

A BIRD Checklist for Hammocks Beach State Park 209 taxa

Of the 473 species known from North Carolina, 209 have been recorded at the state park. Of these, 14 species are known to nest within the park. 5 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.

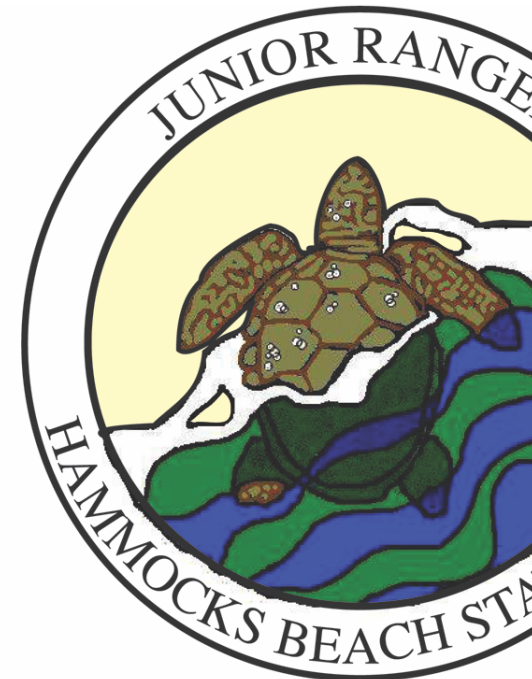
* - Known to breed.

~ - Suspected of breeding.

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209 BIRD taxa

ANATIDAE: Swans, Geese & Ducks [23]

- ___ *Canada Goose - - - -
- Branta canadensis*
- ___ Tundra Swan - - - -
- Cygnus columbianus*
- ___ Black Swan - - - -
- Cygnus atratus*
- ___ Northern Shoveler - - - -
- Spatula clypeata*
- ___ Gadwall - - - -
- Mareca strepera*
- ___ American Wigeon - - - -
- Mareca americana*
- ___ Mallard - - - -
- Anas platyrhynchos*
- ___ American Black Duck - - - -
- Anas rubripes*
- ___ Northern Pintail - - - -
- Anas acuta*
- ___ Green-winged Teal - - - -
- Anas crecca*
- ___ Redhead - - - -
- Aythya americana*
- ___ Ring-necked Duck - - - -
- Aythya collaris*
- ___ Greater Scaup - - - -
- Aythya marila*
- ___ Lesser Scaup - - - -
- Aythya affinis*
- ___ Common Eider - - - -
- Somateria mollissima*
- ___ Surf Scoter - - - -
- Melanitta perspicillata*
- ___ White-winged Scoter - - - -
- Melanitta deglandi*
- ___ Black Scoter - - - -
- Melanitta americana*
- ___ Long-tailed Duck (Oldsquaw) - - - -
- Clangula hyemalis*
- ___ Bufflehead - - - -
- Bucephala albeola*
- ___ Hooded Merganser - - - -
- Lophodytes cucullatus*

ANATIDAE: Swans, Geese & Ducks [23]

- ___ Red-breasted Merganser - - - -
- Mergus serrator*
- ___ Ruddy Duck - - - -
- Oxyura jamaicensis*

ODONTOPHORIDAE: Quail [1]

- ___ ~Northern Bobwhite - - - -
- Colinus virginianus*

PHASIANIDAE: Grouse [1]

- ___ Wild Turkey - - - -
- Meleagris gallopavo*

PODICIPEDIDAE: Grebes [2]

- ___ Pied-billed Grebe - - - -
- Podilymbus podiceps*
- ___ Horned Grebe - - - -
- Podiceps auritus*

COLUMBIDAE: Doves [2]

- ___ *Rock Pigeon, Rock Dove - - - -
- Columba livia*
- ___ Mourning Dove - - - -
- Zenaidura macroura*

CUCULIDAE: Cuckoos, Roadrunner & Anis [1]

- ___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo - - - -
- Coccyzus americanus*

CAPRIMULGIDAE: Goatsuckers [2]

- ___ Common Nighthawk - - - -
- Chordeiles minor*
- ___ Chuck-will's-widow - - - -
- Antrostomus carolinensis*

APODIDAE: Swifts [1]

- ___ Chimney Swift - - - -
- Chaetura pelagica*

TROCHILIDAE: Hummingbirds [2]

- ___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird - - - -
- Archilochus colubris*
- ___ Rufous Hummingbird - - - -
- Selasphorus rufus*

RALLIDAE: Rails [6]

- ___ *Clapper Rail - - - -
- Rallus crepitans*
- ___ King Rail - - - -
- Rallus elegans*
- ___ Virginia Rail - - - -
- Rallus limicola*

RALLIDAE: Rails [6]

- ___ Sora - - - -
- Porzana carolina*
- ___ Purple Gallinule - - - -
- Porphyrio martinicus*
- ___ American Coot - - - -
- Fulica americana*

GRUIDAE: Cranes [1]

- ___ Sandhill Crane - - - X
- Antigone canadensis*

RECURVIROSTRIDAE: Stilt & Avocet [2]

- ___ Black-necked Stilt - - - -
- Himantopus mexicanus*
- ___ American Avocet - - - -
- Recurvirostra americana*

HAEMATOPODIDAE: Oystercatchers [1]

- ___ *American Oystercatcher F C - -
- Haematopus palliatus*

CHARADRIIDAE: Plovers [6]

- ___ Black-bellied Plover - - - -
- Pluvialis squatarola*
- ___ Snowy Plover - - X -
- Charadrius nivosus*
- ___ *Wilson's Plover - - - -
- Charadrius wilsonia*
- ___ Semipalmated Plover C - C F
- Charadrius semipalmatus*
- ___ *Piping Plover - - - U
- Charadrius melodus*
- ___ *Killdeer - - - -
- Charadrius vociferus*

SCOLOPACIDAE: Sandpipers [19]

- ___ Whimbrel - - - -
- Numenius phaeopus*
- ___ Marbled Godwit - - - -
- Limosa fedoa*
- ___ Ruddy Turnstone - - - -
- Arenaria interpres*
- ___ Red Knot - - - -
- Calidris canutus*
- ___ Ruff - - - -
- Calidris pugnax*
- ___ Sanderling - - - -
- Calidris alba*

SCOLOPACIDAE: Sandpipers [19]

___ Dunlin	- - - -
<i>Calidris alpina</i>	
___ Least Sandpiper	- - - -
<i>Calidris minutilla</i>	
___ White-rumped Sandpiper	- - - -
<i>Calidris fuscicollis</i>	
___ Buff-breasted Sandpiper	- - - -
<i>Calidris subruficollis</i>	
___ Semipalmated Sandpiper	- - - -
<i>Calidris pusilla</i>	
___ Western Sandpiper	- - - F
<i>Calidris mauri</i>	
___ Short-billed Dowitcher	- - - -
<i>Limnodromus griseus</i>	
___ American Woodcock	- - - -
<i>Scolopax minor</i>	
___ Spotted Sandpiper	- - - -
<i>Actitis macularius</i>	
___ Lesser Yellowlegs	- - - -
<i>Tringa flavipes</i>	
___ Willet	- - - -
<i>Tringa semipalmata</i>	
___ Greater Yellowlegs	- - - -
<i>Tringa melanoleuca</i>	
___ Wilson's Phalarope	- - - -
<i>Phalaropus tricolor</i>	

STERCORARIIDAE: Skuas [2]

___ Pomarine Jaeger	- - - -
<i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i>	
___ Parasitic Jaeger	- - X -
<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>	

ALCIDAE: Auks [2]

___ Dovekie	- - - -
<i>Alle alle</i>	
___ Razorbill	- - - -
<i>Alca torda</i>	

LARIDAE: Gulls & Terns [17]

___ Bonaparte's Gull	- - - -
<i>Chroicocephalus philadelphia</i>	
___ Laughing Gull	- C - -
<i>Leucophaeus atricilla</i>	
___ Ring-billed Gull	- - - -
<i>Larus delawarensis</i>	

LARIDAE: Gulls & Terns [17]

___ Herring Gull	- - - -
<i>Larus argentatus</i>	
___ Lesser Black-backed Gull	- - - -
<i>Larus fuscus</i>	
___ Glaucous Gull	- - - -
<i>Larus hyperboreus</i>	
___ Great Black-backed Gull	- - - -
<i>Larus marinus</i>	
___ Sooty Tern	- - - -
<i>Onychoprion fuscatus</i>	
___ *Least Tern	- - - -
<i>Sternula antillarum</i>	
___ Gull-billed Tern	- - - -
<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>	
___ Caspian Tern	- - - -
<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>	
___ Black Tern	- - - -
<i>Chlidonias niger</i>	
___ *Common Tern	- - - -
<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	
___ Forster's Tern	- - - -
<i>Sterna forsteri</i>	
___ Royal Tern	- F - -
<i>Thalasseus maximus</i>	
___ Sandwich Tern	- - - -
<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>	
___ *Black Skimmer	- - - -
<i>Rynchops niger</i>	

PHAETHONTIDAE: Tropicbirds [1]

___ White-tailed Tropicbird	- - - -
<i>Phaethon lepturus</i>	

GAVIIDAE: Loons [2]

___ Red-throated Loon	- - - -
<i>Gavia stellata</i>	
___ Common Loon	- - - -
<i>Gavia immer</i>	

PROCELLARIIDAE: Shearwaters [2]

___ Great Shearwater	- - - -
<i>Ardenna gravis</i>	
___ Audubon's Shearwater	- O - -
<i>Puffinus lherminieri</i>	

SULIDAE: Boobies [1]

___ Northern Gannet	- - - -
<i>Morus bassanus</i>	

PHALACROCORACIDAE: Cormorants [1]

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

PELECANIDAE: Pelicans [2]

___ American White Pelican	- - - -
<i>Pelecanus erythrorhynchos</i>	
___ Brown Pelican	- - - -
<i>Pelecanus occidentalis</i>	

ARDEIDAE: Herons [12]

___ American Bittern	- - - -
<i>Botaurus lentiginosus</i>	
___ Least Bittern	- - - -
<i>Ixobrychus exilis</i>	
___ Great Blue Heron	C C C C
<i>Ardea herodias</i>	
___ Great Egret	- C - -
<i>Ardea alba</i>	
___ Snowy Egret	- - - -
<i>Egretta thula</i>	
___ Little Blue Heron	- - - -
<i>Egretta caerulea</i>	
___ Tricolored Heron	- - - -
<i>Egretta tricolor</i>	
___ Reddish Egret	- - U -
<i>Egretta rufescens</i>	
___ Cattle Egret	- - - -
<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	
___ Green Heron	- - - -
<i>Butorides virescens</i>	
___ Black-crowned Night-heron	- - - -
<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	
___ Yellow-crowned Night-heron	- - - -
<i>Nyctanassa violacea</i>	

THRESKIORNITHIDAE: Ibis [3]

___ White Ibis	- - - O
<i>Eudocimus albus</i>	
___ Glossy Ibis	- - - -
<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	
___ Roseate Spoonbill	- - - -
<i>Platalea ajaja</i>	

CATHARTIDAE: New World Vultures [2]

___ Black Vulture	- - - -
<i>Coragyps atratus</i>	
___ Turkey Vulture	- - - -
<i>Cathartes aura</i>	

PANDIONIDAE: Osprey [1]

___ Osprey - - - -
Pandion haliaetus

ACCIPITRIDAE: Eagles, Kites & Hawks [7]

___ Swallow-tailed Kite - - - -
Elanoides forficatus
 ___ Bald Eagle - - - -
Haliaeetus leucocephalus
 ___ Northern Harrier - - - -
Circus hudsonius
 ___ Sharp-shinned Hawk - - - -
Accipiter striatus
 ___ Cooper's Hawk - - - -
Accipiter cooperii
 ___ Red-shouldered Hawk - - - -
Buteo lineatus
 ___ Red-tailed Hawk - - - -
Buteo jamaicensis

TYTONIDAE: Barn-owl [1]

___ Barn Owl - - - -
Tyto alba

STRIGIDAE: Owls [4]

___ Eastern Screech-owl - - - -
Megascops asio
 ___ Great Horned Owl - - - -
Bubo virginianus
 ___ Barred Owl - - - -
Strix varia
 ___ Short-eared Owl - - - -
Asio flammeus

ALCEDINIDAE: Kingfisher [1]

___ *Belted Kingfisher - - - -
Megaceryle alcyon

PICIDAE: Woodpeckers [7]

___ Red-headed Woodpecker - - - -
Melanerpes erythrocephalus
 ___ Red-bellied Woodpecker - - - -
Melanerpes carolinus
 ___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - - - -
Sphyrapicus varius
 ___ Downy Woodpecker - - - -
Dryobates pubescens
 ___ Hairy Woodpecker - - - -
Picoides villosus

PICIDAE: Woodpeckers [7]

___ ~Northern Flicker - - - -
Colaptes auratus
 ___ Pileated Woodpecker - - - -
Dryocopus pileatus

FALCONIDAE: Falcons [3]

___ American Kestrel - - - -
Falco sparverius
 ___ Merlin - - 0 -
Falco columbarius
 ___ Peregrine Falcon - - - -
Falco peregrinus

TYRANNIDAE: Flycatchers [3]

___ Eastern Phoebe - - - -
Sayornis phoebe
 ___ Great Crested Flycatcher - - - -
Myiarchus crinitus
 ___ Eastern Kingbird - - - -
Tyrannus tyrannus

VIREONIDAE: Vireos [2]

___ White-eyed Vireo - - - -
Vireo griseus
 ___ Red-eyed Vireo - - - -
Vireo olivaceus

CORVIDAE: Jays & Crows [3]

___ *Blue Jay - - - -
Cyanocitta cristata
 ___ American Crow - - - -
Corvus brachyrhynchos
 ___ Fish Crow - - - -
Corvus ossifragus

HIRUNDINIDAE: Swallows [6]

___ Purple Martin - - - -
Progne subis
 ___ Tree Swallow - - - -
Tachycineta bicolor
 ___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow - - - -
Stelgidopteryx serripennis
 ___ Bank Swallow - - - -
Riparia riparia
 ___ Cliff Swallow - - - -
Petrochelidon pyrrhonota
 ___ *Barn Swallow - F - -
Hirundo rustica

PARIDAE: Chickadees & Titmice [2]

___ Carolina Chickadee - - - -
Poecile carolinensis
 ___ Tufted Titmouse - - - -
Baeolophus bicolor

SITTIDAE: Nuthatches [1]

___ Brown-headed Nuthatch - - - -
Sitta pusilla

TROGLODYTIDAE: Wrens [3]

___ House Wren - - - -
Troglodytes aedon
 ___ Marsh Wren - - - -
Cistothorus palustris
 ___ Carolina Wren - - - -
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 [4]

___ Eastern Bluebird - - - -
Sialia sialis
 ___ Veery - - - -
Catharus fuscescens
 ___ Hermit Thrush - - - -
Catharus guttatus
 ___ American Robin - - - -
Turdus migratorius

MIMIDAE: Mockingbirds & Thrashers [3]

___ Gray Catbird - - - -
Dumetella carolinensis
 ___ Brown Thrasher - - - -
Toxostoma rufum
 ___ *Northern Mockingbird - - - -
Mimus polyglottos

STURNIDAE: Starling [1]

___ European Starling - - - -
Sturnus vulgaris

BOMBYCILLIDAE: Waxwings [1]

___ Cedar Waxwing - - - -
Bombycilla cedrorum

MOTACILLIDAE: Wagtails & Pipits [1]

__ American Pipit - - - -
Anthus rubescens

FRINGILLIDAE: Finches [2]

__ House Finch - - - -
Haemorhous mexicanus
 __ American Goldfinch - - - -
Spinus tristis

PASSERELLIDAE: [10]

__ Eastern Towhee - - - -
Pipilo erythrophthalmus
 __ Chipping Sparrow - - - -
Spizella passerina
 __ Field Sparrow - - - -
Spizella pusilla
 __ Savannah Sparrow - - - -
Passerculus sandwichensis
 __ Saltmarsh Sparrow - - - -
Ammodramus caudacutus
 __ Seaside Sparrow - - - -
Ammodramus maritimus
 __ Song Sparrow - - - -
Melospiza melodia
 __ Swamp Sparrow - - - -
Melospiza georgiana
 __ White-throated Sparrow - - - -
Zonotrichia albicollis
 __ Dark-eyed Junco - - - -
Junco hyemalis

ICTERIDAE: Blackbirds & Orioles [4]

__ Orchard Oriole - - - -
Icterus spurius

PASSERELLIDAE: [10]

__ (Ipswich) Sparrow - - - -
Passerculus sandwichensis (in part)

ICTERIDAE: Blackbirds & Orioles [4]

__ ~Red-winged Blackbird - - - -
Agelaius phoeniceus
 __ Brown-headed Cowbird - - - -
Molothrus ater
 __ Common Grackle - - - -
Quiscalus quiscula
 __ ~Boat-tailed Grackle - C - -
Quiscalus major

PARULIDAE: Warblers [12]

__ Black-and-white Warbler - - - -
Mniotilta varia
 __ Prothonotary Warbler - - - -
Protonotaria citrea
 __ Orange-crowned Warbler - - - -
Leiothlypis celata
 __ Common Yellowthroat - - - -
Geothlypis trichas
 __ American Redstart - - - -
Setophaga ruticilla
 __ Cape May Warbler - - - -
Setophaga tigrina
 __ Blackburnian Warbler - - - -
Setophaga fusca
 __ Blackpoll Warbler - - - -
Setophaga striata
 __ Palm Warbler - - - -
Setophaga palmarum
 __ Pine Warbler - - - -
Setophaga pinus
 __ Yellow-rumped Warbler - - - -
Setophaga coronata
 __ Prairie Warbler - - - -
Setophaga discolor

CARDINALIDAE: Grosbeaks & Buntings [5]

__ Summer Tanager - - - -
Piranga rubra
 __ Northern Cardinal - - - -
Cardinalis cardinalis
 __ Blue Grosbeak - - - -
Passerina caerulea
 __ Indigo Bunting - - - -
Passerina cyanea
 __ ~Painted Bunting O F O R
Passerina ciris