

**A VASCULAR PLANT Checklist  
for Fort Fisher State Recreation Area  
99 taxa**

North Carolina has a diverse vascular flora.

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**Notes**

**VASCULAR PLANT  
CHECKLIST  
Fort Fisher State Recreation Area**



**Bloom Time:**

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

**Web Links**

Vascular Plants of North Carolina  
<https://auth1.dpr.ncparks.gov/flora/index.php>

**Resources**

Flora of the Southern and Mid-Atlantic States by Alan S. Weakley - <https://ncbg.unc.edu/research/unc-herbarium/floras/>

Wild North Carolina: Discovering the Wonders of Our State's Natural Communities by David Blevins and Michael Schafale - <https://uncpress.org/book/9780807834671/wild-north-carolina/>

Wildflowers and Plant Communities of the Southern Appalachian Mountains and Piedmont: A Naturalist's Guide to the Carolinas, Virginia, Tennessee, and Georgia by Timothy Spira - <https://uncpress.org/book/9780807871720/wildflowers-and-plant-communities-of-the-southern-appalachian-mountains-and-piedmont/>

A Field Guide to Wildflowers of the Sandhills Region: North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia by Bruce Sorrie - <https://uncpress.org/book/9780807871867/a-field-guide-to-wildflowers-of-the-sandhills-region/>

On-line database of the flora of the Southeastern States - <http://www.herbarium.unc.edu/seflora/querypage.htm>



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

**99 VASCULAR PLANT taxa****AGAVACEAE: [3]**

- Aloe Yucca ..... - - -
- *Yucca aloifolia*
- Common Yucca ..... - - -
- *Yucca filamentosa*
- Moundlily Yucca ..... - - -
- *Yucca gloriosa*

**AIZOACEAE: [1]**

- Shoreline Sea-purslane ..... - - x -
- *Sesuvium portulacastrum*

**AMARANTHACEAE: [1]**

- Rootstock Bloodleaf ..... - - -
- *Iresine rhizomatosa*

**ANACARDIACEAE: [1]**

- Eastern Poison Ivy ..... - - -
- *Toxicodendron radicans* var. *radicans*

**APIACEAE: [1]**

- Coastal-plain Penny-wort ..... - - -
- *Hydrocotyle bonariensis*

**APOCYNACEAE: [1]**

- Gulf Coast Swallow-wort ..... - x x -
- *Pattalias paluster*

**AQUIFOLIACEAE: [1]**

- Yaupon Holly ..... - - -
- *Ilex vomitoria*

**ARECACEAE: [2]**

- Dwarf Palmetto ..... - - -
- *Sabal minor*
- Cabbage Palm ..... - - -
- *Sabal palmetto*

**ASTERACEAE: [14]**

- Annual Ragweed ..... - - -
- *Ambrosia artemisiifolia*
- Saltwater False-willow ..... - - x -
- *Baccharis angustifolia*
- Eastern Baccharis ..... - - -
- *Baccharis halimifolia*
- Sea Oxeye ..... - x -
- *Borrichia frutescens*
- Small Dog-fennel, Thoroughwort ..... - - -
- *Eupatorium capillifolium*
- Fire-wheel Blanket-flower ..... x x x -
- *Gaillardia pulchella*

**ASTERACEAE: [14]**

- Cucumber Sunflower ..... - - - x
- *Helianthus debilis*
- Dune Camphorweed ..... - - -
- *Heterotheca subaxillaris*
- Big-leaf Marsh-elder ..... - - -
- *Iva frutescens*
- Sea-coast Marsh-elder ..... - - -
- *Iva imbricata*
- Canada Lettuce ..... - - -
- *Lactuca canadensis*
- Climbing Hempweed ..... - - -
- *Mikania scandens*
- Seaside Goldenrod ..... - - -
- *Solidago sempervirens*
- Perennial Salt-marsh Aster ..... - - -
- *Symphytum tenuifolium*

**BRASSICACEAE: [1]**

- American Sea-rocket ..... - - -
- *Cakile edentula*

**BUDDLEJACEAE: [1]**

- Juniper-leaf ..... - - -
- *Polypremum procumbens*

**CACTACEAE: [1]**

- Prickly Pear ..... - - -
- *Opuntia humifusa* var. *humifusa*

**CAMPANULACEAE: [2]**

- Downy Lobelia ..... - - -
- *Lobelia puberula*
- Clasp-leaf Venus'-looking-glass ..... - - -
- *Triodanis perfoliata*

**CAPRIFOLIACEAE: [1]**

- Japanese Honeysuckle ..... - - -
- *Lonicera japonica*

**CHENOPodiACEAE: [5]**

- Crested Saltbush ..... - - -
- *Atriplex pentandra*
- Creeping Saltbush ..... - - -
- *Atriplex prostrata*
- Jointed Glasswort ..... - - -
- *Salicornia maritima*
- Virginia Glasswort ..... - - -
- *Salicornia virginica*
- Narrow-leaf Seepweed ..... - - -
- *Suaeda linearis*

**COMMELINACEAE: [1]**

- Sand Dayflower ..... - x -
- *Commelina erecta* var. *angustifolia*

**CONVOLVULACEAE: [2]**

- Small-flower Pink Morning-glory ..... - - -
- *Ipomoea cordatotriloba*
- Saltmarsh Morning-glory ..... - - -
- *Ipomoea sagittata*

**CUCURBITACEAE: [1]**

- Creeping Cucumber ..... - - -
- *Melothria pendula*

**CUPRESSACEAE: [1]**

- Eastern Red Cedar ..... - - -
- *Juniperus virginiana*

**CYPERACEAE: [7]**

- Saltmarsh Bulrush ..... - - -
- *Bolboschoenus robustus*
- Sand Sedge ..... - - -
- *Carex arenaria*
- Chufa Flat-sedge ..... - - -
- *Cyperus esculentus*
- White Spikerush ..... - - -
- *Eleocharis albida*
- Carolina Fimbrary ..... - - -
- *Fimbristylis caroliniana*
- Marsh Fimbrary ..... - - -
- *Fimbristylis castanea*
- Narrow-leaf Whitetop ..... - - -
- *Rhynchospora colorata*

**EUPHORBIACEAE: [2]**

- Southern Seabeach Sandmat ..... - - -
- *Chamaesyce bombensis*
- Gulf Croton ..... - - -
- *Croton punctatus*

**FABACEAE: [2]**

- Rattlebox, Scarlet Wisteria-tree, Purple Sesban ..... - - -
- *Sesbania punicea*

**Annual Sand Bean**

- *Strophostyles helvola*

**FAGACEAE: [1]**

- Live Oak ..... - - -
- *Quercus virginiana*

**GENTIANACEAE: [1]**

- Sea Pink ..... - - x -
- *Sabatia stellaris*

**IRIDACEAE: [1]**

- Eastern Blue-eyed-grass ..... - - -  
    *Sisyrinchium atlanticum*

**JUNCACEAE: [1]**

- Black Needle Rush, Roemer's Rush ..... - - -  
    *Juncus roemerianus*

**LAMIACEAE: [1]**

- Dune Bluecurls ..... - - x -  
    *Trichostema nesophilum*

**LEMNACEAE: [1]**

- Lesser Duckweed ..... - - -  
    *Lemna minor*

**LYTHRACEAE: [2]**

- Narrow Loosestrife ..... - - -  
    *Lythrum lineare*  
— Toothcup ..... - - -  
    *Rotala ramosior*

**MALVACEAE: [1]**

- Virginia Sea-shore Mallow ..... - - -  
    *Kosteletzky virginica*

**MYRICACEAE: [1]**

- Southern Bayberry, Common  
    Wax-myrtle ..... - - -  
    *Morella cerifera*

**ONAGRACEAE: [2]**

- Southeastern gaura ..... - - -  
    *Gaura angustifolia*  
— Sea-beach Evening-primrose ..... - - x -  
    *Oenothera humifusa*

**PAPAVERACEAE: [1]**

- Long-pod Poppy ..... - - -  
    *Papaver dubium*

**PLUMBAGINACEAE: [1]**

- Sea-lavender ..... - - x -  
    *Limonium carolinianum*

**POACEAE: [16]**

- Bushy Bluestem ..... - - -  
    *Andropogon glomeratus*  
— Virginia Wild-rye ..... - - -  
    *Elymus virginicus*  
— Purple Love-grass ..... - - x -  
    *Eragrostis spectabilis*  
— Pinewoods Finger Grass ..... - - -  
    *Eustachys petraea*

**POACEAE: [16]**

- Saltmeadow Sprangletop ..... - - -  
    *Leptochloa fascicularis*  
— Dune Hairgrass ..... - - -  
    *Muhlenbergia filipes*  
— Dune Hairgrass, Sweet Grass ..... - - -  
    *Muhlenbergia sericea*  
— Bitter Panicgrass, Coastal Panicgrass,  
    or Seaside Panicgrass ..... - - -  
    *Panicum amarum*  
— Tufted Switchgrass ..... - - -  
    *Panicum virgatum var. spissum*  
— Common Reed ..... - - -  
    *Phragmites australis*  
— Giant Foxtail ..... - - -  
    *Setaria magna*  
— Bristly Foxtail ..... - - -  
    *Setaria parviflora*  
— Saltwater Cordgrass ..... - - -  
    *Spartina alterniflora*  
— Salt-meadow Cordgrass ..... - - -  
    *Spartina patens*  
— Purple Sandgrass ..... - - -  
    *Triplasis purpurea*  
— Sea Oats ..... - x -  
    *Uniola paniculata*

**PONTEDERIACEAE: [1]**

- Common Water-hyacinth ..... - - x -  
    *Eichhornia crassipes*

**ROSACEAE: [1]**

- Southern Dewberry ..... x - -  
    *Rubus trivialis*

**RUBIACEAE: [2]**

- Rough Buttonweed ..... - - -  
    *Diodia teres*

**ROSACEAE: [1]**

- Common Bluet ..... - - -  
    *Houstonia caerulea*

**RUTACEAE: [2]**

- American Prickly-ash ..... - - -  
    *Zanthoxylum americanum*  
— Hercules-club ..... - - -  
    *Zanthoxylum clava-herculis*

**SMILACACEAE: [3]**

- Earleaf Greenbrier ..... - - -  
    *Smilax auriculata*

**SMILACACEAE: [3]**

- Saw Greenbrier ..... - - -  
    *Smilax bona-nox*  
— Laurel-leaf Greenbrier ..... - - -  
    *Smilax laurifolia*

**SOLANACEAE: [1]**

- Sticky Ground-cherry ..... - - -  
    *Physalis walteri*

**TYPHACEAE: [1]**

- Narrow-leaved Cattail ..... - - -  
    *Typha angustifolia*

**VERBENACEAE: [3]**

- Common Frog-fruit ..... - - -  
    *Phyla nodiflora*  
— Sandpaper Vervain ..... - - -  
    *Sandpaper Vervain*  
— Verbena scabra ..... - - -  
— Roundleaf Chastetree ..... - - -  
    *Vitex rotundifolia*

**VITACEAE: [3]**

- Pepper-vine ..... - - -  
    *Ampelopsis arborea*  
— Muscadine, Scuppernong ..... - - -  
    *Muscadina rotundifolia*  
— Virginia Creeper ..... - - -  
    *Parthenocissus quinquefolia*