

X	W	Sp	Su	F
Gnatcatchers and Kinglets				
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher *	-	F	F	U
Golden-crowned Kinglet *	F	F	U	F
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	U	U	A	U
Thrushes				
Eastern Bluebird *	F	F	F	F
Veery *	-	F	F	U
Gray-cheeked Thrush	-	O	-	U
Swainson's Thrush	A	U	A	F
Hermit Thrush *	U	U	U	U
Wood Thrush *	-	F	F	F
American Robin *	C	C	C	C
Mockingbirds and Thrashers				
Gray Catbird *	R	F	F	F
Brown Thrasher *	O	U	U	U
Northern Mockingbird *	F	F	F	F
Starlings				
European Starling *	C	C	C	C
Pipits				
American Pipit	O	O	A	O
Sprague's Pipit	-	-	-	A
Waxwings				
Cedar Waxwing *	F	F	F	F
Longspurs and Snow Bunting				
Lapland Longspur	-	-	-	R
Snow Bunting	R	R	-	R
Warblers				
Ovenbird *	A	C	C	F
Worm-eating Warbler *	-	U	U	U
Louisiana Waterthrush *	-	F	F	R
Northern Waterthrush	-	U	-	U
Golden-winged Warbler *	-	U	U	U
Blue-winged Warbler	-	O	R	O
Black-and-white Warbler *	A	F	F	F
Prothonotary Warbler	-	R	R	R
Swainson's Warbler *	-	U	U	R
Tennessee Warbler	-	U	-	C
Orange-crowned Warbler	R	O	-	O
Nashville Warbler	-	U	-	U
Connecticut Warbler	-	R	-	R
Mourning Warbler	-	R	A	R
Kentucky Warbler *	-	O	O	O
Common Yellowthroat *	R	F	F	F
Hooded Warbler *	-	C	C	C
American Redstart *	-	U	U	U
Cape May Warbler	-	U	-	F
Cerulean Warbler	-	R	-	R
Northern Parula *	A	F	F	F
Magnolia Warbler *	-	U	O	F
Bay-breasted Warbler	-	O	-	U
Blackburnian Warbler *	-	U	O	U
Yellow Warbler *	-	U	U	O
Chestnut-sided Warbler *	-	F	F	F
Blackpoll Warbler	-	U	-	R
Black-throated Blue Warbler *	A	F	F	F
Palm Warbler	O	U	-	F
Pine Warbler *	R	U	U	U
Yellow-rumped Warbler	C	C	R	C
Yellow-throated Warbler *	-	F	F	U
Prairie Warbler *	-	U	O	U
Black-throated Gray Warbler	-	-	-	A
Townsend's Warbler	A	-	-	-
Black-throated Green Warbler *	-	F	F	F
Canada Warbler *	-	F	F	U
Wilson's Warbler	-	O	-	O
Yellow-breasted Chat *	A	U	U	O

X	W	Sp	Su	F
Sparrows				
Green-tailed Towhee	A	-	-	-
Eastern Towhee *	F	F	F	F
Bachman's Sparrow *	-	X	X	X
American Tree Sparrow	R	-	-	-
Chipping Sparrow *	U	F	F	F
Clay-colored Sparrow	-	A	-	-
Field Sparrow *	F	F	F	F
Vesper Sparrow *	-	O	O	O
Lark Bunting	-	A	-	-
Savannah Sparrow	O	U	R	U
Grasshopper Sparrow *	-	O	O	O
Henslow's Sparrow	-	-	-	R
Le Conte's Sparrow	A	-	-	A
Nelson's Sparrow	-	-	-	R
Fox Sparrow	U	U	-	U
Song Sparrow *	C	C	C	C
Lincoln's Sparrow	A	O	-	U
Swamp Sparrow	U	U	-	U
White-throated Sparrow	C	C	-	C
White-crowned Sparrow	U	U	-	U
Dark-eyed Junco *	C	C	C	C
Cardinals and Grosbeaks				
Summer Tanager *	-	O	O	O
Scarlet Tanager *	-	F	F	F
Western Tanager	-	-	-	A
Northern Cardinal *	C	C	C	C
Rose-breasted Grosbeak *	A	U	U	F
Black-headed Grosbeak	-	-	-	A
Blue Grosbeak *	-	O	O	O
Indigo Bunting *	-	C	C	C
Dickcissel	-	R	R	R
Blackbirds				
Bobolink	-	O	-	O
Red-winged Blackbird *	O	C	C	C
Eastern Meadowlark *	U	U	U	U
Rusty Blackbird	O	O	-	O
Brewer's Blackbird	R	R	-	-
Common Grackle *	O	C	C	C
Brown-headed Cowbird *	O	F	F	F
Orchard Oriole *	-	U	U	U
Baltimore Oriole *	A	U	U	U
Finches				
House Finch *	F	F	F	F
Purple Finch	U	U	A	U
Red Crossbill *	O	O	O	O
White-winged Crossbill	R	R	-	R
Common Redpoll	A	-	-	-
Pine Siskin *	U	U	O	U
American Goldfinch *	C	C	C	C
Evening Grosbeak	R	R	A	R
Old World Sparrows				
House Sparrow *	U	U	U	U



Checklist

of the Birds of Carter County, Tennessee

Since its formation in 1944, the Lee & Lois Herndon Chapter of the Tennessee Ornithological Society, also known as the Elizabethton Bird Club, has kept continuous records on the occurrence of birds in Carter County. Additional data go back to 1886.

In all, 286 species of birds have been documented in the county. Species that nest or have nested in the county are marked by an asterisk (*). Status listed in the chart below represents the current abundance in Carter County. For some species the status may vary slightly from one year to another. Also, because of the broad elevational range within the county (1420 ft to 6285 ft), the status of some species may vary with the elevation. While many species are widespread, others require searching within the appropriate habitat.

The column on the left provides space for observers to check off their sightings.

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Abundance

- C - Common - numerous and widespread.
- F - Fairly common - observed most of the time, often 5-10 per day
- U - Uncommon - observed less often, usually fewer than 5 per day
- O - Occasional - seen infrequently, usually one to several per year
- R - Rare - seen once or twice every few years.
- A - Accidental - has occurred, but unexpected to occur again
- X - Extirpated - no longer found here

Seasons

- W - Winter (December to February)
- Sp - Spring (March to May)
- Su - Summer (June to July)
- F - Fall (August to November)

X	W	Sp	Su	F
Waterfowl				
Greater White-fronted Goose	R	R	-	R
Snow Goose	R	R	-	R
Ross's Goose	R	R	-	R
Cackling Goose	R	R	-	R
Canada Goose *	C	C	C	C
Tundra Swan	R	R	-	R
Wood Duck *	O	F	F	F
Gadwall	U	U	-	U
American Wigeon	U	U	R	U
American Black Duck	U	U	-	U
Mallard *	C	C	C	C
Blue-winged Teal	R	F	-	F
Northern Shoveler	O	U	-	U
Northern Pintail	O	O	-	O
Green-winged Teal	U	U	-	U
Canvasback	O	O	-	O
Redhead	U	U	-	U

X	Waterfowl (continued)	W	Sp	Su	F
	Ring-necked Duck	F	F	R	F
	Greater Scaup	O	O	-	O
	Lesser Scaup	F	F	R	F
	Surf Scoter	R	R	-	R
	White-winged Scoter	R	R	-	R
	Black Scoter	R	R	-	R
	Long-tailed Duck	R	R	-	R
	Bufflehead	F	F	R	F
	Common Goldeneye	O	O	A	O
	Hooded Merganser	U	U	R	U
	Common Merganser	O	R	R	R
	Red-breasted Merganser	O	O	-	O
	Ruddy Duck	O	O	-	O
	Quail, Grouse and Turkey				
	Northern Bobwhite *	O	O	O	O
	Ruffed Grouse *	U	U	U	U
	Wild Turkey *	F	F	F	F
	Loons and Grebes				
	Red-throated Loon	R	R	-	R
	Common Loon	U	U	-	U
	Yellow-billed Loon	-	-	-	A
	Pied-billed Grebe *	F	F	R	F
	Horned Grebe	U	U	A	U
	Red-necked Grebe	R	R	-	R
	Eared Grebe	-	R	-	R
	Cormorants and Pelicans				
	Double-crested Cormorant *	O	O	O	O
	American White Pelican	-	-	A	-
	Bitterns, Herons and Ibises				
	American Bittern	-	R	A	R
	Least Bittern	-	R	-	R
	Great Blue Heron *	C	C	C	C
	Great Egret	A	O	O	O
	Snowy Egret	-	R	R	R
	Little Blue Heron	-	R	R	R
	Tricolored Heron	-	A	-	-
	Cattle Egret	R	R	R	R
	Green Heron *	R	F	F	F
	Black-crowned Night-Heron	O	O	O	O
	Yellow-crowned Night-Heron *	-	U	U	U
	White Ibis	A	-	R	R
	Vultures				
	Black Vulture *	U	U	U	U
	Turkey Vulture *	F	F	F	F
	Hawks and Eagles				
	Osprey	R	U	O	U
	Mississippi Kite	-	A	-	-
	Bald Eagle *	U	U	U	U
	Northern Harrier	O	O	-	O
	Sharp-shinned Hawk *	U	U	O	U
	Cooper's Hawk *	U	U	U	U
	Northern Goshawk	R	R	R	R
	Red-shouldered Hawk	O	O	O	O
	Broad-winged Hawk *	-	U	U	U
	Red-tailed Hawk *	F	F	F	F
	Rough-legged Hawk	R	R	-	R
	Golden Eagle	R	R	-	R
	Rails, Coots and Cranes				
	Yellow Rail	-	-	-	A
	Clapper Rail	-	A	-	-
	King Rail	-	A	-	-
	Virginia Rail	-	R	-	R
	Sora	-	O	-	O
	Common Gallinule	-	R	-	R
	American Coot	U	U	-	U
	Sandhill Crane	-	R	-	R

X		W	Sp	Su	F
	Shorebirds				
	American Avocet	-	-	-	R
	Black-bellied Plover	-	R	-	-
	American Golden-Plover	-	R	-	-
	Semipalmated Plover	-	O	-	O
	Killdeer *	F	F	F	F
	Spotted Sandpiper	-	U	U	U
	Solitary Sandpiper	-	U	U	U
	Greater Yellowlegs	-	U	-	U
	Willet	-	R	-	-
	Lesser Yellowlegs	-	U	-	U
	Upland Sandpiper	-	R	-	R
	Whimbrel	-	-	-	A
	Stilt Sandpiper	-	R	-	-
	Sanderling	-	-	-	R
	Dunlin	-	-	-	O
	Baird's Sandpiper	-	R	-	R
	Least Sandpiper	-	U	U	U
	White-rumped Sandpiper	-	R	-	-
	Pectoral Sandpiper	-	U	U	U
	Semipalmated Sandpiper	-	U	U	U
	Western Sandpiper	-	-	-	R
	Short-billed Dowitcher	-	-	-	R
	Wilson's Snipe	F	F	-	F
	American Woodcock *	R	U	U	U
	Red Phalarope	-	-	-	A
	Gulls and Terns				
	Pomarine Jaeger	-	-	-	A
	Bonaparte's Gull	O	U	-	U
	Laughing Gull	-	R	-	R
	Ring-billed Gull	F	F	-	F
	Herring Gull	O	O	-	O
	Lesser Black-backed Gull	-	A	-	-
	Caspian Tern	-	O	-	O
	Black Tern	-	R	O	O
	Common Tern	-	O	O	O
	Forster's Tern	-	O	O	O
	Pigeons and Doves				
	Rock Pigeon *	C	C	C	C
	Eurasian Collared-Dove	U	U	U	U
	Mourning Dove *	C	C	C	C
	Cuckoos				
	Yellow-billed Cuckoo *	-	U	U	U
	Black-billed Cuckoo *	-	O	O	O
	Owls				
	Barn Owl *	O	O	O	O
	Eastern Screech-Owl *	C	C	C	C
	Great Horned Owl *	F	F	F	F
	Barred Owl *	F	F	F	F
	Short-eared Owl	A	-	-	A
	Northern Saw-whet Owl *	U	U	U	U
	Goatsuckers				
	Common Nighthawk *	-	U	U	U
	Chuck-will's-widow *	-	U	U	U
	Eastern Whip-poor-will *	-	F	F	F
	Swifts and Hummingbirds				
	Chimney Swift *	-	C	C	C
	Ruby-throated Hummingbird *	-	F	F	F
	Calliope Hummingbird	-	-	-	A
	Rufous Hummingbird	O	O	-	O
	Kingfishers				
	Belted Kingfisher *	F	F	F	F

X		W	Sp	Su	F
	Woodpeckers				
	Red-headed Woodpecker	R	R	R	R
	Red-bellied Woodpecker *	C	C	C	C
	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker *	U	U	O	U
	Downy Woodpecker *	C	C	C	C
	Hairy Woodpecker *	U	U	U	U
	Northern Flicker *	F	F	F	F
	Pileated Woodpecker *	F	F	F	F
	Falcons				
	American Kestrel *	U	U	U	U
	Merlin	O	O	A	O
	Peregrine Falcon	O	O	R	O
	Flycatchers				
	Olive-sided Flycatcher	-	R	R	R
	Eastern Wood-Pewee *	-	F	F	F
	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	-	R	R	R
	Acadian Flycatcher *	-	F	F	F
	Alder Flycatcher *	-	U	U	U
	Willow Flycatcher *	-	U	U	U
	Least Flycatcher *	-	U	U	U
	Eastern Phoebe *	U	C	C	C
	Great Crested Flycatcher *	-	U	U	U
	Western Kingbird	-	-	-	A
	Eastern Kingbird *	-	F	F	F
	Shrikes				
	Loggerhead Shrike *	R	R	R	R
	Vireos				
	White-eyed Vireo *	A	U	U	U
	Yellow-throated Vireo *	-	U	U	U
	Blue-headed Vireo *	R	F	F	F
	Warbling Vireo *	-	U	U	O
	Philadelphia Vireo	-	R	-	O
	Red-eyed Vireo *	-	C	C	F
	Jays and Crows				
	Blue Jay *	C	C	C	C
	American Crow *	C	C	C	C
	Common Raven *	U	U	U	U
	Larks				
	Horned Lark *	R	R	R	R
	Swallows				
	Purple Martin *	-	U	U	O
	Tree Swallow *	-	F	F	F
	Northern Rough-winged Swallow *	-	F	F	F
	Bank Swallow	-	R	R	R
	Cliff Swallow *	-	C	C	F
	Barn Swallow *	-	C	C	C
	Chickadees and Titmice				
	Carolina Chickadee *	C	C	C	C
	Black-capped Chickadee	A	-	-	-
	Tufted Titmouse *	C	C	C	C
	Nuthatches and Creepers				
	Red-breasted Nuthatch *	U	U	U	U
	White-breasted Nuthatch *	F	F	F	F
	Brown Creeper *	U	U	U	U
	Wrens				
	House Wren *	R	F	F	F
	Winter Wren *	U	U	U	U
	Sedge Wren	-	R	-	R
	Marsh Wren	-	R	-	O
	Bewick's Wren *	X	X	X	X
	Carolina Wren *	C	C	C	C