown Thrasher	F F U U

Starlings	
__European Starling	C C C C

Wagtails and Pipits	
__American Pipit	R

Waxwings	
__Cedar Waxwing	C C C F

Wood Warblers	
__Ovenbird	C C
__Worm-eating Warbler	F F
__Louisiana Waterthrush	F F
__Blue-winged Warbler	U U
__Black and White Warbler	F F
__Tennessee Warbler	F
__Orange-crowned Warbler	R
__Nashville Warbler	O
__Kentucky Warbler	O O
__Common Yellowthroat	C C F
__Hooded Warbler	C C F
__American Redstart	U U F
__Cape May Warbler	R
__Northern Parula	C C F
__Magnolia Warbler	U
__Blackburnian Warbler	O O
__Yellow Warbler	O
__Blackpoll Warbler	U
__Black-throated Blue Warbler	U
__Palm Warbler	F
__Pine Warbler	F F U U
__Chestnut-sided Warbler	F
__Yellow-rumped Warbler	F F F
__Yellow-throated Warbler	F F
__Prairie Warbler	C C
__Black-throated Green Warbler	F F

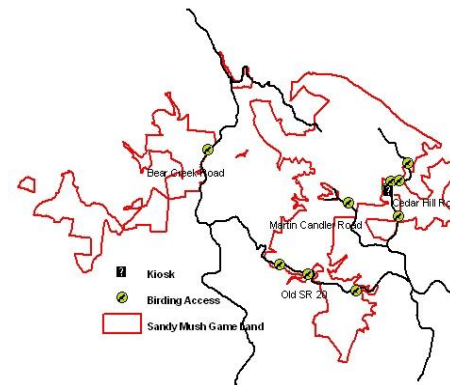
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SANDY MUSH GAME LANDS



Sandy Mush Game Land is a state owned 2679 acre tract that is actively managed with prescribed fire to provide quality early successional habitat. This area is home to several of North Carolina's Priority Bird Species. Key access points include: Bear Creek Road, Cedar Hill Road, Martin-Candler Road, and Old SR 20.



Special Note Additional information can be obtained from the NCWRC website at ncwildlife.org, NC Birding Trail at ncbirdingtrail.org and Elisha Mitchell Audubon Society at emasnc.org. Or stop by the Sandy Mush Game Land Information Kiosk located across from the Cedar Hill Baptist Church on Cedar Hill Road (35°43'18.391N, 82°39'46.795W).

Directions for the access points are available @ emasnc.org

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Observer(s) _____

Date _____

Start/End Times _____/_____

Weather Conditions _____

Stationary or Traveling? _____

Distance Traveled _____

Location(s) _____

Number Species _____

Remarks _____

This list contains 153 species of birds observed by NCWRC biologists and Elisha Mitchell Audubon Society members since 2005. Some species were observed on land adjacent to the game land. Bird data for the game land is incomplete, and the checklist may not contain all credible sightings. We encourage birders to report any wildlife sightings on the Elisha Mitchell Audubon Society's web page @ www.emasnc.org Under "Local Wildlife Sightings" submit to emas@freelists.org Put Sandy Mush Game Land in the Subject heading.



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___ Yellow-breasted Chat

Towhees and Sparrows

- ___ Eastern Towhee
- ___ Chipping Sparrow
- ___ Field Sparrow
- ___ Savannah Sparrow
- ___ Grasshopper Sparrow
- ___ Fox Sparrow
- ___ Song Sparrow
- ___ Swamp Sparrow
- ___ White-throated Sparrow
- ___ White-crowned Sparrow
- ___ Dark-eyed Junco
- ___ Vesper Sparrow
- ___ Clay-colored Sparrow
- ___ Lincoln's Sparrow

Cardinals, Tanagers, Allies

- ___ Summer Tanager
- ___ Scarlet Tanager
- ___ Northern Cardinal
- ___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak
- ___ Blue Grosbeak
- ___ Indigo Bunting

Blackbirds, Orioles

- ___ Red-winged Blackbird
- ___ Eastern Meadowlark
- ___ Rusty Blackbird
- ___ Common Grackle
- ___ Brown-headed Cowbird
- ___ Orchard Oriole
- ___ Baltimore Oriole

Finches and Allies

- ___ Purple Finch
- ___ House Finch
- ___ Red Crossbill
- ___ Pine Siskin
- ___ American Goldfinch