

## A BIRD Checklist for Lake Waccamaw State Park 209 taxa

Of the 473 species known from North Carolina, 209 have been recorded at the state park. Of these, 11 species are known to nest within the park. 33 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 Lake Waccamaw 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>

**209 BIRD taxa**

**ANATIDAE: Swans, Geese & Ducks [23]**

- \_\_\_ Snow Goose ..... - - - -  
*Anser caerulescens*
- \_\_\_ Canada Goose ..... - - - -  
*Branta canadensis*
- \_\_\_ Mute Swan ..... - - - -  
*Cygnus olor*
- \_\_\_ Tundra Swan ..... - - - -  
*Cygnus columbianus*
- \_\_\_ \*Wood Duck ..... - - - -  
*Aix sponsa*
- \_\_\_ Blue-winged Teal ..... - - - -  
*Spatula discors*
- \_\_\_ Gadwall ..... - - - -  
*Mareca strepera*
- \_\_\_ American Wigeon ..... - - - -  
*Mareca americana*
- \_\_\_ ~Mallard ..... - - - -  
*Anas platyrhynchos*
- \_\_\_ American Black Duck ..... - - - -  
*Anas rubripes*
- \_\_\_ Northern Pintail ..... - - - -  
*Anas acuta*
- \_\_\_ Green-winged Teal ..... - - - -  
*Anas crecca*
- \_\_\_ Canvasback ..... - - - -  
*Aythya valisineria*
- \_\_\_ Redhead ..... - - - -  
*Aythya americana*
- \_\_\_ Ring-necked Duck ..... - - - -  
*Aythya collaris*
- \_\_\_ Greater Scaup ..... - - - -  
*Aythya marila*
- \_\_\_ Lesser Scaup ..... - - - -  
*Aythya affinis*
- \_\_\_ Black Scoter ..... - - - -  
*Melanitta americana*
- \_\_\_ Bufflehead ..... - - - -  
*Bucephala albeola*
- \_\_\_ Hooded Merganser ..... - - - -  
*Lophodytes cucullatus*
- \_\_\_ Common Merganser ..... - - - -  
*Mergus merganser*

**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 [4]**

- \_\_\_ Pied-billed Grebe ..... - - - -  
*Podilymbus podiceps*
- \_\_\_ Horned Grebe ..... - - - -  
*Podiceps auritus*
- \_\_\_ Red-necked Grebe ..... - - - -  
*Podiceps grisegena*
- \_\_\_ Eared Grebe ..... - - - -  
*Podiceps nigricollis*

**COLUMBIDAE: Doves [2]**

- \_\_\_ Rock Pigeon, Rock Dove ..... - - - -  
*Columba livia*
- \_\_\_ Mourning Dove ..... - - - -  
*Zenaida macroura*

**CUCULIDAE: Cuckoos, Roadrunner & Anis [2]**

- \_\_\_ ~Yellow-billed Cuckoo ..... - - - -  
*Coccyzus americanus*
- \_\_\_ Black-billed Cuckoo ..... - - - -  
*Coccyzus erythrophthalmus*

**CAPRIMULGIDAE: Goatsuckers [3]**

- \_\_\_ Common Nighthawk ..... - - - -  
*Chordeiles minor*
- \_\_\_ ~Chuck-will's-widow ..... - - - -  
*Antrostomus carolinensis*
- \_\_\_ ~Eastern whip-poor-will ..... - - - -  
*Antrostomus vociferus*

**APODIDAE: Swifts [1]**

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

**TROCHILIDAE: Hummingbirds [1]**

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

**RALLIDAE: Rails [2]**

- \_\_\_ Purple Gallinule ..... - - - -  
*Porphyrio martinicus*

**RALLIDAE: Rails [2]**

- \_\_\_ American Coot ..... - - - -  
*Fulica americana*

**ARAMIDAE: Limpkin [1]**

- \_\_\_ Limpkin ..... - - x -  
*Aramus guarauna*

**CHARADRIIDAE: Plovers [1]**

- \_\_\_ Killdeer ..... - - - -  
*Charadrius vociferus*

**SCOLOPACIDAE: Sandpipers [8]**

- \_\_\_ Whimbrel ..... - - - -  
*Numenius phaeopus*
- \_\_\_ Sanderling ..... - - - -  
*Calidris alba*
- \_\_\_ \*American Woodcock ..... - - - -  
*Scolopax minor*
- \_\_\_ Wilson's Snipe ..... - - - -  
*Gallinago delicata*
- \_\_\_ Spotted Sandpiper ..... - - - -  
*Actitis macularius*
- \_\_\_ Willet ..... - - - -  
*Tringa semipalmata*
- \_\_\_ Greater Yellowlegs ..... - - - -  
*Tringa melanoleuca*
- \_\_\_ Wilson's Phalarope ..... - - - -  
*Phalaropus tricolor*

**STERCORARIIDAE: Skuas [3]**

- \_\_\_ South Polar Skua ..... - - - -  
*Stercorarius maccormicki*
- \_\_\_ Pomarine Jaeger ..... - - - -  
*Stercorarius pomarinus*
- \_\_\_ Parasitic Jaeger ..... - - - -  
*Stercorarius parasiticus*

**LARIDAE: Gulls & Terns [16]**

- \_\_\_ Bonaparte's Gull ..... - - - -  
*Chroicocephalus philadelphia*
- \_\_\_ Laughing Gull ..... - - - -  
*Leucophaeus atricilla*
- \_\_\_ Ring-billed Gull ..... - - - -  
*Larus delawarensis*
- \_\_\_ Herring Gull ..... - - - -  
*Larus argentatus*
- \_\_\_ Great Black-backed Gull ..... - - - -  
*Larus marinus*

**LARIDAE: Gulls & Terns [16]**

- \_\_ Sooty Tern ..... - - - -  
*Onychoprion fuscatus*
- \_\_ Bridled Tern ..... - - x -  
*Onychoprion anaethetus*
- \_\_ Least Tern ..... - - - -  
*Sternula antillarum*
- \_\_ Gull-billed Tern ..... - - - -  
*Gelochelidon nilotica*
- \_\_ Caspian Tern ..... - - - -  
*Hydroprogne caspia*
- \_\_ Black Tern ..... - - - -  
*Chlidonias niger*
- \_\_ Common Tern ..... - - - -  
*Sterna hirundo*
- \_\_ Arctic Tern ..... - - - -  
*Sterna paradisaea*
- \_\_ Forster's Tern ..... - - - -  
*Sterna forsteri*
- \_\_ Royal Tern ..... - - - -  
*Thalasseus maximus*
- \_\_ Sandwich Tern ..... - - - -  
*Thalasseus sandvicensis*

**GAVIIDAE: Loons [2]**

- \_\_ Red-throated Loon ..... - - - -  
*Gavia stellata*
- \_\_ Common Loon ..... - - - -  
*Gavia immer*

**PROCELLARIIDAE: Shearwaters [3]**

- \_\_ Black-capped Petrel ..... - - - -  
*Pterodroma hasitata*
- \_\_ Cory's Shearwater ..... - - - -  
*Calonectris diomedea*
- \_\_ Great Shearwater ..... - - - -  
*Ardenna gravis*

**HYDROBATIDAE: Storm-Petrels [1]**

- \_\_ Wilson's Storm-petrel ..... - - - -  
*Oceanites oceanicus*

**CICONIIDAE: Stork [1]**

- \_\_ Wood Stork ..... - - - -  
*Mycteria americana*

**PHALACROCORACIDAE: Cormorants [1]**

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

**ANHINGIDAE: Anhinga [1]**

- \_\_ Anhinga ..... - - - -  
*Anhinga anhinga*

**ARDEIDAE: Herons [10]**

- \_\_ American Bittern ..... - - - -  
*Botaurus lentiginosus*
- \_\_ 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*
- \_\_ Turkey Vulture ..... - - - -  
*Cathartes aura*

**PANDIONIDAE: Osprey [1]**

- \_\_ Osprey ..... - - - -  
*Pandion haliaetus*

**ACCIPITRIDAE: Eagles, Kites & Hawks [9]**

- \_\_ Swallow-tailed Kite ..... - - - -  
*Elanoides forficatus*
- \_\_ ~Mississippi Kite ..... - - - -  
*Ictinia mississippiensis*
- \_\_ \*Bald Eagle ..... - - - -  
*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*

**ACCIPITRIDAE: Eagles, Kites & Hawks [9]**

- \_\_ Northern Harrier ..... - - - -  
*Circus hudsonius*
- \_\_ Sharp-shinned Hawk ..... - - - -  
*Accipiter striatus*
- \_\_ Cooper's Hawk ..... - - - -  
*Accipiter cooperii*
- \_\_ ~Red-shouldered Hawk ..... - - - -  
*Buteo lineatus*
- \_\_ Broad-winged Hawk ..... - - - -  
*Buteo platypterus*
- \_\_ ~Red-tailed Hawk ..... - - - -  
*Buteo jamaicensis*

**TYTONIDAE: Barn-owl [1]**

- \_\_ Barn Owl ..... - - - -  
*Tyto alba*

**STRIGIDAE: Owls [3]**

- \_\_ Eastern Screech-owl ..... - - - -  
*Megascops asio*
- \_\_ ~Great Horned Owl ..... - - - -  
*Bubo virginianus*
- \_\_ Barred Owl ..... - - - -  
*Strix varia*

**ALCEDINIDAE: Kingfisher [1]**

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

**PICIDAE: Woodpeckers [8]**

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

**FALCONIDAE: Falcons [2]**

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

**FALCONIDAE: Falcons [2]**

\_\_\_ Merlin ..... - - - -  
*Falco columbarius*

**TYRANNIDAE: Flycatchers [5]**

\_\_\_ ~Eastern Wood-pewee ..... - - - -  
*Contopus virens*  
 \_\_\_ Acadian Flycatcher ..... - - - -  
*Empidonax vireescens*  
 \_\_\_ Eastern Phoebe ..... - - - -  
*Sayornis phoebe*  
 \_\_\_ ~Great Crested Flycatcher ..... - - - -  
*Myiarchus crinitus*  
 \_\_\_ ~Eastern Kingbird ..... - - - -  
*Tyrannus tyrannus*

**LANIIDAE: Shrikes [1]**

\_\_\_ Loggerhead Shrike ..... - - - -  
*Lanius ludovicianus*

**VIREONIDAE: Vireos [4]**

\_\_\_ White-eyed Vireo ..... - - - -  
*Vireo griseus*  
 \_\_\_ ~Yellow-throated Vireo ..... - - - -  
*Vireo flavifrons*  
 \_\_\_ Blue-headed (or Solitary) Vireo ..... - - - -  
*Vireo solitarius*  
 \_\_\_ Red-eyed Vireo ..... - - - -  
*Vireo olivaceus*

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

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

**HIRUNDINIDAE: Swallows [5]**

\_\_\_ \*Purple Martin ..... - - - -  
*Progne subis*  
 \_\_\_ Tree Swallow ..... - - - -  
*Tachycineta bicolor*  
 \_\_\_ Northern Rough-winged Swallow ..... - - - -  
*Stelgidopteryx serripennis*  
 \_\_\_ Bank Swallow ..... - - - -  
*Riparia riparia*  
 \_\_\_ \*Barn Swallow ..... - - - -  
*Hirundo rustica*

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

\_\_\_ Carolina Chickadee ..... - - - -  
*Poecile carolinensis*  
 \_\_\_ Tufted Titmouse ..... - - - -  
*Baeolophus bicolor*

**SITTIDAE: Nuthatches [3]**

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

**CERTHIIDAE: Creeper [1]**

\_\_\_ Brown Creeper ..... - - - -  
*Certhia americana*

**TROGLODYTIDAE: Wrens [4]**

\_\_\_ House Wren ..... - - - -  
*Troglodytes aedon*  
 \_\_\_ Winter Wren ..... - - - -  
*Troglodytes hiemalis*  
 \_\_\_ Sedge Wren ..... - - - -  
*Cistothorus stellaris*  
 \_\_\_ Carolina Wren ..... - - - -  
*Thryothorus ludovicianus*

**POLIOPTILIDAE: Gnatcatchers [1]**

\_\_\_ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher ..... - - - -  
*Polioptila caerulea*

**REGULIDAE: Kinglets [2]**

\_\_\_ Golden-crowned Kinglet ..... - - - -  
*Regulus satrapa*  
 \_\_\_ Ruby-crowned Kinglet ..... - - - -  
*Corthylio calendula*

**TURDIDAE: Thrushes [7]**

\_\_\_ Eastern Bluebird ..... - - - -  
*Sialia sialis*  
 \_\_\_ Veery ..... - - - -  
*Catharus fuscescens*  
 \_\_\_ Gray-cheeked Thrush ..... - - - -  
*Catharus minimus*  
 \_\_\_ Swainson's Thrush ..... - - - -  
*Catharus ustulatus*  
 \_\_\_ Hermit Thrush ..... - - - -  
*Catharus guttatus*  
 \_\_\_ ~Wood Thrush ..... - - - -  
*Hylocichla mustelina*

**TURDIDAE: Thrushes [7]**

\_\_\_ 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 [3]**

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

**PASSERELLIDAE: [7]**

\_\_\_ \*Eastern Towhee ..... - - - -  
*Pipilo erythrophthalmus*  
 \_\_\_ ~Chipping Sparrow ..... - - - -  
*Spizella passerina*  
 \_\_\_ Fox Sparrow ..... - - - -  
*Passerella iliaca*  
 \_\_\_ Song Sparrow ..... - - - -  
*Melospiza melodia*  
 \_\_\_ Swamp Sparrow ..... - - - -  
*Melospiza georgiana*  
 \_\_\_ White-throated Sparrow ..... - - - -  
*Zonotrichia albicollis*  
 \_\_\_ 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 [21]**

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

**ICTERIDAE: Blackbirds & Orioles [7]**

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

**PARULIDAE: Warblers [21]**

- \_\_\_ ~Ovenbird ..... - - - -  
*Seiurus aurocapilla*
- \_\_\_ ~Worm-eating Warbler (Mountain population)..... - - - -  
*Helmitheros vermivorum*
- \_\_\_ Northern Waterthrush ..... - - - -  
*Parkesia noveboracensis*
- \_\_\_ ~Black-and-white Warbler ..... - - - -  
*Mniotilta varia*
- \_\_\_ Prothonotary Warbler ..... - - - -  
*Protonotaria citrea*
- \_\_\_ ~Swainson's Warbler ..... - - - -  
*Limnithlypis swainsonii*
- \_\_\_ Kentucky Warbler ..... - - - -  
*Geothlypis formosa*
- \_\_\_ Common Yellowthroat ..... - - - -  
*Geothlypis trichas*
- \_\_\_ Hooded Warbler ..... - - - -  
*Setophaga citrina*
- \_\_\_ American Redstart ..... - - - -  
*Setophaga ruticilla*

**PARULIDAE: Warblers [21]**

- \_\_\_ Northern Parula ..... - - - -  
*Setophaga americana*
- \_\_\_ Magnolia Warbler ..... - - - -  
*Setophaga magnolia*
- \_\_\_ Bay-breasted Warbler ..... - - - -  
*Setophaga castanea*
- \_\_\_ Yellow Warbler ..... - - - -  
*Setophaga petechia*
- \_\_\_ Blackpoll Warbler ..... - - - -  
*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*

**CARDINALIDAE: Grosbeaks & Buntings [7]**

- \_\_\_ ~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*
- \_\_\_ Painted Bunting ..... - - - -  
*Passerina ciris*