

**A BIRD Checklist  
for Jockey's Ridge State Park  
171 taxa**

Of the 473 species known from North Carolina, 171 have been recorded at the state park. Of these, 5 species are known to nest within the park. 4 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  
Jockey's Ridge 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**



**171 BIRD taxa**

**ANATIDAE: Swans, Geese & Ducks [14]**

- \_\_\_ Snow Goose ..... - - - -  
*Anser caerulescens*
- \_\_\_ Canada Goose ..... - - - -  
*Branta canadensis*
- \_\_\_ Tundra Swan ..... - - - -  
*Cygnus columbianus*
- \_\_\_ Wood Duck ..... - - - -  
*Aix sponsa*
- \_\_\_ Gadwall ..... - - - -  
*Mareca strepera*
- \_\_\_ American Wigeon ..... - - - -  
*Mareca americana*
- \_\_\_ Mallard ..... - - - -  
*Anas platyrhynchos*
- \_\_\_ American Black Duck ..... - - - -  
*Anas rubripes*
- \_\_\_ Northern Pintail ..... - - - -  
*Anas acuta*
- \_\_\_ Black Scoter ..... - - - -  
*Melanitta americana*
- \_\_\_ Bufflehead ..... - - - -  
*Bucephala albeola*
- \_\_\_ Hooded Merganser ..... - - - -  
*Lophodytes cucullatus*
- \_\_\_ Common Merganser ..... - - - -  
*Mergus merganser*
- \_\_\_ Red-breasted Merganser ..... - - - -  
*Mergus serrator*

**PODICIPEDIDAE: Grebes [1]**

- \_\_\_ Pied-billed Grebe ..... - - - -  
*Podilymbus podiceps*

**COLUMBIDAE: Doves [3]**

- \_\_\_ Rock Pigeon, Rock Dove ..... - - - -  
*Columba livia*
- \_\_\_ Eurasian Collared-dove ..... - - - -  
*Streptopelia decaocto*
- \_\_\_ \*Mourning Dove ..... - - - -  
*Zenaida macroura*

**CUCULIDAE: Cuckoos, Roadrunner & Anis [1]**

- \_\_\_ Yellow-billed Cuckoo ..... - - - -  
*Coccyzus americanus*

**CAPRIMULGIDAE: Goatsuckers [2]**

- \_\_\_ Common Nighthawk ..... - - - -  
*Chordeiles minor*

**CAPRIMULGIDAE: Goatsuckers [2]**

- \_\_\_ ~Chuck-will's-widow ..... - - - -  
*Antrostomus carolinensis*

**APODIDAE: Swifts [1]**

- \_\_\_ Chimney Swift ..... - - - -  
*Chaetura pelagica*

**TROCHILIDAE: Hummingbirds [1]**

- \_\_\_ Ruby-throated Hummingbird ..... - - - -  
*Archilochus colubris*

**RALLIDAE: Rails [3]**

- \_\_\_ Virginia Rail ..... - - - -  
*Rallus limicola*
- \_\_\_ \*Sora ..... - - - -  
*Porzana carolina*
- \_\_\_ American Coot ..... - - - -  
*Fulica americana*

**RECURVIROSTRIDAE: Stilt & Avocet [2]**

- \_\_\_ Black-necked Stilt ..... - - - -  
*Himantopus mexicanus*
- \_\_\_ American Avocet ..... - - - -  
*Recurvirostra americana*

**HAEMATOPODIDAE: Oystercatchers [1]**

- \_\_\_ American Oystercatcher ..... - - - -  
*Haematopus palliatus*

**CHARADRIIDAE: Plovers [4]**

- \_\_\_ Black-bellied Plover ..... - - - -  
*Pluvialis squatarola*
- \_\_\_ Semipalmated Plover ..... - - - -  
*Charadrius semipalmatus*
- \_\_\_ Piping Plover ..... - - - -  
*Charadrius melodus*
- \_\_\_ Killdeer ..... - - - -  
*Charadrius vociferus*

**SCOLOPACIDAE: Sandpipers [15]**

- \_\_\_ Whimbrel ..... - - - -  
*Numenius phaeopus*
- \_\_\_ Ruddy Turnstone ..... - - - -  
*Arenaria interpres*
- \_\_\_ Red Knot ..... - - - -  
*Calidris canutus*
- \_\_\_ Sanderling ..... - - - -  
*Calidris alba*
- \_\_\_ Dunlin ..... - - - -  
*Calidris alpina*

**SCOLOPACIDAE: Sandpipers [15]**

- \_\_\_ Least Sandpiper ..... - - - -  
*Calidris minutilla*
- \_\_\_ Buff-breasted Sandpiper ..... - - - -  
*Calidris subruficollis*
- \_\_\_ Semipalmated Sandpiper ..... - - - -  
*Calidris pusilla*
- \_\_\_ Western Sandpiper ..... - - - -  
*Calidris mauri*
- \_\_\_ Short-billed Dowitcher ..... - - - -  
*Limnodromus griseus*
- \_\_\_ American Woodcock ..... - - - -  
*Scolopax minor*
- \_\_\_ Spotted Sandpiper ..... - - - -  
*Actitis macularius*
- \_\_\_ Lesser Yellowlegs ..... - - - -  
*Tringa flavipes*
- \_\_\_ Willet ..... - - - -  
*Tringa semipalmata*
- \_\_\_ Greater Yellowlegs ..... - - - -  
*Tringa melanoleuca*

**ALCIDAE: Auks [1]**

- \_\_\_ Dovekie ..... - - - -  
*Alle alle*

**LARIDAE: Gulls & Terns [13]**

- \_\_\_ Bonaparte's Gull ..... - - - -  
*Chroicocephalus philadelphia*
- \_\_\_ Laughing Gull ..... - - - -  
*Leucophaeus atricilla*
- \_\_\_ Ring-billed Gull ..... - - - -  
*Larus delawarensis*
- \_\_\_ Herring Gull ..... - - - -  
*Larus argentatus*
- \_\_\_ Great Black-backed Gull ..... - - - -  
*Larus marinus*
- \_\_\_ Least Tern ..... - - - -  
*Sternula antillarum*
- \_\_\_ Gull-billed Tern ..... - - - -  
*Gelochelidon nilotica*
- \_\_\_ Caspian Tern ..... - - - -  
*Hydroprogne caspia*
- \_\_\_ Common Tern ..... - - - -  
*Sterna hirundo*
- \_\_\_ Forster's Tern ..... - - - -  
*Sterna forsteri*

**LARIDAE: Gulls & Terns [13]**

- \_\_ Royal Tern ..... - - - -  
*Thalasseus maximus*
- \_\_ Sandwich Tern ..... - - - -  
*Thalasseus sandvicensis*
- \_\_ Black Skimmer ..... - - - -  
*Rynchops niger*

**GAVIIDAE: Loons [1]**

- \_\_ Common Loon ..... - - - -  
*Gavia immer*

**PHALACROCORACIDAE: Cormorants [1]**

- \_\_ Double-crested Cormorant ..... - - - -  
*Nannopterum auritus*

**PELECANIDAE: Pelicans [2]**

- \_\_ American White Pelican ..... - - - -  
*Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*
- \_\_ Brown Pelican ..... - - - -  
*Pelecanus occidentalis*

**ARDEIDAE: Herons [9]**

- \_\_ Great Blue Heron ..... - - - -  
*Ardea herodias*
- \_\_ Great Egret ..... - - - -  
*Ardea alba*
- \_\_ Snowy Egret ..... - - - -  
*Egretta thula*
- \_\_ Little Blue Heron ..... - - - -  
*Egretta caerulea*
- \_\_ Tricolored Heron ..... - - - -  
*Egretta tricolor*
- \_\_ Cattle Egret ..... - - - -  
*Bubulcus ibis*
- \_\_ Green Heron ..... - - - -  
*Butorides virescens*
- \_\_ Black-crowned Night-heron ..... - - - -  
*Nycticorax nycticorax*
- \_\_ Yellow-crowned Night-heron ..... - - - -  
*Nyctanassa violacea*

**THRESKIORNITHIDAE: Ibis [2]**

- \_\_ White Ibis ..... - - - -  
*Eudocimus albus*
- \_\_ Glossy Ibis ..... - - - -  
*Plegadis falcinellus*

**CATHARTIDAE: New World Vultures [2]**

- \_\_ Black Vulture ..... - - - -  
*Coragyps atratus*

**CATHARTIDAE: New World Vultures [2]**

- \_\_ Turkey Vulture ..... - - - -  
*Cathartes aura*

**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*

**STRIGIDAE: Owls [2]**

- \_\_ Great Horned Owl ..... - - - -  
*Bubo virginianus*
- \_\_ Short-eared Owl ..... - - - -  
*Asio flammeus*

**ALCEDINIDAE: Kingfisher [1]**

- \_\_ \*Belted Kingfisher ..... - - - -  
*Megasceryle alcyon*

**PICIDAE: Woodpeckers [6]**

- \_\_ Red-bellied Woodpecker ..... - - - -  
*Melanerpes carolinus*
- \_\_ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker ..... - - - -  
*Sphyrapicus varius*
- \_\_ Downy Woodpecker ..... - - - -  
*Dryobates pubescens*
- \_\_ Hairy Woodpecker ..... - - - -  
*Picoides villosus*
- \_\_ Northern Flicker ..... - - - -  
*Colaptes auratus*
- \_\_ Pileated Woodpecker ..... - - - -  
*Dryocopus pileatus*

**FALCONIDAE: Falcons [3]**

- \_\_ American Kestrel ..... - - - -  
*Falco sparverius*

**FALCONIDAE: Falcons [3]**

- \_\_ Merlin ..... - - - -  
*Falco columbarius*
- \_\_ Peregrine Falcon ..... - - - -  
*Falco peregrinus*

**TYRANNIDAE: Flycatchers [5]**

- \_\_ Eastern Wood-pewee ..... - - - -  
*Contopus virens*
- \_\_ Eastern Phoebe ..... - - - -  
*Sayornis phoebe*
- \_\_ Great Crested Flycatcher ..... - - - -  
*Myiarchus crinitus*
- \_\_ Eastern Kingbird ..... - - - -  
*Tyrannus tyrannus*
- \_\_ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher ..... - - - -  
*Tyrannus forficatus*

**VIREONIDAE: Vireos [3]**

- \_\_ ~White-eyed Vireo ..... - - - -  
*Vireo griseus*
- \_\_ Blue-headed (or Solitary) Vireo ..... - - - -  
*Vireo solitarius*
- \_\_ Philadelphia Vireo ..... - - - -  
*Vireo philadelphicus*

**CORVIDAE: Jays & Crows [3]**

- \_\_ Blue Jay ..... - - - -  
*Cyanocitta cristata*
- \_\_ American Crow ..... - - - -  
*Corvus brachyrhynchos*
- \_\_ Fish Crow ..... - - - -  
*Corvus ossifragus*

**ALAUDIDAE: Larks [1]**

- \_\_ ~Horned Lark ..... - - - -  
*Eremophila alpestris*

**HIRUNDINIDAE: Swallows [3]**

- \_\_ Purple Martin ..... - - - -  
*Progne subis*
- \_\_ Tree Swallow ..... - - - -  
*Tachycineta bicolor*
- \_\_ Barn Swallow ..... - - - -  
*Hirundo rustica*

**PARIDAE: Chickadees & Titmice [1]**

- \_\_ Carolina Chickadee ..... - - - -  
*Poecile carolinensis*

**SITTIDAE: Nuthatches [3]**

- \_\_ Red-breasted Nuthatch ..... - - - -  
*Sitta canadensis*

**SITTIDAE: Nuthatches [3]**

- \_\_ White-breasted Nuthatch ..... - - - -  
*Sitta carolinensis*
- \_\_ Brown-headed Nuthatch ..... - - - -  
*Sitta pusilla*

**TROGLODYTIDAE: Wrens [3]**

- \_\_ House Wren ..... - - - -  
*Troglodytes aedon*
- \_\_ Winter Wren ..... - - - -  
*Troglodytes hiemalis*
- \_\_ \*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 [2]**

- \_\_ Eastern Bluebird ..... - - - -  
*Sialia sialis*
- \_\_ 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*

**PASSERIDAE: Old World Sparrows [1]**

- \_\_ House Sparrow ..... - - - -  
*Passer domesticus*

**FRINGILLIDAE: Finches [4]**

- \_\_ House Finch ..... - - - -  
*Haemorhous mexicanus*

**FRINGILLIDAE: Finches [4]**

- \_\_ Purple Finch ..... - - - -  
*Haemorhous purpureus*
- \_\_ Pine Siskin ..... - - - -  
*Spinus pinus*
- \_\_ American Goldfinch ..... - - - -  
*Spinus tristis*

**CALCARIIDAE: Longspurs and Snow Bunting [1]**

- \_\_ Snow Bunting ..... - - - v  
*Plectrophenax nivalis*

**PASSERELLIDAE: [11]**

- \_\_ Eastern Towhee ..... - - - -
- \_\_ Pipilo erythrophthalmus
- \_\_ Chipping Sparrow ..... - - - -
- \_\_ Spizella passerina
- \_\_ Clay-colored Sparrow ..... - - - -
- \_\_ Spizella pallida
- \_\_ Field Sparrow ..... - - - -
- \_\_ Spizella pusilla
- \_\_ Savannah Sparrow ..... - - - -
- \_\_ Passerculus sandwichensis
- \_\_ Seaside Sparrow ..... - - - -
- \_\_ Ammodramus maritimus
- \_\_ Fox Sparrow ..... - - - -
- \_\_ Passerella iliaca
- \_\_ Song Sparrow ..... - - - -
- \_\_ Melospiza melodia
- \_\_ Swamp Sparrow ..... - - - -
- \_\_ Melospiza georgiana
- \_\_ White-throated Sparrow ..... - - - -
- \_\_ Zonotrichia albicollis
- \_\_ Dark-eyed Junco ..... - - - -
- \_\_ Junco hyemalis

**ICTERIDAE: Blackbirds & Orioles [6]**

- \_\_ Eastern Meadowlark ..... - - - -
- \_\_ Sturnella magna
- \_\_ Orchard Oriole ..... - - - -
- \_\_ Icterus spurius
- \_\_ Baltimore Oriole ..... - - - -
- \_\_ Icterus galbula

**PARULIDAE: Warblers [12]**

- \_\_ Black-throated Green Warbler - Coastal Plain Population..... - - - -
- \_\_ Setophaga virens waynei

**ICTERIDAE: Blackbirds & Orioles [6]**

- \_\_ Red-winged Blackbird ..... - - - -
- \_\_ Agelaius phoeniceus
- \_\_ Brown-headed Cowbird ..... - - - -
- \_\_ Molothrus ater
- \_\_ Common Grackle ..... - - - -
- \_\_ Quiscalus quiscula
- \_\_ Boat-tailed Grackle ..... - - - -
- \_\_ Quiscalus major

**PARULIDAE: Warblers [12]**

- \_\_ Ovenbird ..... - - - -
- \_\_ Seiurus aurocapilla
- \_\_ Black-and-white Warbler ..... - - - -
- \_\_ Mniotilta varia
- \_\_ Common Yellowthroat ..... - - - -
- \_\_ Geothlypis trichas
- \_\_ Hooded Warbler ..... - - - -
- \_\_ Setophaga citrina
- \_\_ American Redstart ..... - - - -
- \_\_ Setophaga ruticilla
- \_\_ Northern Parula ..... - - - -
- \_\_ Setophaga americana
- \_\_ Blackpoll Warbler ..... - - - -
- \_\_ Setophaga striata
- \_\_ Black-throated Blue Warbler ..... - - - -
- \_\_ Setophaga caerulescens
- \_\_ Palm Warbler ..... - - - -
- \_\_ Setophaga palmarum
- \_\_ Pine Warbler ..... - - - -
- \_\_ Setophaga pinus
- \_\_ Yellow-rumped Warbler ..... C - A A
- \_\_ Setophaga coronata
- \_\_ Prairie Warbler ..... C C - -
- \_\_ Setophaga discolor

**CARDINALIDAE: Grosbeaks & Buntings [3]**

- \_\_ Northern Cardinal ..... - - - -
- \_\_ Cardinalis cardinalis
- \_\_ Indigo Bunting ..... - - - -
- \_\_ Passerina cyanea
- \_\_ Painted Bunting ..... - - - -
- \_\_ Passerina ciris