

A BIRD Checklist for Dismal Swamp State Park 173 taxa

Of the 473 species known from North Carolina, 173 have been recorded at the state park. Of these, 60 species are known to nest within the park. 7 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 Dismal Swamp 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>

173 BIRD taxa**ANATIDAE: Swans, Geese & Ducks [13]**

___ Snow Goose	- - -
<i>Anser caerulescens</i>	
___ *Canada Goose	- - -
<i>Branta canadensis</i>	
___ Tundra Swan	- - -
<i>Cygnus columbianus</i>	
___ Muscovy Duck	- - -
<i>Cairina moschata</i>	
___ *Wood Duck	- - -
<i>Aix sponsa</i>	
___ Blue-winged Teal	- - -
<i>Spatula discors</i>	
___ Mallard	- - -
<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	
___ American Black Duck	- - -
<i>Anas rubripes</i>	
___ Green-winged Teal	- - -
<i>Anas crecca</i>	
___ Redhead	- - -
<i>Aythya americana</i>	
___ Ring-necked Duck	- - -
<i>Aythya collaris</i>	
___ Bufflehead	- - -
<i>Bucephala albeola</i>	
___ Hooded Merganser	- - -
<i>Lophodytes cucullatus</i>	

ODONTOPHORIDAE: Quail [1]

___ *Northern Bobwhite	- - -
<i>Colinus virginianus</i>	

PHASIANIDAE: Grouse [1]

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

PODICIPEDIDAE: Grebes [1]

___ Pied-billed Grebe	- - -
<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>	

COLUMBIDAE: Doves [2]

___ Rock Pigeon, Rock Dove	- - -
<i>Columba livia</i>	
___ *Mourning Dove	- - -
<i>Zenaida macroura</i>	

CUCULIDAE: Cuckoos, Roadrunner & Anis [2]

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

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___ Black-billed Cuckoo	- - -
<i>Coccyzus erythrophthalmus</i>	

CAPRIMULGIDAE: Goatsuckers [2]

___ Common Nighthawk	- - -
<i>Chordeiles minor</i>	
___ Eastern whip-poor-will	- - -
<i>Antrostomus vociferus</i>	

APODIDAE: Swifts [1]

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

TROCHILIDAE: Hummingbirds [1]

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

RALLIDAE: Rails [1]

___ American Coot	- - -
<i>Fulica americana</i>	

CHARADRIIDAE: Plovers [1]

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

SCOLOPACIDAE: Sandpipers [6]

___ American Woodcock	- - -
<i>Scolopax minor</i>	
___ Wilson's Snipe	- - -
<i>Gallinago delicata</i>	
___ Spotted Sandpiper	0 - 0 -
<i>Actitis macularia</i>	
___ Solitary Sandpiper	- - -
<i>Tringa solitaria</i>	
___ Lesser Yellowlegs	- - -
<i>Tringa flavipes</i>	
___ Greater Yellowlegs	- - -
<i>Tringa melanoleuca</i>	

LARIDAE: Gulls & Terns [2]

___ Laughing Gull	- - -
<i>Leucophaeus atricilla</i>	
___ Ring-billed Gull	- - -
<i>Larus delawarensis</i>	

GAVIIDAE: Loons [1]

___ Common Loon	- - -
<i>Gavia immer</i>	

CICONIIDAE: Stork [1]

___ Wood Stork	- - - x
<i>Mycteria americana</i>	

PHALACROCORACIDAE: Cormorants [1]

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

ANHINGIDAE: Anhinga [1]

___ Anhinga	- - -
<i>Anhinga anhinga</i>	

PELECANIDAE: Pelicans [1]

___ Brown Pelican	- - -
<i>Pelecanus occidentalis</i>	

ARDEIDAE: Herons [5]

___ Great Blue Heron	- - -
<i>Ardea herodias</i>	
___ Great Egret	- - -
<i>Ardea alba</i>	
___ Little Blue Heron	- - -
<i>Egretta caerulea</i>	
___ ~Green Heron	- - -
<i>Butorides virescens</i>	
___ Black-crowned Night-heron	- - -
<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	

CATHARTIDAE: New World Vultures [2]

___ Black Vulture	- - -
<i>Coragyps atratus</i>	
___ ~Turkey Vulture	- - -
<i>Cathartes aura</i>	

PANDIONIDAE: Osprey [1]

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

ACCIPITRIDAE: Eagles, Kites & Hawks [7]

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

STRIGIDAE: Owls [3]

___ *Eastern Screech-owl	- - -
<i>Megascops asio</i>	

STRIGIDAE: Owls [3]

___ *Great Horned Owl	-	-	-
<i>Bubo virginianus</i>			
___ ~Barred Owl	-	-	-
<i>Strix varia</i>			

ALCEDINIDAE: Kingfisher [1]

___ ~Belted Kingfisher	-	-	-
<i>Megasceryle alcyon</i>			

PICIDAE: Woodpeckers [8]

___ *Red-headed Woodpecker	-	-	-
<i>Melanerpes erythrocephalus</i>			
___ *Red-bellied Woodpecker	-	-	-
<i>Melanerpes carolinus</i>			
___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	-	-	-
<i>Sphyrapicus varius</i>			
___ *Downy Woodpecker	-	-	-
<i>Dryobates pubescens</i>			
___ Hairy Woodpecker	-	-	-
<i>Picoides villosus</i>			
___ Red-cockaded Woodpecker	-	-	-
<i>Dryobates borealis</i>			
___ *Northern Flicker	-	-	-
<i>Colaptes auratus</i>			
___ *Pileated Woodpecker	-	-	-
<i>Dryocopus pileatus</i>			

FALCONIDAE: Falcons [3]

___ American Kestrel	-	-	-
<i>Falco sparverius</i>			
___ Merlin	-	-	-
<i>Falco columbarius</i>			
___ Peregrine Falcon	-	-	-
<i>Falco peregrinus</i>			

TYRANNIDAE: Flycatchers [5]

___ *Eastern Wood-pewee	-	-	-
<i>Contopus virens</i>			
___ *Acadian Flycatcher	-	-	-
<i>Empidonax virescens</i>			
___ *Eastern Phoebe	-	-	-
<i>Sayornis phoebe</i>			
___ *Great Crested Flycatcher	-	-	-
<i>Myiarchus crinitus</i>			
___ *Eastern Kingbird	-	-	-
<i>Tyrannus tyrannus</i>			

VIREONIDAE: Vireos [6]

___ *White-eyed Vireo	F	F	F
<i>Vireo griseus</i>			

VIREONIDAE: Vireos [6]

___ *Yellow-throated Vireo	-	-	-
<i>Vireo flavifrons</i>			
___ Blue-headed (or Solitary) Vireo	-	-	-
<i>Vireo solitarius</i>			
___ Philadelphia Vireo	-	-	-
<i>Vireo philadelphicus</i>			
___ Warbling Vireo	-	-	-
<i>Vireo gilvus</i>			
___ *Red-eyed Vireo	-	-	-
<i>Vireo olivaceus</i>			

CORVIDAE: Jays & Crows [3]

___ *Blue Jay	-	-	-
<i>Cyanocitta cristata</i>			
___ *American Crow	-	-	-
<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>			
___ Fish Crow	-	-	-
<i>Corvus ossifragus</i>			

HIRUNDINIDAE: Swallows [5]

___ Purple Martin	-	-	-
<i>Progne subis</i>			
___ Tree Swallow	-	-	-
<i>Tachycineta bicolor</i>			
___ *Northern Rough-winged Swallow	-	-	-
<i>Stelgidopteryx serripennis</i>			
___ Cave Swallow	-	x	-
<i>Petrochelidon fulva</i>			
___ *Barn Swallow	-	-	-
<i>Hirundo rustica</i>			

PARIDAE: Chickadees & Titmice [2]

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

SITTIDAE: Nuthatches [3]

___ Red-breasted Nuthatch	-	-	-
<i>Sitta canadensis</i>			
___ *White-breasted Nuthatch	-	-	-
<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	-	-	-
<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 [6]

___ *Eastern Bluebird	-	-	-
<i>Sialia sialis</i>			
___ Veery	-	-	-
<i>Catharus fuscescens</i>			
___ Swainson's Thrush	-	-	-
<i>Catharus ustulatus</i>			
___ Hermit Thrush	-	-	-
<i>Catharus guttatus</i>			
___ *Wood Thrush	-	-	-
<i>Hylocichla mustelina</i>			
___ *American Robin	-	-	-
<i>Turdus migratorius</i>			

MIMIDAE: Mockingbirds & Thrashers [3]

___ *Gray Catbird	-	-	-
<i>Dumetella carolinensis</i>			
___ Brown Thrasher	-	-	-
<i>Toxostoma rufum</i>			
___ *Northern Mockingbird	-	-	-
<i>Mimus polyglottos</i>			

STURNIDAE: Starling [1]

___ *European Starling	-	-	-
<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>			

BOMBYCILLIDAE: Waxwings [1]

___ *Cedar Waxwing	-	-	-
<i>Bombycilla cedrorum</i>			

PASSERIDAE: Old World Sparrows [1]

___ House Sparrow	-	-	R
<i>Passer domesticus</i>			

MOTACILLIDAE: Wagtails & Pipits [1]

___ American Pipit	-	-	-	-
<i>Anthus rubescens</i>				

FRINGILLIDAE: Finches [4]

___ *House Finch	-	-	-	-
<i>Haemorhous mexicanus</i>				
___ Purple Finch	-	-	-	-
<i>Haemorhous purpureus</i>				
___ Pine Siskin	-	-	-	-
<i>Spinus pinus</i>				
___ ~American Goldfinch	-	-	-	-
<i>Spinus tristis</i>				

PARULIDAE: Warblers [29]

___ Worm-eating Warbler (Coastal Plain population).....	-	-	-	-
<i>Helmitheros vermivorum pop. 1</i>				

PASSERELLIDAE: [10]

___ *Eastern Towhee	-	-	-	-
<i>Pipilo erythrophthalmus</i>				
___ *Chipping Sparrow	-	-	-	-
<i>Spizella passerina</i>				
___ Field Sparrow	-	-	-	-
<i>Spizella pusilla</i>				
___ Savannah Sparrow	-	-	-	-
<i>Passerculus sandwichensis</i>				
___ Fox Sparrow	-	-	-	-
<i>Passerella iliaca</i>				
___ Song Sparrow	-	-	-	-
<i>Melospiza melodia</i>				
___ Swamp Sparrow	-	-	-	-
<i>Melospiza georgiana</i>				
___ White-throated Sparrow	-	-	-	-
<i>Zonotrichia albicollis</i>				
___ White-crowned Sparrow	-	-	-	-
<i>Zonotrichia leucophrys</i>				
___ Dark-eyed Junco	-	-	-	-
<i>Junco hyemalis</i>				

ICTERIIDAE: [1]

___ *Yellow-breasted Chat	-	-	-	-
<i>Icteria virens</i>				

ICTERIDAE: Blackbirds & Orioles [7]

___ Bobolink	-	-	-	-
<i>Dolichonyx oryzivorus</i>				
___ *Eastern Meadowlark	-	-	-	-
<i>Sturnella magna</i>				

ICTERIDAE: Blackbirds & Orioles [7]

___ *Orchard Oriole	-	-	-	-
<i>Icterus spurius</i>				
___ Baltimore Oriole	-	-	-	-
<i>Icterus galbula</i>				

PARULIDAE: Warblers [29]

___ *Black-throated Green Warbler - Coastal Plain Population.....	-	-	-	-
<i>Setophaga virens waynei</i>				

ICTERIDAE: Blackbirds & Orioles [7]

___ Red-winged Blackbird	-	-	-	-
<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>				
___ *Brown-headed Cowbird	-	-	-	-
<i>Molothrus ater</i>				
___ Rusty Blackbird	-	-	-	-
<i>Euphagus carolinus</i>				
___ *Common Grackle	-	-	-	-
<i>Quiscalus quiscula</i>				

PARULIDAE: Warblers [29]

___ *Ovenbird	-	-	-	x
<i>Seiurus aurocapilla</i>				
___ Worm-eating Warbler (Mountain population).....	-	-	-	-
<i>Helmitheros vermivorum</i>				
___ Louisiana Waterthrush	-	-	-	-
<i>Parkesia motacilla</i>				
___ Northern Waterthrush	-	-	-	-
<i>Parkesia noveboracensis</i>				
___ Blue-winged Warbler	-	-	-	-
<i>Vermivora cyanoptera</i>				
___ *Black-and-white Warbler	-	-	-	-
<i>Mniotilta varia</i>				
___ Prothonotary Warbler	-	-	-	-
<i>Protonotaria citrea</i>				
___ *Swainson's Warbler	-	-	-	-
<i>Limnithlypis swainsonii</i>				
___ Orange-crowned Warbler	-	-	-	-
<i>Leiostylypis celata</i>				
___ Kentucky Warbler	-	-	-	-
<i>Geothlypis formosa</i>				
___ *Common Yellowthroat	-	-	-	-
<i>Geothlypis trichas</i>				
___ Hooded Warbler	-	-	-	-
<i>Setophaga citrina</i>				

PARULIDAE: Warblers [29]

___ *American Redstart	-	-	-	-
<i>Setophaga ruticilla</i>				
___ Cape May Warbler	-	-	-	-
<i>Setophaga tigrina</i>				
___ Northern Parula	-	-	-	-
<i>Setophaga americana</i>				
___ Magnolia Warbler	-	-	-	-
<i>Setophaga magnolia</i>				
___ Bay-breasted Warbler	-	-	-	-
<i>Setophaga castanea</i>				
___ Blackburnian Warbler	-	-	-	-
<i>Setophaga fusca</i>				
___ Yellow Warbler	-	-	-	-
<i>Setophaga petechia</i>				
___ Blackpoll Warbler	-	-	-	-
<i>Setophaga striata</i>				
___ Black-throated Blue Warbler	-	-	-	-
<i>Setophaga caerulescens</i>				
___ Palm Warbler	-	-	-	-
<i>Setophaga palmarum</i>				
___ *Pine Warbler	-	-	-	-
<i>Setophaga pinus</i>				
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler	-	-	-	-
<i>Setophaga coronata</i>				
___ *Yellow-throated Warbler	-	-	-	-
<i>Setophaga dominica</i>				
___ *Prairie Warbler	-	-	-	-
<i>Setophaga discolor</i>				
___ Black-throated Green Warbler	-	-	-	-
<i>Setophaga virens</i>				
___ Canada Warbler	-	-	-	-
<i>Cardellina canadensis</i>				
___ Wilson's Warbler	-	-	-	-
<i>Cardellina pusilla</i>				

CARDINALIDAE: Grosbeaks & Buntings [6]

___ *Summer Tanager	-	-	-	-
<i>Piranga rubra</i>				
___ Scarlet Tanager	-	-	-	-
<i>Piranga olivacea</i>				
___ *Northern Cardinal	-	-	-	-
<i>Cardinalis cardinalis</i>				
___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	-	-	-	-
<i>Pheucticus ludovicianus</i>				

CARDINALIDAE: Grosbeaks & Buntings [6]

___ *Blue Grosbeak	- - - -
<i>Passerina caerulea</i>	
___ *Indigo Bunting	- - - -
<i>Passerina cyanea</i>	