

	S	s	F	W	Res
_____ Black-throated Green Warbler	F	F	U		S
_____ Yellow-breasted Chat	C	C	O		S
Towhees, Sparrows					
_____ Eastern Towhee	C	C	C	C	P
_____ Chipping Sparrow	F	F	F	F	P
_____ Clay-colored Sparrow				R	M
_____ Field Sparrow	C	C	C	C	P
_____ Vesper Sparrow	R		O		M
_____ Savannah Sparrow	U	U	U		W
_____ Grasshopper Sparrow	F	F	O		S
_____ Fox Sparrow	R	U	U		W
_____ Song Sparrow	C	C	C	C	P
_____ Lincoln's Sparrow				O	M
_____ Swamp Sparrow	U	U	F		W
_____ White-throated Sparrow	C	C	C		W
_____ White-crowned Sparrow	C	C	C		W
_____ Dark-eyed Junco	C	C	C		W

Cardinals, Tanagers, Allies

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

Blackbirds, Orioles

_____ Red-winged Blackbird	F	F	F	F	P
_____ Eastern Meadowlark	F	F	F	F	P
_____ Rusty Blackbird				R	W
_____ Common Grackle	U	U			S
_____ Brown-headed Cowbird	F	F			S
_____ Orchard Oriole	U	U			S
_____ Baltimore Oriole	O	O			S

This list contains 169 species of birds observed by biologists with the Wildlife 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.

More info on birding in NC:

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

Sandy Mush Game Land is a state-owned, 2,795-acre game land located in Buncombe and Madison 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.

Sandy Mush Game Land map: <http://www.ncwildlife.org/Portals/o/Hunting/Game-Land-Maps/Mountain/Sandy-Mush.pdf>

Hunting days on Sandy Mush are Monday, Wednesday, Saturday during open seasons: www.ncwildlife.org/hunting

Driving Directions:
From Asheville, head north on Riverside Drive (NC 251). Turn left onto Fletcher Martin Road, cross the French Broad River, and continue to Cedar Hill Road.

- To Cedar Hill Rd parking lots: Right on Cedar Hill Rd; look for pull offs north along Cedar Hill Rd.
- To Martin Candler parking lot: From Cedar Hill Rd, west on Martin Candler Rd; continue west 0.7 miles to Martin Candler Rd parking area on right.
- To Turkey Creek parking lot: From Cedar Hill Rd west onto Old Hwy 20/Marshall Rd to Turkey Creek parking area on the left.
- To Bear Creek Rd parking lot: West on Old Hwy 20/Marshall Rd; left onto Jarrett Farm Road. Continue west 0.3 miles; turn right onto Bear Creek Rd. At 1 mile, left into parking area for the clear-cut.

Observer(s) _____

Date _____

Start/End Times _____/_____

Weather _____

Stationary or Traveling? _____

Distance Traveled _____

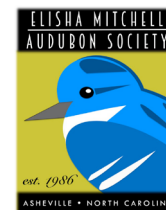
Locations _____

Remarks: _____

BIRDS OF SANDY MUSH GAME LAND



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Seasonal Occurrences and Relative Abundance of Bird Species on the Sandy Mush 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					
_____ Greater white-fronted Goose			A		M
_____ Snow Goose	R			R	W
_____ Canada Goose	F	F	F	F	P
_____ Wood Duck	F	F	F	F	P
_____ Mallard	O	O	O	O	P
_____ Blue-winged Teal	R				M
_____ Green-winged Teal		R			W
_____ Hooded Merganser		R			W
_____ Common Merganser				R	W

New World Quails

_____ Northern Bobwhite	C	C	C	C	P
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Grouse and Allies

_____ Ruffed Grouse	C	C	C	C	P
_____ Wild Turkey	C	C	C	C	P

	S	s	F	W	Res
Pigeons and Doves					
___ Rock Pigeon		R	R		P
___ Mourning Dove	C	C	C	C	P
Cuckoos					
___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo	C	C	C		S
	C	C	C		
Goatsuckers					
___ Eastern Whip-poor-Will	F	U			S
Swifts, Hummingbirds					
___ Chimney Swift	C	C	C		S
___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird	C	C	C		S
Cranes, Rails					
___ Sandhill Crane	R			R	W
Plovers, Sandpipers					
___ Killdeer	O			O	M
___ Upland Sandpiper				R	M
___ Wilson's Snipe	U				M
___ American Woodcock	U	U	U	U	P
___ Spotted Sandpiper	O	O			M
___ Solitary Sandpiper	R	R			M
Loons					
___ Common Loon	R				M
Cormorants					
___ Double-crested Cormorant	R	R			M
Bitterns, Herons, Egrets					
___ Great Blue Heron	F	F	F	F	P
___ Great Egret		R			M
___ Green Heron		U			M
New World Vultures					
___ Black Vulture	C	C	C	C	P
___ Turkey Vulture	C	C	C	C	P
Ospreys, Kites, Eagles, Hawks					
___ Osprey	U	O	O		M
___ Swallow-tailed Kite			A		M
___ Mississippi Kite			R		M
___ Bald Eagle	R		R		P
___ Northern Harrier	U		U	U	W

	S	s	F	W	Res
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk	F	F	F	F	P
___ Cooper's Hawk	F	F	F	F	P
___ Red-shouldered Hawk	F	F	F	F	P
___ Broad-winged Hawk	F	F	F		S
___ Red-tailed Hawk	C	C	C	C	P
___ Golden Eagle				R	W
Owls					
___ Barn Owl	U	U	U	U	P
___ Eastern Screech-Owl	C	C	F	U	P
___ Great Horned Owl	F	F	F	F	P
___ Barred Owl	F	F	F	F	P
___ Northern Saw-whet Owl			R		P
Kingfishers, Woodpeckers					
___ Belted Kingfisher	C	C	C		P
___ Red-headed Woodpecker	R	R			M
___ Red-bellied Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	P
___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	C		C	C	W
___ Downy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	P
___ Hairy Woodpecker	F	F	F	F	P
___ Northern Flicker	C	C	C	C	P
___ Pileated Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	P
Falcons					
___ American Kestrel	C	C	C	C	P
___ Peregrine Falcon			R		M
Flycatchers					
___ Eastern Wood-Pewee	F	F	U		S
___ Acadian Flycatcher	C	C			S
___ Willow Flycatcher		R			M
___ Least Flycatcher	R	R			M
___ Eastern Phoebe	C	C	C	C	P
___ Great-crested Flycatcher	F	F			S
___ Eastern Kingbird	F	F			S
Vireos					
___ White-eyed Vireo	C	C	C		S
___ Yellow-throated Vireo	U	U			S
___ Blue-headed Vireo	F	F	F		S
___ Philadelphia Vireo			R		M
___ Red-eyed Vireo	C	C	C		S
Jays, Crows, Ravens					
___ Blue Jay	C	C	C	C	P
___ American Crow	C	C	C	C	P

	S	s	F	W	Res
___ Fish Crow		R			P
___ Common Raven	O		O	O	P
Swallows					
___ Purple Martin	F	F	O		S
___ Tree Swallow	F	F			S
___ N. Rough-winged Swallow	F	F			S
___ Bank Swallow	R				M
___ Cliff Swallow		R			S
___ Barn Swallow	F	F			S
Chickadees, Titmice					
___ Carolina Chickadee	C	C	C	C	P
___ Tufted Titmouse	C	C	C	C	P
Nuthatches					
___ Red-breasted Nuthatch	U		U	U	W
___ White-breasted Nuthatch	C	C	C	C	P
___ Brown-headed Nuthatch	F	F	F	F	P
Treecreepers					
___ Brown Creeper	U		U	U	W
Wrens					
___ House Wren	U	F	U		S
___ Winter Wren	U	R	U	U	W
___ Marsh Wren			R		M
___ Carolina Wren	C	C	C	C	P
Gnatcatchers, Kinglets					
___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	C	C	C		S
___ Golden-crowned Kinglet	F	F	F	F	W
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	U	U	U	U	W
Thrushes					
___ Eastern Bluebird	C	C	C	C	P
___ Veery	R				M
___ Gray-cheeked Thrush			R		M
___ Swainson's Thrush			F		M
___ Hermit Thrush	U		U	U	W
___ Wood Thrush	F	F	U		S
___ American Robin	C	C	C	C	P
Mockingbirds, Thrashers					
___ Gray Catbird	F	C	F		S
___ Brown Thrasher	F	F	U	U	P
___ Northern Mockingbird	C	C	C	C	P

	S	s	F	W	Res
Starlings					
___ European Starling	C	C	C	C	P
Waxwings					
___ Cedar Waxwing	C	C	C	F	P
Old World Sparrows					
___ House Sparrow				O	P
Wagtails, Pipits					
___ American Pipit			R		M
Finches					
___ House Finch	U	U	U	U	P
___ Purple Finch	O		O	O	W
___ Red Crossbill	R	R	R	R	M
___ Pine Siskin	O		O	O	W
___ American Goldfinch	C	C	C	C	P
Wood Warblers					
___ Ovenbird	C	C			S
___ Worm-eating Warbler	F	F			S
___ Louisiana Waterthrush	F	F			S
___ Golden-winged Warbler			R		M
___ Blue-winged Warbler	U	U			S
___ Black-and-White Warbler	F	F			S
___ Tennessee Warbler			F		M
___ Orange-crowned Warbler			R		M
___ Nashville Warbler			O		M
___ Kentucky Warbler	O	O			S
___ Common Yellowthroat	C	C	F		S
___ Hooded Warbler	C	C	F		S
___ American Redstart	U	U	F		S
___ Cape May Warbler			R		M
___ Northern Parula	C	C	F		S
___ Magnolia Warbler			U		M
___ Bay-breasted Warbler			O		M
___ Blackburnian Warbler	O	O			M
___ Yellow Warbler			O		M
___ Chestnut-sided Warbler	O	O	F		M
___ Blackpoll Warbler			U		M
___ Black-throated Blue Warbler		O	U		M
___ Palm Warbler	F	F			M
___ Pine Warbler	F	F	U	U	P
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler	F	F	F		W
___ Yellow-throated Warbler	F	F	O		S
___ Prairie Warbler	C	C	O		S