

**A BIRD Checklist
for Cliffs of the Neuse State Park
111 taxa**

Of the 473 species known from North Carolina, 111 have been recorded at the state park. Of these, 43 species are known to nest within the park. 9 are suspected of nesting. We would appreciate any report of sightings that increase our knowledge of the park's bird life.

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Notes

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Seasons:

Spring - March to May
Summer - June to August
Fall - September to November
Winter - December to February

A - Abundant, always present in large numbers.
C - Common, almost always present in good numbers in proper habitat.
F - Fairly common, usually present and seen most days in proper habitat.
U - Uncommon, usually present, but not seen most days.
O - Occasional, often present, but not seen most weeks or only in limited area.
R - Rare, not seen most years, or seen only in very low numbers in limited area.
V - Very Rare, usually not present, seen once every five or more years.
I - Irregular, highly variable from year to year.
X - Accidental, not to be expected.
E - Escaped from captivity.
* - Known to breed.
~ - Suspected of breeding.

Web Links

NC Birds Website
<<https://carolinabirdclub.org/ncbirds/index.html>>

Resources



<https://www.ncparks.gov/junior-rangers>

111 BIRD taxa**ANATIDAE: Swans, Geese & Ducks [5]**

___ *Canada Goose	F C C C
<i>Branta canadensis</i>	
___ Wood Duck	C C C F
<i>Aix sponsa</i>	
___ *Mallard	C C C F
<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	
___ Bufflehead	- - - -
<i>Bucephala albeola</i>	
___ Hooded Merganser	- - - -
<i>Lophodytes cucullatus</i>	

ODONTOPHORIDAE: Quail [1]

___ *Northern Bobwhite	C C F U
<i>Colinus virginianus</i>	

PHASIANIDAE: Grouse [1]

___ *Wild Turkey	C C C C
<i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>	

PODICIPEDIDAE: Grebes [1]

___ Pied-billed Grebe	- - - -
<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>	

COLUMBIDAE: Doves [1]

___ ~Mourning Dove	C C C C
<i>Zenaida macroura</i>	

CUCULIDAE: Cuckoos, Roadrunner & Anis [1]

___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo	- C - -
<i>Coccyzus americanus</i>	

CAPRIMULGIDAE: Goatsuckers [2]

___ ~Common Nighthawk	- F - -
<i>Chordeiles minor</i>	
___ ~Chuck-will's-widow	F A F R
<i>Antrostomus carolinensis</i>	

APODIDAE: Swifts [1]

___ Chimney Swift	- - - -
<i>Chaetura pelagica</i>	

TROCHILIDAE: Hummingbirds [1]

___ *Ruby-throated Hummingbird	F C F R
<i>Archilochus colubris</i>	

CHARADRIIDAE: Plovers [1]

___ Killdeer	C C C C
<i>Charadrius vociferus</i>	

SCOLOPACIDAE: Sandpipers [3]

___ ~American Woodcock	- - - -
<i>Scolopax minor</i>	

SCOLOPACIDAE: Sandpipers [3]

___ Spotted Sandpiper	- - - -
<i>Actitis macularius</i>	
___ Solitary Sandpiper	- - - -
<i>Tringa solitaria</i>	

PHALACROCORACIDAE: Cormorants [1]

___ Double-crested Cormorant	- - - -
<i>Nannopterum auritus</i>	

ARDEIDAE: Herons [1]

___ Great Blue Heron	C C C C
<i>Ardea herodias</i>	

THRESKIORNITHIDAE: Ibis [1]

___ Glossy Ibis	- - - -
<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	

CATHARTIDAE: New World Vultures [1]

___ *Turkey Vulture	A A A C
<i>Cathartes aura</i>	

PANDIONIDAE: Osprey [1]

___ Osprey	- - - -
<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	

ACCIPITRIDAE: Eagles, Kites & Hawks [6]

___ Mississippi Kite	- O - -
<i>Ictinia mississippiensis</i>	
___ Bald Eagle	- - C -
<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	
___ Northern Harrier	O R O C
<i>Circus hudsonius</i>	
___ Cooper's Hawk	- - - -
<i>Accipiter cooperii</i>	
___ Red-shouldered Hawk	- - - -
<i>Buteo lineatus</i>	
___ Red-tailed Hawk	C C C C
<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	

STRIGIDAE: Owls [3]

___ *Eastern Screech-owl	C C F U
<i>Megascops asio</i>	
___ ~Great Horned Owl	C C F U
<i>Bubo virginianus</i>	
___ *Barred Owl	F C F U
<i>Strix varia</i>	

ALCEDINIDAE: Kingfisher [1]

___ *Belted Kingfisher	C C C U
<i>Megasceryle alcyon</i>	

PICIDAE: Woodpeckers [8]

___ *Red-headed Woodpecker	C C C U
<i>Melanerpes erythrocephalus</i>	

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___ Red-bellied Woodpecker	- - - -
<i>Melanerpes carolinus</i>	
___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	- - - -
<i>Sphyrapicus varius</i>	
___ Downy Woodpecker	C C C F
<i>Dryobates pubescens</i>	
___ *Hairy Woodpecker	C C F F
<i>Picoides villosus</i>	
___ Red-cockaded Woodpecker (historical)	- - - -
<i>Dryobates borealis</i>	
___ Northern Flicker	C C C F
<i>Colaptes auratus</i>	
___ Pileated Woodpecker	C C C F
<i>Dryocopus pileatus</i>	

FALCONIDAE: Falcons [1]

___ American Kestrel	C C C F
<i>Falco sparverius</i>	

TYRANNIDAE: Flycatchers [4]

___ *Eastern Wood-pewee	C C F R
<i>Contopus virens</i>	
___ Acadian Flycatcher	C C C U
<i>Empidonax vireescens</i>	
___ *Eastern Phoebe	C A A U
<i>Sayornis phoebe</i>	
___ Great Crested Flycatcher	- - - -
<i>Myiarchus crinitus</i>	

VIREONIDAE: Vireos [4]

___ White-eyed Vireo	- - - -
<i>Vireo griseus</i>	
___ ~Yellow-throated Vireo	- - - -
<i>Vireo flavifrons</i>	
___ Blue-headed (or Solitary) Vireo	- - - -
<i>Vireo solitarius</i>	
___ *Red-eyed Vireo	F A F U
<i>Vireo olivaceus</i>	

CORVIDAE: Jays & Crows [3]

___ Blue Jay	C C A F
<i>Cyanocitta cristata</i>	
___ ~American Crow	C C U U
<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>	
___ *Fish Crow	C C F U
<i>Corvus ossifragus</i>	

PARIDAE: Chickadees & Titmice [2]

___ Carolina Chickadee	C C C C
<i>Poecile carolinensis</i>	

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___ *Tufted Titmouse C C C C
Baeolophus bicolor

SITTIDAE: Nuthatches [3]

___ Red-breasted Nuthatch - - - -
Sitta canadensis
 ___ *White-breasted Nuthatch - - - C
Sitta carolinensis
 ___ Brown-headed Nuthatch - - - -
Sitta pusilla

CERTHIIDAE: Creeper [1]

___ Brown Creeper - - - -
Certhia americana

TROGLODYTIDAE: Wrens [3]

___ House Wren - - - -
Troglodytes aedon
 ___ Winter Wren - - - -
Troglodytes hiemalis
 ___ ~Carolina Wren C A F U
Thryothorus ludovicianus

POLIOPTILIDAE: Gnatcatchers [1]

___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - - - -
Poliophtila caerulea

REGULIDAE: Kinglets [2]

___ Golden-crowned Kinglet - - - -
Regulus satrapa
 ___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet - - - -
Corthylio calendula

TURDIDAE: Thrushes [5]

___ *Eastern Bluebird C C C F
Sialia sialis
 ___ *Veery C A F U
Catharus fuscescens
 ___ Hermit Thrush F C U U
Catharus guttatus
 ___ *Wood Thrush C C C F
Hylocichla mustelina
 ___ *American Robin C F C C
Turdus migratorius

MIMIDAE: Mockingbirds & Thrashers [3]

___ *Gray Catbird C C C U
Dumetella carolinensis
 ___ *Brown Thrasher C F C F
Toxostoma rufum

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___ *Northern Mockingbird C A A F
Mimus polyglottos

PASSERIDAE: Old World Sparrows [1]

___ *House Sparrow C C C C
Passer domesticus

FRINGILLIDAE: Finches [4]

___ *House Finch F C F F
Haemorhous mexicanus
 ___ *Purple Finch - - - -
Haemorhous purpureus
 ___ Pine Siskin - - - -
Spinus pinus
 ___ *American Goldfinch F C F F
Spinus tristis

PASSERELLIDAE: [7]

___ *Eastern Towhee C C C C
Pipilo erythrophthalmus
 ___ *Chipping Sparrow C C C C
Spizella passerina
 ___ Field Sparrow - - - -
Spizella pusilla
 ___ Fox Sparrow - - - -
Passerella iliaca
 ___ Song Sparrow - - - -
Melospiza melodia
 ___ *White-throated Sparrow - - C C
Zonotrichia albicollis
 ___ Dark-eyed Junco O I O A
Junco hyemalis

ICTERIDAE: Blackbirds & Orioles [4]

___ *Eastern Meadowlark F C F U
Sturnella magna
 ___ Red-winged Blackbird - - - -
Agelaius phoeniceus
 ___ *Brown-headed Cowbird F C F V
Molothrus ater
 ___ *Common Grackle C C F U
Quiscalus quiscula

PARULIDAE: Warblers [16]

___ *Ovenbird F A F R
Seiurus aurocapilla
 ___ Louisiana Waterthrush - - - -
Parkesia motacilla

PARULIDAE: Warblers [16]

___ Black-and-white Warbler - - - -
Mniotilta varia
 ___ *Prothonotary Warbler F C F U
Protonotaria citrea
 ___ Swainson's Warbler - - - -
Limnithlypis swainsonii
 ___ Kentucky Warbler - - - -
Geothlypis formosa
 ___ Common Yellowthroat - - - -
Geothlypis trichas
 ___ *Hooded Warbler F C U U
Setophaga citrina
 ___ American Redstart - - - -
Setophaga ruticilla
 ___ *Northern Parula F A F R
Setophaga americana
 ___ Bay-breasted Warbler - - - -
Setophaga castanea
 ___ Black-throated Blue Warbler - - - -
Setophaga caerulescens
 ___ ~Pine Warbler O U F C
Setophaga pinus
 ___ Yellow-rumped Warbler - - - -
Setophaga coronata
 ___ Yellow-throated Warbler - - - -
Setophaga dominica
 ___ Prairie Warbler - - - -
Setophaga discolor

CARDINALIDAE: Grosbeaks & Buntings [6]

___ *Summer Tanager C C U V
Piranga rubra
 ___ *Scarlet Tanager U U U R
Piranga olivacea
 ___ *Northern Cardinal - - - -
Cardinalis cardinalis
 ___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak - - - -
Pheucticus ludovicianus
 ___ *Blue Grosbeak - - - -
Passerina caerulea
 ___ *Indigo Bunting F C F U
Passerina cyanea