

## A BIRD Checklist for Cliffs of the Neuse State Park 109 taxa

Of the 473 species known from North Carolina, 109 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

## BIRD CHECKLIST Cliffs of the Neuse State Park



### 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>

**109 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>	

**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>Megaceryle alcyon</i>	

**PICIDAE: Woodpeckers [8]**

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

**PICIDAE: Woodpeckers [8]**

___ 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>	

**PARIDAE: Chickadees & Titmice [2]**

\_\_\_ \*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*

**MIMIDAE: Mockingbirds & Thrashers [3]**

\_\_\_ \*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 [15]**

\_\_\_ \*Ovenbird ..... F A F R  
*Seiurus aurocapilla*  
 \_\_\_ Louisiana Waterthrush ..... - - - -  
*Parkesia motacilla*

**PARULIDAE: Warblers [15]**

\_\_\_ 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*  
 \_\_\_ 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*