

**A FISH Checklist
for Fort Macon State Park
200 taxa**

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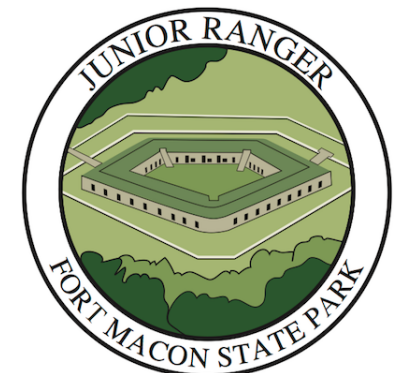
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Seasons:

Spring - March to May
Summer - June to August
Fall - September to November
Winter - December to February

Resources



<https://www.ncparks.gov/junior-rangers>

200 FISH taxa**ACHIRIDAE: [1]**

__ Hogchoker x x x x
Trinectes maculatus

ACIPENSERIDAE: [2]

__ Shortnose Sturgeon (historical) - - - -
Acipenser brevirostrum
 __ Atlantic Sturgeon - - x -
Acipenser oxyrinchus

ALBULIDAE: [1]

__ Bonefish (historical) - x x -
Albula vulpes

ANGUILLIDAE: [1]

__ American Eel x x x x
Anguilla rostrata

ANTENNARIIDAE: [2]

__ Ocellated Frogfish - - - x
Antennarius ocellatus
 __ Sargassum Anglerfish, Sargassum
 Frogfish..... - x x -
Histrio histrio

ARIIDAE: [2]

__ Hardhead sea catfish - - - -
Ariopsis felis
 __ Gafftopsail Catfish - - - -
Bagre marinus

ATHERINIDAE: [1]

__ Atlantic silverside x x x -
Menidia menidia

ATHERINOPSIDAE: [2]

__ Rough Silverside - x x -
Membras martinica
 __ a silverside - x - -
Membras vagrans

AULOSTOMIDAE: [1]

__ Trumpetfish - - x -
Aulostomus maculatus

BALISTIDAE: [1]

__ Gray Triggerfish - - x -
Balistes capriscus

BATRACHOIDIDAE: [2]

__ Oyster Toadfish x x - x
Opsanus tau
 __ Atlantic Midshipman - - x -
Porichthys porosissimus

BELONIDAE: [2]

__ Atlantic Needlefish x x x x
Strongylura marina
 __ Hound needlefish - - x -
Tylosurus crocodilus crocodilus

BLENNIIDAE: [3]

__ Striped Blenny x x - -
Chasmodes bosquianus
 __ Crested Blenny - x x x
Hypleurochilus geminatus
 __ Feather Blenny x x x -
Hypsoblennius hentz

BOTHIDAE: [4]

__ Summer Flounder x x x x
Paralichthys dentatus
 __ Southern Flounder x x x x
Paralichthys lethostigma
 __ Fourspot Flounder (historical) - - - -
Paralichthys oblongus
 __ Windowpane, Sundial, Brill, Water
 Flounder, Spotted Flounder..... x x x x
Scophthalmus aquosus

CARANGIDAE: [13]

__ Blue Runner - x x -
Caranx crysos
 __ Crevalle jack - - x -
Caranx hippos
 __ Horse-eye Jack - - x -
Caranx latus
 __ Atlantic Bumper - x x -
Chloroscombrus chrysurus
 __ Round Scad x x x -
Decapterus punctatus
 __ Bluntnose Jack - x - -
Hemicaranx amblyrhynchus
 __ Leatherjack - x x -
Oligoplites saurus
 __ Atlantic Moonfish - x x -
Selene setapinnis
 __ Lookdown - x x -
Selene vomer
 __ Banded rudderfish - x - -
Seriola zonata
 __ Snubnose Pompano - - x -
Trachinotus blochii

CARANGIDAE: [13]

__ Florida Pompano x x x -
Trachinotus carolinus
 __ Permit - - x -
Trachinotus falcatus

CARCHARHINIDAE: [9]

__ Blacknose shark - x - -
Carcharhinus acronotus
 __ Spinner Shark - x x -
Carcharhinus brevipinna
 __ Finetooth shark - x - -
Carcharhinus isodon
 __ Bull Shark - x - -
Carcharhinus leucas
 __ Blacktip shark - x - -
Carcharhinus limbatus
 __ Dusky shark - x - -
Carcharhinus obscurus
 __ Sandbar shark x x - -
Carcharhinus plumbeus
 __ Tiger Shark - x - -
Galeocerdo cuvier
 __ Atlantic sharpnose shark - - x -
Rhizoprionodon terraenovae

CETORHINIDAE: [1]

__ Basking Shark x - - x
Cetorhinus maximus

CHAETODONTIDAE: [2]

__ Spotfin Butterflyfish x x - -
Chaetodon ocellatus
 __ Bank Butterflyfish - x - -
Prognathodes aya

CLUPEIDAE: [7]

__ Blueback Herring - - - -
Alosa aestivalis
 __ Hickory Shad - - - -
Alosa mediocris
 __ American Shad (historical) - - - -
Alosa sapidissima
 __ Atlantic Menhaden x x x x
Brevoortia tyrannus
 __ Threadfin Shad - - x -
Dorosoma petenense
 __ Thread Herring x x x -
Opisthonema oglinum

CLUPEIDAE: [7]

___ Spanish sardine - x x -
Sardinella aurita

CONGRIDAE: [1]

___ Conger eel x - - -
Conger oceanicus

CYNOGLOSSIDAE: [3]

___ Offshore tonguefish - - x x
Symphurus civitatum
 ___ Largescale Tonguefish - - - x
Symphurus minor
 ___ Blackcheek tonguefish x x x x
Symphurus plagiusa

CYPRINODONTIDAE: [6]

___ Sheepshead Minnow x - x -
Cyprinodon variegatus
 ___ Marsh Killifish x x - -
Fundulus confluentus
 ___ Banded Killifish x - - -
Fundulus diaphanus
 ___ Mummichog x x x -
Fundulus heteroclitus
 ___ Spotfin Killifish (historical) - - - x
Fundulus luciae
 ___ Striped Killifish x - x -
Fundulus majalis

DASYATIDAE: [1]

___ Southern Stingray x x x x
Dasyatis americana

DIODONTIDAE: [2]

___ Striped Burrfish (historical) - x - -
Chilomycterus schoepfi
 ___ Balloonfish (historical) - - - -
Diodon holocanthus

ECHENEIDAE: [1]

___ Sharksucker - x x -
Echeneis naucratas

ECHENIDAE: [3]

___ Swordfish Sucker - - - x
Remora bracyptera
 ___ Marlin Sucker x - - -
Remora osterochir
 ___ Remora, Suckerfish - - - x
Remora remora

ELEOTRIDAE: [1]

___ Fat Sleeper - x - -
Dormitator maculatus

ELOPIDAE: [1]

___ Ladyfish - - x -
Elops saurus

ENGRAULIDAE: [3]

___ Cuban Anchovy - - x -
Anchoa cubana
 ___ Striped Anchovy - x x -
Anchoa hepsetus
 ___ Bay Anchovy x x x x
Anchoa mitchilli

EPHIPPIDAE: [1]

___ Atlantic Spadefish - x x -
Chaetodipterus faber

EXOCOETIDAE: [3]

___ Margined Flyingfish - - - -
Cheilopogon cyanopterus
 ___ Flying Fish - - - -
Cheilopogon melanurus
 ___ Sailfin Flyingfish x - - -
Parexocoetus brachypterus

FISTULARIIDAE: [1]

___ Bluespotted Cornetfish (historical) - - - -
Fistularia tabaccaria

GADIDAE: [2]

___ Gulf Hake; Carolina Hake x - - -
Urophycis cirrata
 ___ Spotted Hake x x x x
Urophycis regia

GERREIDAE: [2]

___ Spotfin Mojarra - x x -
Eucinostomus argenteus
 ___ Graceful Mojarra - - x -
Eucinostomus gracilis

GOBIESOCIDAE: [2]

___ Blackfinned Clingfish - x - -
Gobiesox nigripinnis
 ___ Skilletfish x x x x
Gobiesox strumosus

GOBIIDAE: [5]

___ Darter Goby x x x x
Gobionellus boleosoma

GOBIIDAE: [5]

___ Marked Goby - - - -
Gobionellus stigmaticus
 ___ Naked Goby x x x -
Gobiosoma bosc
 ___ Seaboard Goby x x x x
Gobiosoma ginsburgi
 ___ Clown Goby x x - -
Microgobius gulosus

GYMNURIDAE: [1]

___ Smooth Butterfly-ray x x x -
Gymnura micrura

HAEMULIDAE: [2]

___ White Grunt - x - -
Haemulon plumieri
 ___ Pigfish x x x -
Orthopristis chrysoptera

HEMIRAMPHIDAE: [3]

___ Balao Halfbeak - - x -
Hemiramphus balao
 ___ Common Halfbeak, Ballyhoo - x - -
Hemiramphus unifasciatus
 ___ American halfbeak - - x -
Hyporhamphus meeki

KYPHOSIDAE: [1]

___ Yellow Sea Chub (historical) - x - -
Kyphosus incisor

LABRIDAE: [2]

___ Slippery Dick - x - -
Halichoeres bivittatus
 ___ Tautog - x x -
Tautoga onitis

LOBOTIDAE: [1]

___ Atlantic tripletail - x - -
Lobotes surinamensis

LOPHIIDAE: [1]

___ American Angler - - - -
Lophius americanus

LUTJANIDAE: [1]

___ Grey snapper, Mangrove Snapper - x x -
Lutjanus griseus

MEGALOPIDAE: [1]

___ Tarpon - x x -
Megalops atlanticus

MOBULIDAE: [1]

___ Atlantic Manta, Giant Manta, Manta - - x -
Manta birostris

MOLIDAE: [2]

___ Sharptail Mola - x - x
Mola lanceolata
 ___ Ocean Sunfish x - x -
Mola mola

MONACANTHIDAE: [3]

___ Orange Filefish - - - -
Aluterus schoepfi
 ___ Scrawled Filefish - - x -
Aluterus scriptus
 ___ Planehead Filefish x x x -
Stephanolepis hispidus

MORONIDAE: [2]

___ White Perch - - x x
Morone americana
 ___ Striped Bass - - - x
Morone saxatilis

MUGILIDAE: [2]

___ Striped Mullet, Flathead mullet x x x x
Mugil cephalus
 ___ White Mullet x - x -
Mugil curema

MULLIDAE: [2]

___ Spotted Goatfish - x - -
Pseudupeneus maculatus
 ___ Dwarf Goatfish - - - -
Upeneus parvus

MYLIOBATIDAE: [2]

___ Spotted Eagle Ray, Lady Ray - x x -
Aetobatus narinari
 ___ Cownose Ray x - x -
Rhinoptera bonasus

NARCINIDAE: [2]

___ Lesser Electric Ray - - - -
Narcine bancroftii
 ___ Brazilian Electric Ray - - - -
Narcine brasiliensis

ODONTASPIDIDAE: [1]

___ Sand Tiger Shark - - x x
Odontaspis taurus

OPHICHTHIDAE: [2]

___ Speckled Worm Eel x - x x
Myrophis punctatus

OPHICHTHIDAE: [2]

___ Margined Snake Eel - x - -
Ophichthus cruentifer

OPHIDIIDAE: [1]

___ Striped Cusk-eel (historical) - - - -
Ophidion marginatum

OSTRACIIDAE: [2]

___ Honeycomb Cowfish, Torito Hexagonal - - - x
Acanthostracion polygonius
 ___ Trunkfish, Buffalo Trunkfish (historical) - - - -
Lactophrys trigonus

PARALICHTHYIDAE: [5]

___ Ocellated Flounder x - - -
Ancylopsetta ommata
 ___ Spotted Whiff x - - -
Citharichthys macrops
 ___ Fringed Flounder x x x -
Etropus crossotus
 ___ Smallmouth Flounder x x - -
Etropus microstomus
 ___ Gulf flounder x x x x
Paralichthys albigutta

PETROMYZONTIDAE: [1]

___ Sea Lamprey - - - -
Petromyzon marinus

PHYCIDAE: [1]

___ Southern Codling, Southern Hake x - - -
Urophycis floridana

POECILIIDAE: [2]

___ Eastern Mosquitofish - - x x
Gambusia holbrooki
 ___ Sailfin Molly - - x -
Poecilia latipinna

POMACANTHIDAE: [1]

___ Blue Angelfish, Queen Angelfish - - x -
Holocanthus bermudensis

POMACENTRIDAE: [2]

___ Sergeant Major - x x x
Abudefduf saxatilis
 ___ Night Sergeant - x - -
Abudefduf taurus

POMATOMIDAE: [1]

___ Bluefish x x x -
Pomatomus saltatrix

PRIACANTHIDAE: [2]

___ Atlantic Bigeye - x - -
Priacanthus arenatus
 ___ Short Bigeye - x - -
Pristigeyns alta

RACHYCENTRIDAE: [1]

___ Cobia, Ling, Lemonfish - x x -
Rachycentron canadum

RAJIDAE: [2]

___ Little Skate x - - -
Leucoraja erinacea
 ___ Clearnose Skate x - x -
Raja eglanteria

RHINOBATIDAE: [1]

___ Atlantic Guitarfish - - - -
Pseudobatos lentiginosus

SCIAENIDAE: [13]

___ Silver croaker x x x -
Bairdiella chrysoura
 ___ Spotted Seatrout x x x x
Cynoscion nebulosus
 ___ Silver Seatrout - - x -
Cynoscion nothus
 ___ Weakfish x x x x
Cynoscion regalis
 ___ Banded Drum - x x -
Larimus fasciatus
 ___ Spot x x x x
Leiostomus xanthurus
 ___ Southern Kingfish - x x -
Menticirrhus americanus
 ___ Gulf Kingfish - x x -
Menticirrhus littoralis
 ___ Northern Kingfish, Northern
 Kingcroaker x x - -
Menticirrhus saxatilis
 ___ Atlantic Croaker x x x x
Micropogonias undulatus
 ___ Black Drum x x x x
Pogonias cromis
 ___ Red Drum x x x x
Sciaenops ocellatus
 ___ American Stardrum - - - -
Stellifer lanceolatus

SCOMBERESOCIDAE: [1]

__ Atlantic Saury, Sea Pike, Skipper - - - -
Scomberesox saurus

SCOMBRIDAE: [3]

__ Little Tunny x - x -
Euthynnus alletteratus

__ King Mackerel x - x -
Scomberomorus cavalla

__ Spanish Mackerel x x x -
Scomberomurus maculatus

SERRANIDAE: [4]

__ Black Seabass x x - x
Centropristis striata

__ Gag Grouper x - x -
Mycteroperca microlepis

__ Whitespotted Razorfish - - x -
Rypticus maculatus

__ Belted sandfish x x x x
Serranus subligarius

SPARIDAE: [4]

__ Sheepshead x x x -
Archosargus probatocephalus

__ Spottail Pinfish - x - -
Diplodus holbrookii

__ Pinfish x x x x
Lagodon rhomboides

__ Longspine Porgy - - x -
Stenotomus caprinus

SPHYRAENIDAE: [2]

__ Northern sennet - x x -
Sphyrna borealis

__ Guaguanche - x x -
Sphyrna guachancho

SPHYRNIDAE: [2]

__ Bonnethead Shark, Scoophead - x x -
Sphyrna tiburo

__ Smooth Hammerhead - x - x
Sphyrna zygaena

SQUALIDAE: [1]

__ Spiny Dogfish x - - x
Squalus acanthias

SQUATINIDAE: [1]

__ Sand Devil, Atlantic Angel Shark - - - -
Squatina dumeril

STROMATEIDAE: [3]

__ Gulf Butterfish - - x -
Peprilus burti

__ Harvestfish - x x -
Peprilus paru

__ American butterfish x - - x
Peprilus triacanthus

SYNGNATHIDAE: [4]

__ Lined Seahorse x x x -
Hippocampus erectus

__ Dusky pipefish x - - -
Syngnathus floridae

__ Northern pipefish x x x x
Syngnathus fuscus

__ Chain pipefish x x x -
Syngnathus louisianae

SYNODONTIDAE: [2]

__ Inshore Lizardfish x x x x
Synodus foetens

__ Sand Diver - x - -
Synodus intermedius

TETRAODONTIDAE: [2]

__ Northern Puffer x x x x
Sphoeroides maculatus

__ Smooth Puffer (historical) - - - -
Tetrodon laevigatus

TRIAKIDAE: [1]

__ Smooth Dogfish, Dusky smooth-hound - x - x
Mustelus canis

TRICHIURIDAE: [1]

__ Atlantic Cutlassfish (historical) - x x -
Trichiurus lepturus

TRIGLIDAE: [4]

__ Northern Searobin - x x -
Prionotus carolinus

__ Striped Searobin x - x -
Prionotus evolans

__ Leopard searobin x - x -
Prionotus scitulus

__ Bighead searobin x - - -
Prionotus tribulus

URANOSCOPIDAE: [2]

__ Northern Stargazer - - x -
Astroscopus guttatus

URANOSCOPIDAE: [2]

__ Southern Stargazer - x x -
Astroscopus y-graecum

ZOARCIDAE: [1]

__ Ocean Pout x - - -
Zoarces americanus