

Blackbirds, Orioles

	S	s	F	W	Res
___ Red-winged Blackbird	F	O			S
___ Eastern Meadowlark	F				M
___ Common Grackle	C				M
___ Brown-headed Cowbirds	C	C			S
___ Orchard Oriole	O	O			S
___ Baltimore Oriole	O				S

Observer(s) _____

Date _____

Start/End Times _____ / _____

Weather Conditions _____

Stationary or Traveling?

Distance Traveled _____

Locations _____

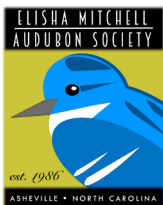
Remarks: _____

This list contains 147 species of birds observed by biologists with the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission. Some species were observed on land adjacent to the game land. Bird data for the game land are incomplete, and the checklist may not contain all credible sightings.

Hunting days are Monday through Saturday on Green River Game Land during open seasons: www.ncwildlife.org/hunting

More info on birding in NC:

- ncwildlife.org/enjoying
- N.C. Birding Trail website, ncbirdingtrail.org
- Elisha Mitchell Audubon Society, emasnc.org



The Green River Game Land is a state-owned, 14,464-acre game land located in Henderson and Polk counties. The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission actively manages the tract with prescribed fire to provide quality early successional habitat. This area is home to several of North Carolina's bird Species of Greatest Conservation Need. [Green River Game Land Birding Trail Map.](#)

Driving Directions: To the Big Hungry section: From I-26, take Exit 53 and head east on Upward Road for 1.5 miles. Turn right onto Big Hungry Road and follow it, making two more turns, for 5.3 miles to the Long Ridge Road parking area and gate, on the right. This parking area is 0.6 miles past the parking area with the kiosk and is just before Big Hungry Road dead ends.

*Suggested bird walk: A 2.5 mile, clockwise loop over Long Ridge Road to Bear Branch, to Bishop Branch, and back to the parking lot on Big Hungry Road.

To the Green River Cove Road section: From I-26, take exit 59 (Saluda) and head east on Holbert Cove Road for 0.2 miles. Turn left onto Green River Cove Road and drive down through the switchbacks. To access the Walcott Tract, travel 3.6 miles on Green River Cove Road to the first bridge over the River and turn right behind Wilderness Cove Tube Shop. Follow dirt road back to game land parking area and gate. There are additional pull-offs farther down Green River Cove Road that also allow access to the Game Land property.

*Suggested bird walk: A 2.5 mile roundtrip out-and-back along a dirt road through the Walcott Tract.

BIRDS OF GREEN RIVER GAME LAND



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Seasonal Occurrences and Relative Abundance of Bird Species on the Green River Game Land

S-Spring	March-May
s-Summer	June-August
F-Fall	September-November
W-Winter	December-February
C-Common	Detected regularly in suitable habitat
F-Fairly Common	Likely to be detected in suitable habitat
U-Uncommon	Present, but may not be detected
O-Occasional	Detected only a few times during a season
R-Rare	Not detected every year
A-Accidental	Detected only once
<i>W-Winter Resident</i>	
<i>S-Summer Resident</i>	
<i>P-Permanent Resident</i>	
<i>M-Spring/Fall Migrant</i>	

Species in **bold text** indicate Species of Greatest Conservation Need as identified in the [NC Wildlife Action Plan](http://ncwildlife.org/plan) (ncwildlife.org/plan).

	S	s	F	W	Res
Ducks, Geese, Swans					
___ Canada Goose	O	O	O		P
___ Wood Duck	O			O	P
___ Common Merganser	U	U		R	P
New World Quails					
___ Northern Bobwhite	R	R			P
Grouse and Allies					
___ Ruffed Grouse	U	U	U	U	P
___ Wild Turkey	C	C	C	C	P
Pigeons and Doves					
___ Rock Pigeon	F	F	F	F	P
___ Mourning Dove	C	C	C	C	P
Cuckoos					
___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo	C	C	F		S

	S	s	F	W	Res
Goatsuckers					
___ Chuck-will's-Widow	F	F			S
___ Eastern Whip-poor-Will	C	C			S

Swifts, Hummingbirds

___ Chimney Swift	C	C			S
___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird	C	C			S

Plovers, Sandpipers

___ Killdeer	U				M
___ American Woodcock			R		M
___ Spotted Sandpiper	F				M
___ Solitary Sandpiper	F				M

Cormorants

___ Double-crested Cormorant	R				M
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Bitterns, Herons, Egrets

___ Great Blue Heron	C	C	C	C	P
___ Green Heron	O				M

New World Vultures

___ Black Vulture	F	F	F	F	P
___ Turkey Vulture	C	C	C	C	P

Ospreys, Kites, Eagles, Hawks

___ Osprey	F				M
___ Bald Eagle	R		R		M
___ Northern Harrier	R		R		M
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk	U	U	U	U	P
___ Cooper's Hawk	U	U	U	U	P
___ Red-shouldered Hawk	F	F	F	F	P
___ Broad-winged Hawk	F	U	O		S
___ Red-tailed Hawk	C	C	C	C	P

Owls

___ Eastern Screech-Owl	U	U	U		P
___ Great Horned Owl	U	U	U		P
___ Barred Owl	F	F	F		P

Kingfishers, Woodpeckers

___ Belted Kingfisher	C	C	C	C	P
___ Red-headed Woodpecker	F	F	F	F	P
___ Red-bellied Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	P
___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	U		U	C	W
___ Downy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	P

	S	s	F	W	Res
___ Hairy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	P
___ Northern Flicker	C	C	C	C	P
___ Pileated Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	P

Flycatchers

___ Olive-sided Flycatcher	R				M
___ Eastern Wood-Pewee	C	C	C		S
___ Acadian Flycatcher	C	C			S
___ Willow Flycatcher	O				M
___ Eastern Phoebe	C	C	C	C	P
___ Great-crested Flycatcher	F	F	O		S
___ Eastern Kingbird	F	F			S

Vireos

___ White-eyed Vireo	C	C	O		S
___ Yellow-throated Vireo	C	O			S
___ Blue-headed Vireo	C	F	F		S
___ Red-eyed Vireo	C	C	F		S

Jays, Crows, Ravens

___ Blue Jay	C	C	C	C	P
___ American Crow	C	C	C	C	P
___ Fish Crow	F	U			P
___ Common Raven	O	O	O	O	P

Swallows

___ Purple Martin	U	O			S
___ Tree Swallow	F	F			S
___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow	C	F			S
___ Cliff Swallow	U	U			S
___ Barn Swallow	C	C			S

Chickadees, Titmice

___ Carolina Chickadee	C	C	C	C	P
___ Tufted Titmouse	C	C	C	C	P

Nuthatches

___ Red-breasted Nuthatch			O		W
___ White-breasted Nuthatch	C	C	C	C	P
___ Brown-headed Nuthatch	O	O	O	O	P

Treecreepers

___ Brown Creeper			U	U	W
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Wrens

___ House Wren	U	U	U	U	S
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	S	s	F	W	Res
___ Winter Wren			F		M
___ Sedge Wren			O		M
___ Carolina Wren	C	C	C	C	P

Gnatcatchers

___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	C	C			S
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Kinglets

___ Golden-crowned Kinglet	U		F	C	W
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	F		C	F	W

Thrushes

___ Eastern Bluebird	C	C	C	C	P
___ Veery	O	O			M
___ Gray-cheeked Thrush	R	U			M
___ Swainson's Thrush	F	F			M
___ Hermit Thrush			U	F	W
___ Wood Thrush	C	C	F		S
___ American Robin	C	C	C	C	P

Mockingbirds, Thrashers

___ Gray Catbird	F	U	F		S
___ Brown Thrasher	C	F	F	U	P
___ Northern Mockingbird	C	C	C	C	P

Starlings

___ European Starling	C	C	C	C	P
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Waxwings

___ Cedar Waxwing	F	F	C	F	P
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Finches

___ House Finch	F	F	F		P
___ Purple Finch			O		W
___ Pine Siskin	U		O		W
___ American Goldfinch	C	C	C	C	P

Wood Warblers

___ Ovenbird	C	C	U		S
___ Worm-eating Warbler	C	C	O		S
___ Louisiana Waterthrush	C	C			S
___ Northern Waterthrush	U		O		M
___ Blue-winged Warbler	U		U		M
___ Black-and-White Warbler	C	C	F		S
___ Swainson's Warbler	F	F			S
___ Tennessee Warbler	U		F		M
___ Orange-crowned Warbler			O		M

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___ Nashville Warbler	O		U		M
___ Connecticut Warbler	O				M
___ Kentucky Warbler	F	F			S

___ Common Yellowthroat	C	C	C		S
___ Hooded Warbler	C	C	F		S
___ American Redstart	C	F	F		S
___ Cape May Warbler	F		O		M
___ Cerulean Warbler	R	R			S
___ Northern Parula	C	C	C		S
___ Magnolia Warbler	U		F		M
___ Bay-breasted Warbler			O		M
___ Blackburnian Warbler	F		U		M
___ Yellow Warbler	U	O			S
___ Chestnut-sided Warbler	U	O	F		M
___ Blackpoll Warbler	F				M
___ Black-throated Blue Warbler	F		F		M
___ Palm Warbler	U		F		M
___ Pine Warbler	C	C		O	S
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler	C				M
___ Yellow-throated Warbler	C	C			S
___ Prairie Warbler	C	C			S
___ Black-throated Green Warbler	C	C	F		S
___ Canada Warbler	O				M
___ Wilson's Warbler			O		M
___ Yellow-breasted Chat	C	C	O		S

Towhees, Sparrows

___ Eastern Towhee	C	C	C	C	P
___ Chipping Sparrow	C	C	C		P
___ Field Sparrow	C	C	C	C	P
___ Vesper Sparrow			R		M
___ Savannah Sparrow				F	W
___ Fox Sparrow	O		U		W
___ Song Sparrow	C	C	C	C	P
___ Lincoln's Sparrow				R	W
___ Swamp Sparrow	U		F	F	W
___ White-throated Sparrow	C		C	C	W
___ Dark-eyed Junco	F		F	C	W

Cardinals, Tanagers, Allies

___ Summer Tanager	U				S
___ Scarlet Tanager	C	C	C		S
___ Northern Cardinal	C	C	C	C	P
___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	C	O	F		M
___ Blue Grosbeak	C	F	O		S
___ Indigo Bunting	C	C	C		S