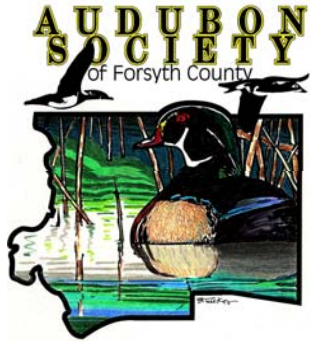


Field Checklist of Avian Species

Forsyth County, North Carolina



Gray Catbird	*	C	C	C	R
Northern Mockingbird	*	A	A	A	A
Brown Thrasher	*	C	C	C	U
European Starling	*	A	A	A	A
American Pipit		R		R	R
Cedar Waxwing	*	C	U	U	C
Blue-winged Warbler		U		U	
Golden-winged Warbler		R		R	
Tennessee Warbler		U	U	U	
Orange-crowned Warbler		R		R	
Nashville Warbler		U		U	
Northern Parula	*	C	R	U	
Yellow Warbler	*	U	U	U	
Chestnut-sided Warbler		U	U	U	
Magnolia Warbler		U	U	U	
Cape May Warbler		U	U	U	R
Black-throated Blue Warbler		C	C	C	
Yellow-rumped Warbler		A		A	A
Black-throated Green Warbler		U		U	
Blackburnian Warbler		U		U	
Yellow-throated Warbler	*	U	U	U	
Pine Warbler	*	C	C	C	C
Prairie Warbler	*	U	U	U	
Palm Warbler		U		U	R
Bay-breasted Warbler		U		U	
Blackpoll Warbler		U		U	
Cerulean Warbler		R	R	R	
Black-and-white Warbler	*	C	C	C	
American Redstart	*	C	C	C	
Prothonotary Warbler	*	U	U	U	
Worm-eating Warbler		U	R	U	
Swainson's Warbler		R			
Ovenbird	*	U	U	U	
Northern Waterthrush		U		U	
Louisiana Waterthrush	*	U	R	U	
Kentucky Warbler	*	U	R	U	
Connecticut Warbler		R		R	
Common Yellowthroat	*	C	C	C	R
Hooded Warbler	*	U	U	U	
Wilson's Warbler		R		R	
Canada Warbler		U	U	U	
Yellow-breasted Chat	*	U	U	U	
Summer Tanager	*	U	U	U	
Scarlet Tanager	*	U	U	U	
Eastern Towhee	*	C	C	C	C
Chipping Sparrow	*	C	C	C	R
Field Sparrow	*	U	U	U	U
Vesper Sparrow		R		R	R

Savannah Sparrow		U		U	U
Grasshopper Sparrow	*	U	U	U	
Fox Sparrow		U		U	U
Song Sparrow	*	A	A	A	A
Lincoln's Sparrow		R		R	R
Swamp Sparrow		U		U	U
White-throated Sparrow		A		A	A
White-crowned Sparrow		U		U	U
Dark-eyed Junco		A		A	A
Northern Cardinal	*	A	A	A	A
Rose-breasted Grosbeak		U		U	
Blue Grosbeak	*	U	U	U	
Indigo Bunting	*	C	C	C	
Bobolink		U	R	U	
Red-winged Blackbird	*	C	C	C	U
Eastern Meadowlark	*	U	U	U	U
Rusty Blackbird		U		U	R
Brewer's Blackbird		R			R
Common Grackle	*	A	A	A	A
Brown-headed Cowbird	*	C	C	C	U
Orchard Oriole	*	U	U	U	
Baltimore Oriole	*	U	U	U	R
Purple Finch		R		R	R
House Finch	*	A	A	A	A
Pine Siskin		R	R	R	R
American Goldfinch	*	C	C	C	A
Evening Grosbeak		R		R	R
House Sparrow	*	C	C	C	C

*The Gray-cheeked and Bicknell's Thrushes are not separable in the field. There are no positively identified records for Bicknell's in Forsyth County.

The following species have been documented in Forsyth County as least once in the past. However, their appearance in the county at this time should be considered accidental and not expected to occur again. Possible sightings of these species should be reported with documentation to Audubon Society of Forsyth County.

Species
Red-throated Loon
Hared Grebe
Least Bittern
Tri-colored Heron
Cattle Egret
Glossy Ibis
Greater White-fronted Goose
Ross's Goose
Rough-legged Hawk
King Rail

Virginia Rail
Purple Gallinule
Common Moorhen
Sandhill Crane
American Avocet
Ruddy Turnstone
Red Knot
Long-billed Dowitcher
Sabine's Gull
Gull-billed Tern
Royal Tern
Monk Parakeet
Snowy Owl
Northern Saw-whet Owl
Calliope Hummingbird
Red-cockaded Woodpecker
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher
Black-capped Chickadee
Bewick's Wren
Sedge Wren
Brewster's Warbler (hybrid)
Mourning Warbler
Western Tanager
Bachman's Sparrow
American Tree Sparrow
Lark Sparrow
Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow
Landland Longspur
Black-headed Grosbeak
Clay-colored Sparrow
Dickcissel
Yellow-headed Blackbird
Shiny Cowbird
Red Crossbill
Common Redpoll
Lesser Goldfinch

Field Notes:

Forsyth County, North Carolina is located 800-960 feet above sea level at the eastern edge of the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Protected by the mountains and receiving warm air from the Atlantic, the 419 square mile area has a moderate climate. Its annual rainfall of 44 inches is ample and well distributed throughout the year resulting in a growing season of 200 days. Salem Lake, a 365 acre city reservoir, is the county's largest body of water. Numerous small ponds and lakes are scattered throughout the county, and the Yadkin River forms the county's western boundary. Mixed deciduous forests, stands of pure and mixed pines, abandoned farm fields in various stages of succession, cultivated fields, streamsides and a few wetland areas create a diversified habitat for a wide variety of avian species. Two hundred ninety (290) species of birds have been recorded in the county, with 104 listed as current breeding species.

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KEY

Season: S - Spring - March/May
 S - Summer - June/August
 F - Fall - September/November
 W - Winter - December/February

Breeding: B - Documented Records

Relative Abundance:

- A - Abundant: Appropriate season and habitat, found in fairly substantial numbers.
- C - Common: Appropriate season and habitat, found regularly.
- U - Uncommon: Appropriate season and habitat, found irregularly in small numbers.
- R - Rare: Very few records over period of several years.
- E - Escape: Escaped or introduced.
Some have become established.

Changes in status occur over time, but these records from 1937 to 2007 represent an accurate accounting of each species at the time of printing. (AOU taxonomic order, 2006.)

Species	B	S	S	F	W
Common Loon		U	R	U	U
Pied-billed Grebe		U	R	U	C
Horned Grebe		U		U	U
Red-necked Grebe		R			R
Double-crested Cormorant		U	U	U	
American Bittern		R		R	R
Great Blue Heron	*	U	U	C	C
Great Egret		U	U	U	
Snowy Egret		R	R		
Little Blue Heron		R	R		
Green Heron	*	C	C	C	
Black-crowned Night-Heron		R	R		
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	*	U	U	U	
White Ibis			R	R	
Black Vulture	*	U	U	U	U
Turkey Vulture	*	C	C	C	C
Gravlag Goose	*	E	E	E	E
Chinese Goose		E	E	E	E
Snow Goose			R		R
Cackling Goose					R
Canada Goose	*	A	A	A	A
Mute Swan				R	R
Tundra Swan				R	R
Muscovy Duck		E	E	E	E

Mandarin Duck					F
Wood Duck	*	C	C	C	U
Gadwall		U		U	U
American Wigeon		U		U	U
American Black Duck		U		U	U
Mallard	*	A	A	A	A
Blue-winged Teal		U	R	U	R
Northern Shoveler		U	U	U	U
Ringed Teal		E		E	
Northern Pintail		U		U	U
Green-winged Teal		U		U	U
Canvasback		U		U	U
Redhead		U		U	U
Ring-necked Duck		C		C	C
Greater Scaup		R		R	R
Lesser Scaup		U		U	U
Surf Scoter					R
White-winged Scoter		R			R
Long-tailed Duck		R			R
Bufflehead		U		U	U
Common Goldeneye		R		R	R
Hooded Merganser		C		U	C
Common Merganser		R			R
Red-breasted Merganser		U		U	U
Ruddy Duck		C		C	C
Osprey		U	U	U	
Bald Eagle		R	R	U	R
Northern Harrier		R		R	R
Sharp-shinned Hawk		U		U	U
Cooper's Hawk	*	C	C	C	C
Red-shouldered Hawk	*	C	C	C	C
Broad-winged Hawk	*	U	U	C	
Red-tailed Hawk	*	C	C	C	C
American Kestrel	*	U	U	U	U
Merlin		R		R	R
Peregrine Falcon		R		R	R
Chukar		E	E	E	E
Ring-necked Pheasant		E	E	E	E
Wild Turkey	?	U	U	U	U
Northern Bobwhite	*	R	R	R	R
Sora		R		R	
Common Moorhen		R	R	R	R
American Coot		C		U	C
Black-bellied Plover		U		U	
American Golden-Plover				R	
Semipalmated Plover		U		U	
Killdeer	*	C	C	C	C
Greater Yellowlegs		U	U	U	

Lesser Yellowlegs		U	U	U	R
Spotted Sandpiper	*	C	C	C	
Solitary Sandpiper		C	C	C	
Upland Sandpiper		R		R	
Sanderling		R	U	U	
Semipalmated Sandpiper		U	U	U	
Western Sandpiper		U	U	U	
Least Sandpiper		C	C	C	
White-rumped Sandpiper		R	R	R	
Baird's Sandpiper			R	R	
Pectoral Sandpiper		U	C	C	
Dunlin		R		R	
Stilt Sandpiper		R	R	R	
Buff-breasted Sandpiper			R	R	
Short-billed Dowitcher			R	R	
Wilson's Snipe		U		U	U
American Woodcock	*	R	R	R	R
Wilson's Phalarope		R		R	
Red-necked Phalarope		R	R	R	
Laughing Gull		R		R	
Bonaparte's Gull		U	U	U	
Ring-billed Gull		A	A	A	
Herring Gull		R		U	U
Great Black-backed Gull		R			R
Caspian Tern		R		R	
Black Tern			R	R	
Common Tern			R	R	R
Forster's Tern		R	R		
Rock Pigeon	*	A	A	A	A
Mourning Dove	*	A	A	A	A
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	*	U	U	U	
Black-billed Cuckoo		R	R	R	
Barn Owl	*	R	R	R	R
Eastern Screech-Owl	*	C	C	C	C
Great Horned Owl	*	C	C	C	C
Barred Owl	*	U	U	U	U
Common Nighthawk	*	C	C	C	
Chuck-will's-widow	*	R	R	R	
Whip-poor-will	*	R	R	R	
Chimney Swift	*	A	A	A	
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	*	C	C	C	
Rufous Hummingbird		R		R	R
Belted Kingfisher	*	C	C	C	C
Red-headed Woodpecker	*	U	U	U	U
Red-bellied Woodpecker	*	C	C	C	C
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		C		C	C
Downy Woodpecker	*	C	C	C	C
Hairy Woodpecker	*	U	U	U	U

Northern Flicker	*	C	C	C	C
Pileated Woodpecker	*	U	U	U	U
Olive-sided Flycatcher		R		R	
Eastern Wood-Pewee	*	C	C	C	
Acadian Flycatcher	*	U	U	U	
Willow Flycatcher	*	R	R	R	
Least Flycatcher		U		U	
Eastern Phoebe	*	C	C	C	U
Great-crested Flycatcher	*	C	C	C	
Eastern Kingbird	*	C	C	C	
Loggerhead Shrike		R	R	R	R
White-eyed Vireo	*	U	U	U	
Yellow-throated Vireo	*	U	U	U	
Blue-headed Vireo	*	U	R	U	
Warbling Vireo		R		R	
Philadelphia Vireo		R		R	
Red-eyed Vireo	*	A	C	A	
Blue Jay	*	A	A	A	A
American Crow	*	A	A	A	A
Fish Crow		U	U		
Common Raven	*	U	U	U	U
Horned Lark	*	R	R	R	R
Purple Martin	*	C	C	C	
Tree Swallow		U		U	
N. Rough-winged Swallow	*	C	C	C	
Bank Swallow		R		R	
Cliff Swallow	*	U	U	U	
Barn Swallow	*	C	C	C	
Carolina Chickadee	*	A	A	A	A
Tufted Titmouse	*	A	A	A	A
Red-breasted Nuthatch		R		R	R
White-breasted Nuthatch	*	C	C	C	C
Brown-headed Nuthatch	*	U	U	U	U
Brown Creeper	*	U		U	U
Carolina Wren	*	C	C	C	C
House Wren	*	C	C	C	R
Winter Wren		U		U	U
Marsh Wren		R		R	R
Golden-crowned Kinglet		C		C	C
Ruby-crowned Kinglet		C	R	C	C
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	*	C	C	C	
Eastern Bluebird	*	A	A	A	A
Veery		U		U	
Gray-cheeked/Bicknell's		R		R	
Swainson's Thrush		C		C	
Hermit Thrush		U		U	U
Wood Thrush	*	U	U	U	
American Robin	*	A	A	A	A