

**A BIRD Checklist
for Cliffs of the Neuse State Park
108 taxa**

Of the 473 species known from North Carolina, 108 have been recorded at the state park. Of these, 43 species are known to nest within the park. 9 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

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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>

108 BIRD taxa**ANATIDAE: Swans, Geese & Ducks [5]**

___ *Canada Goose	F C C C
<i>Branta canadensis</i>	
___ Wood Duck	C C C F
<i>Aix sponsa</i>	
___ *Mallard	C C C F
<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	
___ Bufflehead	- - - -
<i>Bucephala albeola</i>	
___ Hooded Merganser	- - - -
<i>Lophodytes cucullatus</i>	

ODONTOPHORIDAE: Quail [1]

___ *Northern Bobwhite	C C F U
<i>Colinus virginianus</i>	

PHASIANIDAE: Grouse [1]

___ *Wild Turkey	C C C C
<i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>	

COLUMBIDAE: Doves [1]

___ ~Mourning Dove	C C C C
<i>Zenaida macroura</i>	

CUCULIDAE: Cuckoos, Roadrunner & Anis [1]

___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo	- C - -
<i>Coccyzus americanus</i>	

CAPRIMULGIDAE: Goatsuckers [2]

___ ~Common Nighthawk	- F - -
<i>Chordeiles minor</i>	
___ ~Chuck-will's-widow	F A F R
<i>Antrostomus carolinensis</i>	

APODIDAE: Swifts [1]

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

TROCHILIDAE: Hummingbirds [1]

___ *Ruby-throated Hummingbird	F C F R
<i>Archilochus colubris</i>	

CHARADRIIDAE: Plovers [1]

___ Killdeer	C C C C
<i>Charadrius vociferus</i>	

SCOLOPACIDAE: Sandpipers [3]

___ ~American Woodcock	- - - -
<i>Scolopax minor</i>	
___ Spotted Sandpiper	- - - -
<i>Actitis macularius</i>	
___ Solitary Sandpiper	- - - -
<i>Tringa solitaria</i>	

PHALACROCORACIDAE: Cormorants [1]

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

ARDEIDAE: Herons [1]

___ Great Blue Heron	C C C C
<i>Ardea herodias</i>	

CATHARTIDAE: New World Vultures [1]

___ *Turkey Vulture	A A A C
<i>Cathartes aura</i>	

PANDIONIDAE: Osprey [1]

___ Osprey	- - - -
<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	

ACCIPITRIDAE: Eagles, Kites & Hawks [6]

___ Mississippi Kite	- O - -
<i>Ictinia mississippiensis</i>	
___ Bald Eagle	- - C -
<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	
___ Northern Harrier	O R O C
<i>Circus hudsonius</i>	
___ Cooper's Hawk	- - - -
<i>Accipiter cooperii</i>	
___ Red-shouldered Hawk	- - - -
<i>Buteo lineatus</i>	
___ Red-tailed Hawk	C C C C
<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	

STRIGIDAE: Owls [3]

___ *Eastern Screech-owl	C C F U
<i>Megascops asio</i>	
___ ~Great Horned Owl	C C F U
<i>Bubo virginianus</i>	
___ *Barred Owl	F C F U
<i>Strix varia</i>	

ALCEDINIDAE: Kingfisher [1]

___ *Belted Kingfisher	C C C U
<i>Megaceryle alcyon</i>	

PICIDAE: Woodpeckers [8]

___ *Red-headed Woodpecker	C C C U
<i>Melanerpes erythrocephalus</i>	
___ Red-bellied Woodpecker	- - - -
<i>Melanerpes carolinus</i>	
___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	- - - -
<i>Sphyrapicus varius</i>	
___ Downy Woodpecker	C C C F
<i>Dryobates pubescens</i>	

PICIDAE: Woodpeckers [8]

___ *Hairy Woodpecker	C C F F
<i>Picoides villosus</i>	
___ Red-cockaded Woodpecker (historical)	- - - -
<i>Dryobates borealis</i>	
___ Northern Flicker	C C C F
<i>Colaptes auratus</i>	
___ Pileated Woodpecker	C C C F
<i>Dryocopus pileatus</i>	

FALCONIDAE: Falcons [1]

___ American Kestrel	C C C F
<i>Falco sparverius</i>	

TYRANNIDAE: Flycatchers [4]

___ *Eastern Wood-pewee	C C F R
<i>Contopus virens</i>	
___ Acadian Flycatcher	C C C U
<i>Empidonax vireescens</i>	
___ *Eastern Phoebe	C A A U
<i>Sayornis phoebe</i>	
___ Great Crested Flycatcher	- - - -
<i>Myiarchus crinitus</i>	

VIREONIDAE: Vireos [4]

___ White-eyed Vireo	- - - -
<i>Vireo griseus</i>	
___ ~Yellow-throated Vireo	- - - -
<i>Vireo flavifrons</i>	
___ Blue-headed (or Solitary) Vireo	- - - -
<i>Vireo solitarius</i>	
___ *Red-eyed Vireo	F A F U
<i>Vireo olivaceus</i>	

CORVIDAE: Jays & Crows [3]

___ Blue Jay	C C A F
<i>Cyanocitta cristata</i>	
___ ~American Crow	C C U U
<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>	
___ *Fish Crow	C C F U
<i>Corvus ossifragus</i>	

PARIDAE: Chickadees & Titmice [2]

___ Carolina Chickadee	C C C C
<i>Poecile carolinensis</i>	
___ *Tufted Titmouse	C C C C
<i>Baeolophus bicolor</i>	

SITTIDAE: Nuthatches [3]

___ Red-breasted Nuthatch	- - - -
<i>Sitta canadensis</i>	

SITTIDAE: Nuthatches [3]

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

CERTHIIDAE: Creeper [1]

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

TROGLODYTIDAE: Wrens [3]

__ House Wren	- - - -
<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>	
__ Winter Wren	- - - -
<i>Troglodytes hiemalis</i>	
__ ~Carolina Wren	C A F U
<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 [5]

__ *Eastern Bluebird	C C C F
<i>Sialia sialis</i>	
__ *Veery	C A F U
<i>Catharus fuscescens</i>	
__ Hermit Thrush	F C U U
<i>Catharus guttatus</i>	
__ *Wood Thrush	C C C F
<i>Hylocichla mustelina</i>	
__ *American Robin	C F C C
<i>Turdus migratorius</i>	

MIMIDAE: Mockingbirds & Thrashers [3]

__ *Gray Catbird	C C C U
<i>Dumetella carolinensis</i>	
__ *Brown Thrasher	C F C F
<i>Toxostoma rufum</i>	
__ *Northern Mockingbird	C A A F
<i>Mimus polyglottos</i>	

PASSERIDAE: Old World Sparrows [1]

__ *House Sparrow	C C C C
<i>Passer domesticus</i>	

FRINGILLIDAE: Finches [4]

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

PASSERELLIDAE: [7]

__ *Eastern Towhee	C C C C
<i>Pipilo erythrophthalmus</i>	
__ *Chipping Sparrow	C C C C
<i>Spizella passerina</i>	
__ Field Sparrow	- - - -
<i>Spizella pusilla</i>	
__ Fox Sparrow	- - - -
<i>Passerella iliaca</i>	
__ Song Sparrow	- - - -
<i>Melospiza melodia</i>	
__ *White-throated Sparrow	- - C C
<i>Zonotrichia albicollis</i>	
__ Dark-eyed Junco	O I O A
<i>Junco hyemalis</i>	

ICTERIDAE: Blackbirds & Orioles [4]

__ *Eastern Meadowlark	F C F U
<i>Sturnella magna</i>	
__ Red-winged Blackbird	- - - -
<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>	
__ *Brown-headed Cowbird	F C F V
<i>Molothrus ater</i>	
__ *Common Grackle	C C F U
<i>Quiscalus quiscula</i>	

PARULIDAE: Warblers [15]

__ *Ovenbird	F A F R
<i>Seiurus aurocapilla</i>	
__ Louisiana Waterthrush	- - - -
<i>Parkesia motacilla</i>	
__ Black-and-white Warbler	- - - -
<i>Mniotilta varia</i>	
__ *Prothonotary Warbler	F C F U
<i>Protonotaria citrea</i>	
__ Swainson's Warbler	- - - -
<i>Limnothlypis swainsonii</i>	

PARULIDAE: Warblers [15]

__ Kentucky Warbler	- - - -
<i>Geothlypis formosa</i>	
__ Common Yellowthroat	- - - -
<i>Geothlypis trichas</i>	
__ *Hooded Warbler	F C U U
<i>Setophaga citrina</i>	
__ American Redstart	- - - -
<i>Setophaga ruticilla</i>	
__ *Northern Parula	F A F R
<i>Setophaga americana</i>	
__ Black-throated Blue Warbler	- - - -
<i>Setophaga caerulescens</i>	
__ ~Pine Warbler	O U F C
<i>Setophaga pinus</i>	
__ Yellow-rumped Warbler	- - - -
<i>Setophaga coronata</i>	
__ Yellow-throated Warbler	- - - -
<i>Setophaga dominica</i>	
__ Prairie Warbler	- - - -
<i>Setophaga discolor</i>	

CARDINALIDAE: Grosbeaks & Buntings [6]

__ *Summer Tanager	C C U V
<i>Piranga rubra</i>	
__ *Scarlet Tanager	U U U R
<i>Piranga olivacea</i>	
__ *Northern Cardinal	- - - -
<i>Cardinalis cardinalis</i>	
__ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	- - - -
<i>Pheucticus ludovicianus</i>	
__ *Blue Grosbeak	- - - -
<i>Passerina caerulea</i>	
__ *Indigo Bunting	F C F U
<i>Passerina cyanea</i>	