

A BIRD Checklist for Hammocks Beach State Park 205 taxa

Of the 473 species known from North Carolina, 205 have been recorded at the state park. Of these, 14 species are known to nest within the park. 5 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 Hammocks Beach 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.

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

205 BIRD taxa

ANATIDAE: Swans, Geese & Ducks [23]

- ___ *Canada Goose - - - -
- Branta canadensis*
- ___ Tundra Swan - - - -
- Cygnus columbianus*
- ___ Black Swan - - - -
- Cygnus atratus*
- ___ Northern Shoveler - - - -
- Spatula clypeata*
- ___ Gadwall - - - -
- Mareca strepera*
- ___ American Wigeon - - - -
- Mareca americana*
- ___ Mallard - - - -
- Anas platyrhynchos*
- ___ American Black Duck - - - -
- Anas rubripes*
- ___ Northern Pintail - - - -
- Anas acuta*
- ___ Green-winged Teal - - - -
- Anas crecca*
- ___ Redhead - - - -
- Aythya americana*
- ___ Ring-necked Duck - - - -
- Aythya collaris*
- ___ Greater Scaup - - - -
- Aythya marila*
- ___ Lesser Scaup - - - -
- Aythya affinis*
- ___ Common Eider - - - -
- Somateria mollissima*
- ___ Surf Scoter - - - -
- Melanitta perspicillata*
- ___ White-winged Scoter - - - -
- Melanitta deglandi*
- ___ Black Scoter - - - -
- Melanitta americana*
- ___ Long-tailed Duck (Oldsquaw) - - - -
- Clangula hyemalis*
- ___ Bufflehead - - - -
- Bucephala albeola*
- ___ Hooded Merganser - - - -
- Lophodytes cucullatus*

ANATIDAE: Swans, Geese & Ducks [23]

- ___ Red-breasted Merganser - - - -
- Mergus serrator*
- ___ Ruddy Duck - - - -
- Oxyura jamaicensis*

ODONTOPHORIDAE: Quail [1]

- ___ ~Northern Bobwhite - - - -
- Colinus virginianus*

PODICIPEDIDAE: Grebes [2]

- ___ Pied-billed Grebe - - - -
- Podilymbus podiceps*
- ___ Horned Grebe - - - -
- Podiceps auritus*

COLUMBIDAE: Doves [2]

- ___ *Rock Pigeon, Rock Dove - - - -
- Columba livia*
- ___ Mourning Dove - - - -
- Zenaida macroura*

CUCULIDAE: Cuckoos, Roadrunner & Anis [1]

- ___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo - - - -
- Coccyzus americanus*

CAPRIMULGIDAE: Goatsuckers [2]

- ___ Common Nighthawk - - - -
- Chordeiles minor*
- ___ Chuck-will's-widow - - - -
- Antrostomus carolinensis*

APODIDAE: Swifts [1]

- ___ Chimney Swift - - - -
- Chaetura pelagica*

TROCHILIDAE: Hummingbirds [2]

- ___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird - - - -
- Archilochus colubris*
- ___ Rufous Hummingbird - - - -
- Selasphorus rufus*

RALLIDAE: Rails [6]

- ___ *Clapper Rail - - - -
- Rallus crepitans*
- ___ King Rail - - - -
- Rallus elegans*
- ___ Virginia Rail - - - -
- Rallus limicola*
- ___ Sora - - - -
- Porzana carolina*
- ___ Purple Gallinule - - - -
- Porphyrio martinicus*

RALLIDAE: Rails [6]

- ___ American Coot - - - -
- Fulica americana*

GRUIDAE: Cranes [1]

- ___ Sandhill Crane - - - X
- Antigone canadensis*

RECURVIROSTRIDAE: Stilt & Avocet [2]

- ___ Black-necked Stilt - - - -
- Himantopus mexicanus*
- ___ American Avocet - - - -
- Recurvirostra americana*

HAEMATOPODIDAE: Oystercatchers [1]

- ___ *American Oystercatcher F C - -
- Haematopus palliatus*

CHARADRIIDAE: Plovers [6]

- ___ Black-bellied Plover - - - -
- Pluvialis squatarola*
- ___ Snowy Plover - - X -
- Charadrius nivosus*
- ___ *Wilson's Plover - - - -
- Charadrius wilsonia*
- ___ Semipalmated Plover C - C F
- Charadrius semipalmatus*
- ___ *Piping Plover - - - U
- Charadrius melodus*
- ___ *Killdeer - - - -
- Charadrius vociferus*

SCOLOPACIDAE: Sandpipers [19]

- ___ Whimbrel - - - -
- Numenius phaeopus*
- ___ Marbled Godwit - - - -
- Limosa fedoa*
- ___ Ruddy Turnstone - - - -
- Arenaria interpres*
- ___ Red Knot - - - -
- Calidris canutus*
- ___ Ruff - - - -
- Calidris pugnax*
- ___ Sanderling - - - -
- Calidris alba*
- ___ Dunlin - - - -
- Calidris alpina*
- ___ Least Sandpiper - - - -
- Calidris minutilla*

SCOLOPACIDAE: Sandpipers [19]

___ White-rumped Sandpiper	- - - -
<i>Calidris fuscicollis</i>	
___ Buff-breasted Sandpiper	- - - -
<i>Calidris subruficollis</i>	
___ Semipalmated Sandpiper	- - - -
<i>Calidris pusilla</i>	
___ Western Sandpiper	- - - F
<i>Calidris mauri</i>	
___ Short-billed Dowitcher	- - - -
<i>Limnodromus griseus</i>	
___ American Woodcock	- - - -
<i>Scolopax minor</i>	
___ Spotted Sandpiper	- - - -
<i>Actitis macularius</i>	
___ Lesser Yellowlegs	- - - -
<i>Tringa flavipes</i>	
___ Willet	- - - -
<i>Tringa semipalmata</i>	
___ Greater Yellowlegs	- - - -
<i>Tringa melanoleuca</i>	
___ Wilson's Phalarope	- - - -
<i>Phalaropus tricolor</i>	

STERCORARIIDAE: Skuas [2]

___ Pomarine Jaeger	- - - -
<i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i>	
___ Parasitic Jaeger	- - X -
<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>	

ALCIDAE: Auks [2]

___ Dovekie	- - - -
<i>Alle alle</i>	
___ Razorbill	- - - -
<i>Alca torda</i>	

LARIDAE: Gulls & Terns [17]

___ Bonaparte's Gull	- - - -
<i>Chroicocephalus philadelphia</i>	
___ Laughing Gull	- C - -
<i>Leucophaeus atricilla</i>	
___ Ring-billed Gull	- - - -
<i>Larus delawarensis</i>	
___ Herring Gull	- - - -
<i>Larus argentatus</i>	
___ Lesser Black-backed Gull	- - - -
<i>Larus fuscus</i>	

LARIDAE: Gulls & Terns [17]

___ Glaucous Gull	- - - -
<i>Larus hyperboreus</i>	
___ Great Black-backed Gull	- - - -
<i>Larus marinus</i>	
___ Sooty Tern	- - - -
<i>Onychoprion fuscatus</i>	
___ *Least Tern	- - - -
<i>Sternula antillarum</i>	
___ Gull-billed Tern	- - - -
<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>	
___ Caspian Tern	- - - -
<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>	
___ Black Tern	- - - -
<i>Chlidonias niger</i>	
___ *Common Tern	- - - -
<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	
___ Forster's Tern	- - - -
<i>Sterna forsteri</i>	
___ Royal Tern	- F - -
<i>Thalasseus maximus</i>	
___ Sandwich Tern	- - - -
<i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>	
___ *Black Skimmer	- - - -
<i>Rynchops niger</i>	

PHAETHONTIDAE: Tropicbirds [1]

___ White-tailed Tropicbird	- - - -
<i>Phaethon lepturus</i>	

GAVIIDAE: Loons [2]

___ Red-throated Loon	- - - -
<i>Gavia stellata</i>	
___ Common Loon	- - - -
<i>Gavia immer</i>	

PROCELLARIIDAE: Shearwaters [2]

___ Great Shearwater	- - - -
<i>Ardenna gravis</i>	
___ Audubon's Shearwater	- O - -
<i>Puffinus lherminieri</i>	

SULIDAE: Boobies [1]

___ Northern Gannet	- - - -
<i>Morus bassanus</i>	

PHALACROCORACIDAE: Cormorants [1]

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

PELECANIDAE: Pelicans [2]

___ American White Pelican	- - - -
<i>Pelecanus erythrorhynchos</i>	
___ Brown Pelican	- - - -
<i>Pelecanus occidentalis</i>	

ARDEIDAE: Herons [12]

___ American Bittern	- - - -
<i>Botaurus lentiginosus</i>	
___ Least Bittern	- - - -
<i>Ixobrychus exilis</i>	
___ Great Blue Heron	C C C C
<i>Ardea herodias</i>	
___ Great Egret	- C - -
<i>Ardea alba</i>	
___ Snowy Egret	- - - -
<i>Egretta thula</i>	
___ Little Blue Heron	- - - -
<i>Egretta caerulea</i>	
___ Tricolored Heron	- - - -
<i>Egretta tricolor</i>	
___ Reddish Egret	- - U -
<i>Egretta rufescens</i>	
___ Cattle Egret	- - - -
<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	
___ Green Heron	- - - -
<i>Butorides virescens</i>	
___ Black-crowned Night-heron	- - - -
<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	
___ Yellow-crowned Night-heron	- - - -
<i>Nyctanassa violacea</i>	

THRESKIORNITHIDAE: Ibis [3]

___ White Ibis	- - - O
<i>Eudocimus albus</i>	
___ Glossy Ibis	- - - -
<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	
___ Roseate Spoonbill	- - - -
<i>Platalea ajaja</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]

- ___ Swallow-tailed Kite - - - -
Elanoides forficatus
- ___ Bald Eagle - - - -
Haliaeetus leucocephalus
- ___ Northern Harrier - - - -
Circus hudsonius
- ___ Sharp-shinned Hawk - - - -
Accipiter striatus
- ___ Cooper's Hawk - - - -
Accipiter cooperii
- ___ Red-shouldered Hawk - - - -
Buteo lineatus
- ___ Red-tailed Hawk - - - -
Buteo jamaicensis

TYTONIDAE: Barn-owl [1]

- ___ Barn Owl - - - -
Tyto alba

STRIGIDAE: Owls [4]

- ___ Eastern Screech-owl - - - -
Megascops asio
- ___ Great Horned Owl - - - -
Bubo virginianus
- ___ Barred Owl - - - -
Strix varia
- ___ Short-eared Owl - - - -
Asio flammeus

ALCEDINIDAE: Kingfisher [1]

- ___ *Belted Kingfisher - - - -
Megaceryle alcyon

PICIDAE: Woodpeckers [7]

- ___ Red-headed Woodpecker - - - -
Melanerpes erythrocephalus
- ___ Red-bellied Woodpecker - - - -
Melanerpes carolinus
- ___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - - - -
Sphyrapicus varius
- ___ Downy Woodpecker - - - -
Dryobates pubescens
- ___ Hairy Woodpecker - - - -
Picoides villosus
- ___ ~Northern Flicker - - - -
Colaptes auratus
- ___ Pileated Woodpecker - - - -
Dryocopus pileatus

FALCONIDAE: Falcons [3]

- ___ American Kestrel - - - -
Falco sparverius
- ___ Merlin - - 0 -
Falco columbarius
- ___ Peregrine Falcon - - - -
Falco peregrinus

TYRANNIDAE: Flycatchers [3]

- ___ Eastern Phoebe - - - -
Sayornis phoebe
- ___ Great Crested Flycatcher - - - -
Myiarchus crinitus
- ___ Eastern Kingbird - - - -
Tyrannus tyrannus

VIREONIDAE: Vireos [2]

- ___ White-eyed Vireo - - - -
Vireo griseus
- ___ Red-eyed Vireo - - - -
Vireo olivaceus

CORVIDAE: Jays & Crows [3]

- ___ *Blue Jay - - - -
Cyanocitta cristata
- ___ American Crow - - - -
Corvus brachyrhynchos
- ___ Fish Crow - - - -
Corvus ossifragus

HIRUNDINIDAE: Swallows [6]

- ___ Purple Martin - - - -
Progne subis
- ___ Tree Swallow - - - -
Tachycineta bicolor
- ___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow - - - -
Stelgidopteryx serripennis
- ___ Bank Swallow - - - -
Riparia riparia
- ___ Cliff Swallow - - - -
Petrochelidon pyrrhonota
- ___ *Barn Swallow - F - -
Hirundo rustica

PARIDAE: Chickadees & Titmice [2]

- ___ Carolina Chickadee - - - -
Poecile carolinensis
- ___ Tufted Titmouse - - - -
Baeolophus bicolor

SITTIDAE: Nuthatches [1]

- ___ Brown-headed Nuthatch - - - -
Sitta pusilla

TROGLODYTIDAE: Wrens [3]

- ___ House Wren - - - -
Troglodytes aedon
- ___ Marsh Wren - - - -
Cistothorus palustris
- ___ Carolina Wren - - - -
Thryothorus ludovicianus

REGULIDAE: Kinglets [1]

- ___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet - - - -
Corthylio calendula

TURDIDAE: Thrushes [4]

- ___ Eastern Bluebird - - - -
Sialia sialis
- ___ Veery - - - -
Catharus fuscescens
- ___ Hermit Thrush - - - -
Catharus guttatus
- ___ American Robin - - - -
Turdus migratorius

MIMIDAE: Mockingbirds & Thrashers [3]

- ___ Gray Catbird - - - -
Dumetella carolinensis
- ___ Brown Thrasher - - - -
Toxostoma rufum
- ___ *Northern Mockingbird - - - -
Mimus polyglottos

STURNIDAE: Starling [1]

- ___ European Starling - - - -
Sturnus vulgaris

BOMBYCILLIDAE: Waxwings [1]

- ___ Cedar Waxwing - - - -
Bombycilla cedrorum

MOTACILLIDAE: Wagtails & Pipits [1]

- ___ American Pipit - - - -
Anthus rubescens

FRINGILLIDAE: Finches [2]

- ___ House Finch - - - -
Haemorhous mexicanus
- ___ American Goldfinch - - - -
Spinus tristis

PASSERELLIDAE: [10]

- ___ Eastern Towhee - - - -
Pipilo erythrophthalmus

PASSERELLIDAE: [10]

- ___ Chipping Sparrow - - - -
Spizella passerina
- ___ Field Sparrow - - - -
Spizella pusilla
- ___ Savannah Sparrow - - - -
Passerculus sandwichensis
- ___ Saltmarsh Sparrow - - - -
Ammodramus caudacutus
- ___ Seaside Sparrow - - - -
Ammodramus maritimus
- ___ Song Sparrow - - - -
Melospiza melodia
- ___ Swamp Sparrow - - - -
Melospiza georgiana
- ___ White-throated Sparrow - - - -
Zonotrichia albicollis
- ___ Dark-eyed Junco - - - -
Junco hyemalis

ICTERIDAE: Blackbirds & Orioles [3]

- ___ Orchard Oriole - - - -
Icterus spurius

PASSERELLIDAE: [10]

- ___ (Ipswich) Sparrow - - - -
Passerculus sandwichensis (in part)

ICTERIDAE: Blackbirds & Orioles [3]

- ___ ~Red-winged Blackbird - - - -
Agelaius phoeniceus
- ___ Common Grackle - - - -
Quiscalus quiscula
- ___ ~Boat-tailed Grackle - C - -
Quiscalus major

PARULIDAE: Warblers [12]

- ___ Black-and-white Warbler - - - -
Mniotilta varia
- ___ Prothonotary Warbler - - - -
Protonotaria citrea
- ___ Orange-crowned Warbler - - - -
Leiothlypis celata
- ___ Common Yellowthroat - - - -
Geothlypis trichas
- ___ American Redstart - - - -
Setophaga ruticilla
- ___ Cape May Warbler - - - -
Setophaga tigrina

PARULIDAE: Warblers [12]

- ___ Blackburnian Warbler - - - -
Setophaga fusca
- ___ Blackpoll Warbler - - - -
Setophaga striata
- ___ Palm Warbler - - - -
Setophaga palmarum
- ___ Pine Warbler - - - -
Setophaga pinus
- ___ Yellow-rumped Warbler - - - -
Setophaga coronata
- ___ Prairie Warbler - - - -
Setophaga discolor

CARDINALIDAE: Grosbeaks & Buntings [5]

- ___ Summer Tanager - - - -
Piranga rubra
- ___ Northern Cardinal - - - -
Cardinalis cardinalis
- ___ Blue Grosbeak - - - -
Passerina caerulea
- ___ Indigo Bunting - - - -
Passerina cyanea
- ___ ~Painted Bunting O F O R
Passerina ciris