



## Mammals



## Reptiles



## Amphibians



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# Wildlife of the Highlands Plateau

Checklists for fauna found in  
and around Highlands Botanical  
Garden and Nature Center



Part of the Highlands Plateau Greenway &  
North Carolina Birding Trail

### Carnivores

- Coyote
- Red Fox
- Gray Fox
- Black Bear
- Raccoon
- Least Weasel
- Long-tailed Weasel
- Mink
- Eastern Spotted Skunk
- Striped Skunk
- River Otter
- Bobcat

### Moles and Shrews

- Hairy-tailed Mole
- Eastern Mole
- Star-nosed Mole
- Masked Shrew
- Pygmy Shrew
- Southeastern Shrew
- Smoky Shrew
- Northern Short-tailed Shrew

### Bats

- Little Brown Bat
- Indiana Bat
- Silver-haired Bat
- Eastern Pipistrelle
- Big Brown Bat
- Red Bat
- Hoary Bat
- Evening Bat
- Rafinesque's Big-eared Bat

### Rabbits

- Eastern Cottontail

### Rodents

- Eastern Chipmunk
- Woodchuck
- Gray Squirrel
- Red Squirrel
- Southern Flying Squirrel
- Beaver
- Deer Mouse
- White-footed Mouse
- Golden Mouse
- Eastern Woodrat
- Southern Red-backed Vole
- Meadow Vole
- Pine Vole
- Muskrat
- Southern Bog Lemming
- Norway Rat
- House Mouse
- Woodland Jumping Mouse
- Meadow Jumping Mouse

### Hoofed Mammals

- Wild Pig
- White-tailed Deer

### Marsupials

- Opossum

### Turtles

- Snapping Turtle
- Eastern Musk Turtle
- Painted Turtle
- Bog Turtle
- Eastern Box Turtle

### Lizards

- Eastern Fence Lizard
- Coal Skink
- Five-lined Skink
- Broadhead Skink

### Snakes (non-venomous)

- Worm Snake
- Black Racer
- Ringneck Snake
- Corn Snake
- Black Rat Snake
- Eastern Milksnake
- Northern Water Snake
- Queen Snake
- Brown Snake
- Redbelly Snake
- Eastern Ribbon Snake
- Eastern Garter Snake

### Snakes (venomous)

- Copperhead
- Timber Rattlesnake

### Salamanders

- Hellbender
- Eastern Newt
- Spotted Salamander
- Green Salamander
- Four-toed Salamander
- Seal Salamander
- Ocoee Salamander
- Shovel-nosed Salamander
- Black-bellied Salamander
- Pygmy Salamander
- Blue Ridge Two-lined Salamander
- Spring Salamander
- Red Salamander
- Gray-cheeked Salamander
- Southern Red-backed Salamander
- Southern Appalachian Salamander

### Toads

- American Toad
- Fowler's Toad

### Treefrogs

- Gray Treefrog
- Spring Peeper

### Frogs

- Bullfrog
- Green Frog
- Pickerel Frog
- Wood Frog



# Birds

## Grebes

- Pied-billed

## Wading Birds

- Great Blue Heron
- Great Egret
- Green Heron

## Geese and Ducks

- Canada Goose
- Wood Duck
- Mallard
- American Black Duck
- Gadwall
- Northern Pintail
- American Wigeon
- Blue-winged Teal
- Green-winged Teal
- Ring-necked Duck
- Lesser Scaup
- Bufflehead
- Hooded Merganser
- Ruddy Duck

## Coots

- American Coot

## Diurnal Raptors

- Turkey Vulture
- Black Vulture
- Northern Harrier
- Sharp-shinned Hawk
- Cooper's Hawk
- Red-shouldered Hawk
- Broad-winged Hawk
- Red-tailed Hawk
- Bald Eagle
- Osprey
- Merlin
- American Kestrel
- Peregrine Falcon

## Game Birds

- Northern Bobwhite
- Ruffed Grouse
- Wild Turkey

## Shorebirds

- Killdeer
- Solitary Sandpiper
- Spotted Sandpiper
- American Woodcock
- Common Snipe

## Pigeons and Doves

- Mourning Dove
- Rock Dove

## Cuckoos

- Yellow-billed Cuckoo
- Black-billed Cuckoo

## Owls

- Great Horned Owl
- Barred Owl
- Eastern Screech Owl

## Nightjars and Nighthawks

- Whip-poor-will
- Chuck-will's-widow
- Common Nighthawk

## Swifts

- Chimney Swift

## Hummingbirds

- Ruby-throated Hummingbird

## Woodpeckers

- Red-headed Woodpecker
- Red-bellied Woodpecker
- Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
- Downy Woodpecker
- Hairy Woodpecker
- Northern Flicker
- Pileated Woodpecker

## Flycatchers

- Eastern Wood-pewee
- Acadian Flycatcher
- Willow Flycatcher
- Least Flycatcher
- Eastern Phoebe
- Great Crested Flycatcher
- Eastern Kingbird

## Vireos

- Red-eyed Vireo
- White-eyed Vireo
- Yellow-throated Vireo
- Blue-headed Vireo

## Jays, Crows, and Ravens

- Blue Jay
- American Crow
- Common Raven

## Martins and Swallows

- Purple Martin
- Northern Rough-winged Swallow
- Tree Swallow
- Barn Swallow

## Titmice and Chickadees

- Tufted Titmouse
- Black-capped Chickadee
- Carolina Chickadee

## Nuthatches and Creepers

- Red-breasted Nuthatch
- White-breasted Nuthatch
- Brown Creeper

## Kinglets and Gnatcatchers

- Golden-crowned Kinglet
- Ruby-crowned Kinglet
- Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

## Thrashers

- Gray Catbird
- Northern Mockingbird
- Brown Thrasher

## Thrushes

- Eastern Bluebird
- American Robin
- Wood Thrush
- Veery
- Swainson's Thrush
- Gray-cheeked Thrush
- Hermit Thrush

## Wood Warblers

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

## Wrens

- Carolina Wren
- House Wren
- Winter Wren

## Starlings and Waxwings

- European Starling
- Cedar Waxwing

## Tanagers

- Summer Tanager
- Scarlet Tanager

## Cardinals, Grosbeaks, and Buntings

- Northern Cardinal
- Rose-breasted Grosbeak
- Indigo Bunting

## Sparrows and Old World Sparrows

- Eastern Towhee
- Field Sparrow
- Chipping Sparrow
- Savannah Sparrow
- White-throated Sparrow
- Fox Sparrow
- Song Sparrow
- Swamp Sparrow
- Dark-eyed Junco
- House Sparrow

## Meadowlarks, Blackbirds, and Orioles

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

## Finches

- Evening Grosbeak
- Purple Finch
- House Finch
- Red Crossbill
- Pine Siskin
- American Goldfinch