

Birdwatching in Monroe County, TN

With all the forests of Monroe County comes a variety of birds to find!

Cherokee National Forest and the trails near the Cherohala Skyway are great places to see our avian neighbors. You can even spot some of them from your porch.

Mid-April is the best time to go birding because this is the height of the Spring migration. You can find black-capped chickadees, ravens, woodpeckers, and warblers in the Cherokee National Forest. Near the Cherohala Skyway, you can find black-billed cuckoos, yellow-bellied sapsuckers, and yellow wrens.

Guide books on local birds are available in the Cherohala Skyway Visitor Center in Tellico Plains.

[Tennessee Overhill](#) has an excellent guide on where to go birdwatching in the area.

[Tennessee Ornithological Society](#) has chapters in Knoxville and Chattanooga.

For up-to-date sightings, check out [eBird](#).

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