

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.

Reynolda Gardens of Wake Forest University offers birds 129 acres of diversified habitat, including deciduous woods, stands of mixed pines, a wetland, streams and small ponds, open meadows and a formal garden. This checklist contains 178 of the 291 species of birds that have been recorded in Forsyth County since 1937.

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.

Listed species, relative abundance and breeding status are specific to Reynolda Gardens. Changes in status occur over time, but these records represent an accurate accounting of each species at the time of printing. (AOU taxonomic order, 2006.)

Species	B	S	S	F	W
Pied-billed Grebe		R		R	R
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	U		
Tricolored Heron			R		
Green Heron	*	C	C	C	
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron		U	U	U	
Black Vulture		U	U	U	U
Turkey Vulture	*	C	C	C	C
Canada Goose	*	A	A	A	A
Mute Swan				R	
Wood Duck	*	C	C	C	U
American Wigeon		R		R	R
American Black Duck		U		U	U
Mallard	*	A	A	A	A
Blue-winged Teal		U	R	U	R
Green-winged Teal		U		U	U
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	*	U	U	U	U
Broad-winged Hawk	*	U	U	C	
Red-tailed Hawk	*	C	C	C	C
American Kestrel	*	U	U	U	U
Merlin		R		R	R
Northern Bobwhite		R	R	R	R
Sora		R	R	R	
American Coot		U		U	U
Killdeer	*	U	U	U	U
Greater Yellowlegs		U	U	U	
Lesser Yellowlegs		U	U	U	R
Spotted Sandpiper	*	C	C	C	
Solitary Sandpiper		C	U	C	
Least Sandpiper		U	U	U	
Pectoral Sandpiper		R	R	R	
Wilson's Snipe		U		U	U
American Woodcock		R	R	R	R
Ring-billed Gull		C		C	C
Rock Pigeon	*	A	A	A	A
Mourning Dove	*	A	A	A	A
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	*	U	U	U	
Black-billed Cuckoo		R	R	R	
Eastern Screech-Owl	*	U	U	U	U
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	
Belted Kingfisher	*	C	C	C	C
Red-headed Woodpecker	*	R	R	R	R
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	U
Pileated Woodpecker	*	U	U	U	U
Olive-sided Flycatcher		R		R	
Eastern Wood-Pewee	*	C	C	C	
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher				R	
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	
White-eyed Vireo	*	U	U	U	
Yellow-throated Vireo	*	U	U	U	
Blue-headed Vireo		U	R	U	
Warbling Vireo		R	R	R	
Philadelphia Vireo		R		R	
Red-eyed Vireo	*	C	C	C	
Blue Jay	*	A	A	A	A
American Crow	*	A	A	A	A
Fish Crow		U	U		
Purple Martin		U	U	U	
Tree Swallow		U		U	
N. Rough-winged Swallow	*	C	C	C	
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	

