

**A FISH Checklist  
for Jockey's Ridge State Park  
86 taxa**

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**Notes**

**FISH  
CHECKLIST  
Jockey's Ridge State Park**

**Seasons:**

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

**Resources**



**86 FISH taxa**

**ACHIRIDAE: [1]**

- \_\_ Hogchoker ..... - - - -  
*Trinectes maculatus*

**ACIPENSERIDAE: [1]**

- \_\_ Atlantic Sturgeon ..... - - x -  
*Acipenser oxyrinchus*

**ANGUILLIDAE: [1]**

- \_\_ American Eel ..... x x - -  
*Anguilla rostrata*

**ATHERINIDAE: [2]**

- \_\_ Inland Silverside ..... - x x -  
*Menidia beryllina*
- \_\_ Atlantic silverside ..... - x - -  
*Menidia menidia*

**BELONIDAE: [2]**

- \_\_ Atlantic Needlefish ..... x x - -  
*Strongylura marina*
- \_\_ Hound needlefish ..... - - - -  
*Tylosurus crocodilus crocodilus*

**BLENNIIDAE: [2]**

- \_\_ Striped Blenny ..... x x x -  
*Chasmodes bosquianus*
- \_\_ Feather Blenny ..... - x x -  
*Hypsoblennius hentz*

**BOTHIDAE: [2]**

- \_\_ Summer Flounder ..... - x - -  
*Paralichthys dentatus*
- \_\_ Southern Flounder ..... - x - -  
*Paralichthys lethostigma*

**CARANGIDAE: [6]**

- \_\_ Blue Runner ..... - x - -  
*Caranx crysos*
- \_\_ Crevalle jack ..... - - - -  
*Caranx hippos*
- \_\_ Bluntnose Jack ..... - - x -  
*Hemicaranx amblyrhynchus*
- \_\_ Lookdown ..... - x - -  
*Selene vomer*
- \_\_ Florida Pompano ..... - x - -  
*Trachinotus carolinus*
- \_\_ Permit ..... - x - -  
*Trachinotus falcatus*

**CARCHARHINIDAE: [1]**

- \_\_ Atlantic sharpnose shark ..... - - - x  
*Rhizoprionodon terraenovae*

**CENTRARCHIDAE: [2]**

- \_\_ Redear Sunfish ..... - - - -  
*Lepomis microlophus*
- \_\_ Largemouth Bass ..... - - - -  
*Micropterus salmoides*

**CLUPEIDAE: [2]**

- \_\_ Hickory Shad ..... x - - -  
*Alosa mediocris*
- \_\_ Atlantic Menhaden ..... x x - -  
*Brevoortia tyrannus*

**CYNOGLOSSIDAE: [1]**

- \_\_ Blackcheek tonguefish ..... - x - -  
*Symphurus plagiusa*

**CYPRINIDAE: [1]**

- \_\_ Common Carp ..... x - - -  
*Cyprinus carpio*

**CYPRINODONTIDAE: [6]**

- \_\_ Sheepshead Minnow ..... - x - -  
*Cyprinodon variegatus*
- \_\_ Marsh Killifish ..... - x - -  
*Fundulus confluentus*
- \_\_ Mummichog ..... - x - -  
*Fundulus heteroclitus*
- \_\_ Spotfin Killifish ..... - x - -  
*Fundulus luciae*
- \_\_ Striped Killifish ..... - x - -  
*Fundulus majalis*
- \_\_ Rainwater Killifish ..... - x - -  
*Lucania parva*

**DASYATIDAE: [1]**

- \_\_ Southern Stingray ..... - x - -  
*Dasyatis americana*

**DIODONTIDAE: [1]**

- \_\_ Striped Burrfish ..... - x - -  
*Chilomycterus schoepfi*

**ENGRAULIDAE: [2]**

- \_\_ Striped Anchovy ..... - x x -  
*Anchoa hepsetus*
- \_\_ Bay Anchovy ..... - x x -  
*Anchoa mitchilli*

**EPHIPPIDAE: [1]**

- \_\_ Atlantic Spadefish ..... - x - -  
*Chaetodipterus faber*

**GASTEROSTEIDAE: [2]**

- \_\_ Fourspine Stickleback ..... - - - -  
*Apeltes quadracus*

**GASTEROSTEIDAE: [2]**

- \_\_ Three-spined stickleback ..... - - - -  
*Gasterosteus aculeatus aculeatus*

**GERREIDAE: [1]**

- \_\_ Spotfin Mojarra ..... - x x -  
*Eucinostomus argenteus*

**GOBIESOCIDAE: [1]**

- \_\_ Skilletfish ..... - x x x  
*Gobiesox strumosus*

**GOBIIDAE: [4]**

- \_\_ Darter Goby ..... - - - -  
*Gobionellus boleosoma*
- \_\_ Naked Goby ..... - x x x  
*Gobiosoma bosc*
- \_\_ Seaboard Goby ..... - - x -  
*Gobiosoma ginsburgi*
- \_\_ Green goby ..... - - - -  
*Microgobius thalassinus*

**HAEMULIDAE: [1]**

- \_\_ Pigfish ..... - x - -  
*Orthopristis chrysoptera*

**HEMIRAMPHIDAE: [2]**

- \_\_ Common Halfbeak, Ballyhoo ..... - x - -  
*Hemiramphus unifasciatus*
- \_\_ American halfbeak ..... - x - -  
*Hyporhamphus meeki*

**ICTALURIDAE: [4]**

- \_\_ White Catfish ..... - - - -  
*Ameiurus catus*
- \_\_ Yellow Bullhead ..... x - - -  
*Ameiurus natalis*
- \_\_ Brown Bullhead ..... - - - -  
*Ameiurus nebulosus*
- \_\_ Channel Catfish ..... - - - -  
*Ictalurus punctatus*

**LEPISOSTEIDAE: [1]**

- \_\_ Longnose Gar ..... - x - -  
*Lepisosteus osseus*

**LUTJANIDAE: [1]**

- \_\_ Grey snapper, Mangrove Snapper ..... - x - -  
*Lutjanus griseus*

**MONACANTHIDAE: [1]**

- \_\_ Planehead Filefish ..... - x - -  
*Stephanolepis hispida*

**MORONIDAE: [2]**

- \_\_\_ White Perch ..... - - - -  
*Morone americana*
- \_\_\_ Striped Bass ..... - - - -  
*Morone saxatilis*

**MUGILIDAE: [2]**

- \_\_\_ Striped Mullet, Flathead mullet ..... x x x -  
*Mugil cephalus*
- \_\_\_ White Mullet ..... - x - -  
*Mugil curema*

**MYLIOBATIDAE: [1]**

- \_\_\_ Cownose Ray ..... - x - -  
*Rhinoptera bonasus*

**PARALICHTHYIDAE: [2]**

- \_\_\_ Bay whiff ..... - - - -  
*Citharichthys spilopterus*
- \_\_\_ Gulf flounder ..... - - - -  
*Paralichthys albigutta*

**PERCIDAE: [1]**

- \_\_\_ Yellow Perch ..... - - - -  
*Perca flavescens*

**POECILIIDAE: [1]**

- \_\_\_ Eastern Mosquitofish ..... - x - -  
*Gambusia holbrooki*

**POMATOMIDAE: [1]**

- \_\_\_ Bluefish ..... - x - -  
*Pomatomus saltatrix*

**RAJIDAE: [1]**

- \_\_\_ Clearnose Skate ..... - - x -  
*Raja eglanteria*

**SCIAENIDAE: [8]**

- \_\_\_ Silver croaker ..... - x x -  
*Bairdiella chrysoura*
- \_\_\_ Spotted Seatrout ..... - x - -  
*Cynoscion nebulosus*
- \_\_\_ Weakfish ..... - - - -  
*Cynoscion regalis*
- \_\_\_ Spot ..... - x - -  
*Leiostomus xanthurus*
- \_\_\_ Southern Kingfish ..... - x - -  
*Menticirrhus americanus*
- \_\_\_ Northern Kingfish, Northern Kingcroaker..... - x - -  
*Menticirrhus saxatilis*

**SCIAENIDAE: [8]**

- \_\_\_ Atlantic Croaker ..... - x - -  
*Micropogonias undulatus*
- \_\_\_ Red Drum ..... - x x -  
*Sciaenops ocellatus*

**SPARIDAE: [2]**

- \_\_\_ Sheepshead ..... - x - -  
*Archosargus probatocephalus*
- \_\_\_ Pinfish ..... - x - -  
*Lagodon rhomboides*

**SPHYRAENIDAE: [2]**

- \_\_\_ Northern sennet ..... - x - -  
*Sphyræna borealis*
- \_\_\_ Guaguanche ..... - x - -  
*Sphyræna guachancho*

**STROMATEIDAE: [1]**

- \_\_\_ American butterfish ..... - - - -  
*Peprilus triacanthus*

**SYNGNATHIDAE: [5]**

- \_\_\_ Lined Seahorse ..... - x - -  
*Hippocampus erectus*
- \_\_\_ Shortfin pipefish ..... - x - -  
*Syngnathus elucens*
- \_\_\_ Dusky pipefish ..... - x x -  
*Syngnathus floridae*
- \_\_\_ Northern pipefish ..... - x - -  
*Syngnathus fuscus*
- \_\_\_ Chain pipefish ..... - x - -  
*Syngnathus louisianae*

**SYNODONTIDAE: [1]**

- \_\_\_ Inshore Lizardfish ..... - x - -  
*Synodus foetens*

**TETRAODONTIDAE: [1]**

- \_\_\_ Northern Puffer ..... - - - -  
*Sphoeroides maculatus*

**TRIGLIDAE: [2]**

- \_\_\_ Leopard searobin ..... - - - -  
*Prionotus scitulus*
- \_\_\_ Bighead searobin ..... - x x -  
*Prionotus tribulus*