

A BIRD Checklist for Kerr Lake State Recreation Area 218 taxa

Of the 473 species known from North Carolina, 218 have been recorded at the state park. Of these, 9 species are known to nest within the park. 23 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 Kerr Lake State Recreation Area



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>

218 BIRD taxa**ANATIDAE: Swans, Geese & Ducks [28]**

__ Snow Goose	- - - -
<i>Anser caerulescens</i>	
__ *Canada Goose	- - - -
<i>Branta canadensis</i>	
__ Tundra Swan	- - - -
<i>Cygnus columbianus</i>	
__ Muscovy Duck	- - - -
<i>Cairina moschata</i>	
__ ~Wood Duck	- - - -
<i>Aix sponsa</i>	
__ Blue-winged Teal	- - - -
<i>Spatula discors</i>	
__ Northern Shoveler	- - - -
<i>Spatula clypeata</i>	
__ Gadwall	- - - -
<i>Mareca strepera</i>	
__ Eurasian Wigeon	- x -
<i>Mareca penelope</i>	
__ American Wigeon	- - - -
<i>Mareca americana</i>	
__ Mallard	- - - -
<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	
__ American Black Duck	- - - -
<i>Anas rubripes</i>	
__ Northern Pintail	- - - -
<i>Anas acuta</i>	
__ Green-winged Teal	- - - -
<i>Anas crecca</i>	
__ Canvasback	- - - -
<i>Aythya valisineria</i>	
__ Redhead	- - - -
<i>Aythya americana</i>	
__ Ring-necked Duck	- - - -
<i>Aythya collaris</i>	
__ Greater Scaup	- - - -
<i>Aythya marila</i>	
__ Lesser Scaup	- - - -
<i>Aythya affinis</i>	
__ Surf Scoter	- - - -
<i>Melanitta perspicillata</i>	
__ White-winged Scoter	- - - -
<i>Melanitta deglandi</i>	

ANATIDAE: Swans, Geese & Ducks [28]

__ Long-tailed Duck (Oldsquaw)	- - - -
<i>Clangula hyemalis</i>	
__ Bufflehead	- - - -
<i>Bucephala albeola</i>	
__ Common Goldeneye	- - - -
<i>Bucephala clangula</i>	
__ Hooded Merganser	- - - -
<i>Lophodytes cucullatus</i>	
__ Common Merganser	- - - -
<i>Mergus merganser</i>	
__ Red-breasted Merganser	- - - -
<i>Mergus serrator</i>	
__ Ruddy Duck	- - - -
<i>Oxyura jamaicensis</i>	

ODONTOPHORIDAE: Quail [1]

__ ~Northern Bobwhite	- - - -
<i>Colinus virginianus</i>	

PHASIANIDAE: Grouse [2]

__ Ring-necked Pheasant	- - - -
<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>	
__ Wild Turkey	- - - -
<i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>	

PODICIPEDIDAE: Grebes [5]

__ Pied-billed Grebe	- - - -
<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>	
__ Horned Grebe	- - - -
<i>Podiceps auritus</i>	
__ Red-necked Grebe	- - - -
<i>Podiceps grisegena</i>	
__ Eared Grebe	- - - -
<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>	
__ Western Grebe	- - - -
<i>Aechmophorus occidentalis</i>	

COLUMBIDAE: Doves [2]

__ Rock Pigeon, Rock Dove	- - - -
<i>Columba livia</i>	
__ ~Mourning Dove	- - - -
<i>Zenaidura macroura</i>	

CUCULIDAE: Cuckoos, Roadrunner & Anis [1]

__ Yellow-billed Cuckoo	- - - -
<i>Coccyzus americanus</i>	

CAPRIMULGIDAE: Goatsuckers [2]

__ Chuck-will's-widow	- - - -
<i>Antrostomus carolinensis</i>	

CAPRIMULGIDAE: Goatsuckers [2]

__ Eastern whip-poor-will	- - - -
<i>Antrostomus vociferus</i>	

APODIDAE: Swifts [1]

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

TROCHILIDAE: Hummingbirds [1]

__ ~Ruby-throated Hummingbird	- - - -
<i>Archilochus colubris</i>	

RALLIDAE: Rails [2]

__ Common Gallinule	- - - -
<i>Gallinula galeata</i>	
__ American Coot	- - - -
<i>Fulica americana</i>	

CHARADRIIDAE: Plovers [1]

__ Killdeer	- - - -
<i>Charadrius vociferus</i>	

SCOLOPACIDAE: Sandpipers [9]

__ Sanderling	- - - -
<i>Calidris alba</i>	
__ Least Sandpiper	- - - -
<i>Calidris minutilla</i>	
__ Semipalmated Sandpiper	- - - -
<i>Calidris pusilla</i>	
__ American Woodcock	- - - -
<i>Scolopax minor</i>	
__ Wilson's Snipe	- - - -
<i>Gallinago delicata</i>	
__ Spotted Sandpiper	- - - -
<i>Actitis macularia</i>	
__ Solitary Sandpiper	- - - -
<i>Tringa solitaria</i>	
__ Lesser Yellowlegs	- - - -
<i>Tringa flavipes</i>	
__ Greater Yellowlegs	- - - -
<i>Tringa melanoleuca</i>	

STERCORARIIDAE: Skuas [1]

__ Parasitic Jaeger	- - - -
<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>	

LARIDAE: Gulls & Terns [9]

__ Bonaparte's Gull	- - - -
<i>Chroicocephalus philadelphia</i>	
__ Laughing Gull	- - - -
<i>Leucophaeus atricilla</i>	

LARIDAE: Gulls & Terns [9]

__ Ring-billed Gull	- - - -
<i>Larus delawarensis</i>	
__ Herring Gull	- - - -
<i>Larus argentatus</i>	
__ Lesser Black-backed Gull	- - - v
<i>Larus fuscus</i>	
__ Great Black-backed Gull	- - - -
<i>Larus marinus</i>	
__ Caspian Tern	- - - -
<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>	
__ Common Tern	- - - -
<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	
__ Forster's Tern	- - - -
<i>Sterna forsteri</i>	

GAVIIDAE: Loons [3]

__ Red-throated Loon	- - - -
<i>Gavia stellata</i>	
__ Pacific Loon	- - - -
<i>Gavia pacifica</i>	
__ Common Loon	- - - -
<i>Gavia immer</i>	

PROCELLARIIDAE: Shearwaters [1]

__ Trindade Petrel	- - x -
<i>Pterodroma arminjoniana</i>	

HYDROBATIDAE: Storm-Petrels [1]

__ Band-rumped Storm-petrel	- - x -
<i>Hydrobates castro</i>	

CICONIIDAE: Stork [1]

__ Wood Stork	- - - -
<i>Mycteria americana</i>	

SULIDAE: Boobies [1]

__ Brown Booby	- - - -
<i>Sula leucogaster</i>	

PHALACROCORACIDAE: Cormorants [1]

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

ANHINGIDAE: Anhinga [1]

__ Anhinga	- - - -
<i>Anhinga anhinga</i>	

PELECANIDAE: Pelicans [1]

__ Brown Pelican	- - - -
<i>Pelecanus occidentalis</i>	

ARDEIDAE: Herons [5]

__ *Great Blue Heron	- - - -
<i>Ardea herodias</i>	

ARDEIDAE: Herons [5]

__ Great Egret	- - - -
<i>Ardea alba</i>	
__ Little Blue Heron	- - - -
<i>Egretta caerulea</i>	
__ Cattle Egret	- - - -
<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	
__ Green Heron	- - - -
<i>Butorides virescens</i>	

THRESKIORNITHIDAE: Ibis [1]

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

CATHARTIDAE: New World Vultures [2]

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

PANDIONIDAE: Osprey [1]

__ *Osprey	- - - -
<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	

ACCIPITRIDAE: Eagles, Kites & Hawks [8]

__ Mississippi Kite	- - - -
<i>Ictinia mississippiensis</i>	
__ Bald Eagle	- - - -
<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	
__ Northern Harrier	- - - -
<i>Circus hudsonius</i>	
__ Sharp-shinned Hawk	- - - -
<i>Accipiter striatus</i>	
__ Cooper's Hawk	- - - -
<i>Accipiter cooperii</i>	
__ Red-shouldered Hawk	- - - -
<i>Buteo lineatus</i>	
__ Broad-winged Hawk	- - - -
<i>Buteo platypterus</i>	
__ Red-tailed Hawk	- - - -
<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	

TYTONIDAE: Barn-owl [1]

__ Barn Owl	- - - -
<i>Tyto alba</i>	

STRIGIDAE: Owls [3]

__ Eastern Screech-owl	- - - -
<i>Megascops asio</i>	
__ ~Great Horned Owl	- - - -
<i>Bubo virginianus</i>	

STRIGIDAE: Owls [3]

__ ~Barred Owl	- - - -
<i>Strix varia</i>	

ALCEDINIDAE: Kingfisher [1]

__ Belted Kingfisher	- - - -
<i>Megaceryle alcyon</i>	

PICIDAE: Woodpeckers [7]

__ Red-headed Woodpecker	- - - -
<i>Melanerpes erythrocephalus</i>	
__ ~Red-bellied Woodpecker	- - - -
<i>Melanerpes carolinus</i>	
__ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	- - - -
<i>Sphyrapicus varius</i>	
__ ~Downy Woodpecker	- - - -
<i>Dryobates pubescens</i>	
__ ~Hairy Woodpecker	- - - -
<i>Picoides villosus</i>	
__ Northern Flicker	- - - -
<i>Colaptes auratus</i>	
__ Pileated Woodpecker	- - - -
<i>Dryocopus pileatus</i>	

FALCONIDAE: Falcons [3]

__ American Kestrel	- - - -
<i>Falco sparverius</i>	
__ Merlin	- - - -
<i>Falco columbarius</i>	
__ Peregrine Falcon	- - - -
<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	

TYRANNIDAE: Flycatchers [6]

__ ~Eastern Wood-pewee	- - - -
<i>Contopus virens</i>	
__ Acadian Flycatcher	- - - -
<i>Empidonax vireescens</i>	
__ Willow Flycatcher	- - - -
<i>Empidonax traillii</i>	
__ *Eastern Phoebe	- - - -
<i>Sayornis phoebe</i>	
__ Great Crested Flycatcher	- - - -
<i>Myiarchus crinitus</i>	
__ Eastern Kingbird	- - - -
<i>Tyrannus tyrannus</i>	

LANIIDAE: Shrikes [1]

__ Loggerhead Shrike	- - - -
<i>Lanius ludovicianus</i>	

VIREONIDAE: Vireos [6]

__ White-eyed Vireo	- - - -
<i>Vireo griseus</i>	
__ Yellow-throated Vireo	- - - -
<i>Vireo flavifrons</i>	
__ Blue-headed (or Solitary) Vireo	- - - -
<i>Vireo solitarius</i>	
__ Philadelphia Vireo	- - - -
<i>Vireo philadelphicus</i>	
__ Warbling Vireo	- - - -
<i>Vireo gilvus</i>	
__ ~Red-eyed Vireo	- - - -
<i>Vireo olivaceus</i>	

CORVIDAE: Jays & Crows [4]

__ Blue Jay	- - - -
<i>Cyanocitta cristata</i>	
__ ~American Crow	- - - -
<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>	
__ Fish Crow	- - - -
<i>Corvus ossifragus</i>	
__ Common Raven	- - - -
<i>Corvus corax</i>	

ALAUDIDAE: Larks [1]

__ Horned Lark	- - - -
<i>Eremophila alpestris</i>	

HIRUNDINIDAE: Swallows [6]

__ Purple Martin	- - - -
<i>Progne subis</i>	
__ Tree Swallow	- - - -
<i>Tachycineta bicolor</i>	
__ Northern Rough-winged Swallow	- - - -
<i>Stelgidopteryx serripennis</i>	
__ Bank Swallow	- - - -
<i>Riparia riparia</i>	
__ Cliff Swallow	- - - -
<i>Petrochelidon pyrrhonota</i>	
__ Barn Swallow	- - - -
<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	

PARIDAE: Chickadees & Titmice [2]

__ *Carolina Chickadee	- - - -
<i>Poecile carolinensis</i>	
__ *Tufted Titmouse	- - - -
<i>Baeolophus bicolor</i>	

SITTIDAE: Nuthatches [3]

__ Red-breasted Nuthatch	- - - I
<i>Sitta canadensis</i>	

SITTIDAE: Nuthatches [3]

__ *White-breasted Nuthatch	- - - -
<i>Sitta carolinensis</i>	
__ Brown-headed Nuthatch	- - - -
<i>Sitta pusilla</i>	

CERTHIIDAE: Creeper [1]

__ Brown Creeper	- - - -
<i>Certhia americana</i>	

TROGLODYTIDAE: Wrens [4]

__ House Wren	- - - -
<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>	
__ Winter Wren	- - - -
<i>Troglodytes hiemalis</i>	
__ Marsh Wren	- - - -
<i>Cistothorus palustris</i>	
__ *Carolina Wren	- - - -
<i>Thryothorus ludovicianus</i>	

POLIOPTILIDAE: Gnatcatchers [1]

__ ~Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	- - - -
<i>Poliophtila caerulea</i>	

REGULIDAE: Kinglets [2]

__ Golden-crowned Kinglet	- - - -
<i>Regulus satrapa</i>	
__ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	- - - -
<i>Corthylio calendula</i>	

TURDIDAE: Thrushes [7]

__ *Eastern Bluebird	- - - -
<i>Sialia sialis</i>	
__ Veery	- - - -
<i>Catharus fuscescens</i>	
__ Gray-cheeked Thrush	- - - -
<i>Catharus minimus</i>	
__ Swainson's Thrush	- - - -
<i>Catharus ustulatus</i>	
__ Hermit Thrush	- - - -
<i>Catharus guttatus</i>	
__ ~Wood Thrush	- - - -
<i>Hylocichla mustelina</i>	
__ ~American Robin	- - - -
<i>Turdus migratorius</i>	

MIMIDAE: Mockingbirds & Thrashers [3]

__ Gray Catbird	- - - -
<i>Dumetella carolinensis</i>	
__ ~Brown Thrasher	- - - -
<i>Toxostoma rufum</i>	

MIMIDAE: Mockingbirds & Thrashers [3]

__ ~Northern Mockingbird	- - - -
<i>Mimus polyglottos</i>	

STURNIDAE: Starling [1]

__ European Starling	- - - -
<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	

BOMBYCILLIDAE: Waxwings [1]

__ Cedar Waxwing	- - - -
<i>Bombycilla cedrorum</i>	

PASSERIDAE: Old World Sparrows [1]

__ House Sparrow	- - - -
<i>Passer domesticus</i>	

MOTACILLIDAE: Wagtails & Pipits [1]

__ American Pipit	- - - -
<i>Anthus rubescens</i>	

FRINGILLIDAE: Finches [4]

__ House Finch	- - - -
<i>Haemorhous mexicanus</i>	
__ Purple Finch	- - - -
<i>Haemorhous purpureus</i>	
__ Pine Siskin	- - - -
<i>Spinus pinus</i>	
__ ~American Goldfinch	- - - -
<i>Spinus tristis</i>	

PASSERELLIDAE: [11]

__ Eastern Towhee	- - - -
<i>Pipilo erythrophthalmus</i>	
__ Chipping Sparrow	- - - -
<i>Spizella passerina</i>	
__ Field Sparrow	- - - -
<i>Spizella pusilla</i>	
__ Savannah Sparrow	- - - -
<i>Passerculus sandwichensis</i>	
__ Grasshopper Sparrow	- - - -
<i>Ammodramus savannarum</i>	
__ Fox Sparrow	- - - -
<i>Passerella iliaca</i>	
__ Song Sparrow	- - - -
<i>Melospiza melodia</i>	
__ Swamp Sparrow	- - - -
<i>Melospiza georgiana</i>	
__ White-throated Sparrow	- - - -
<i>Zonotrichia albicollis</i>	
__ White-crowned Sparrow	- - - -
<i>Zonotrichia leucophrys</i>	

PASSERELLIDAE: [11]

___ Dark-eyed Junco - - - -
Junco hyemalis

ICTERIIDAE: [1]

___ Yellow-breasted Chat - - - -
Icteria virens

ICTERIDAE: Blackbirds & Orioles [7]

___ Bobolink - - - -
Dolichonyx oryzivorus

___ Eastern Meadowlark - - - -
Sturnella magna

___ Orchard Oriole - - - -
Icterus spurius

___ Baltimore Oriole - - - -
Icterus galbula

PARULIDAE: Warblers [29]

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

ICTERIDAE: Blackbirds & Orioles [7]

___ Red-winged Blackbird - - - -
Agelaius phoeniceus

___ ~Brown-headed Cowbird - - - -
Molothrus ater

___ Rusty Blackbird - - - -
Euphagus carolinus

___ ~Common Grackle - - - -
Quiscalus quiscula

PARULIDAE: Warblers [29]

___ ~Ovenbird - - - -
Seiurus aurocapilla

___ Worm-eating Warbler (Mountain
 population)..... - - - -
Helmitheros vermivorum

___ Louisiana Waterthrush - - - -
Parkesia motacilla

___ Northern Waterthrush - - - -
Parkesia noveboracensis

___ Blue-winged Warbler - - - -
Vermivora cyanoptera

___ Black-and-white Warbler - - - -
Mniotilta varia

___ Prothonotary Warbler - - - -
Protonotaria citrea

PARULIDAE: Warblers [29]

___ Orange-crowned Warbler - - - -
Leiothlypis celata

___ Nashville Warbler - - - -
Leiothlypis ruficapilla

___ Kentucky Warbler - - - -
Geothlypis formosa

___ Common Yellowthroat - - - -
Geothlypis trichas

___ ~Hooded Warbler - - - -
Setophaga citrina

___ American Redstart - - - -
Setophaga ruticilla

___ Cape May Warbler - - - -
Setophaga tigrina

___ Cerulean Warbler - - - -
Setophaga cerulea

___ Northern Parula - - - -
Setophaga americana

___ Magnolia Warbler - - - -
Setophaga magnolia

___ Blackburnian Warbler - - - -
Setophaga fusca

___ Yellow Warbler - - - -
Setophaga petechia

___ Chestnut-sided Warbler - - - -
Setophaga pensylvanica

___ Blackpoll Warbler R - - - -
Setophaga striata

___ Black-throated Blue Warbler - - - -
Setophaga caerulescens

___ Palm Warbler - - - -
Setophaga palmarum

___ Pine Warbler - - - -
Setophaga pinus

___ Yellow-rumped Warbler - - - -
Setophaga coronata

___ Yellow-throated Warbler - - - -
Setophaga dominica

___ Prairie Warbler - - - -
Setophaga discolor

___ Black-throated Green Warbler - - - -
Setophaga virens

___ Wilson's Warbler - - - -
Cardellina pusilla

CARDINALIDAE: Grosbeaks & Buntings [6]

___ Summer Tanager - - - -
Piranga rubra

___ Scarlet Tanager - - - -
Piranga olivacea

___ ~Northern Cardinal - - - -
Cardinalis cardinalis

___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak - - - -
Pheucticus ludovicianus

___ Blue Grosbeak - - - -
Passerina caerulea

___ Indigo Bunting - - - -
Passerina cyanea