

A BIRD Checklist for Jockey's Ridge State Park 171 taxa

Of the 473 species known from North Carolina, 171 have been recorded at the state park. Of these, 5 species are known to nest within the park. 4 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 Jockey's Ridge 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



171 BIRD taxa**ANATIDAE: Swans, Geese & Ducks [14]**

- Snow Goose - - -
- *Anser caerulescens*
- Canada Goose - - -
- *Branta canadensis*
- Tundra Swan - - -
- *Cygnus columbianus*
- Wood Duck - - -
- *Aix sponsa*
- Gadwall - - -
- *Mareca strepera*
- American Wigeon - - -
- *Mareca americana*
- Mallard - - -
- *Anas platyrhynchos*
- American Black Duck - - -
- *Anas rubripes*
- Northern Pintail - - -
- *Anas acuta*
- Black Scoter - - -
- *Melanitta americana*
- Bufflehead - - -
- *Bucephala albeola*
- Hooded Merganser - - -
- *Lophodytes cucullatus*
- Common Merganser - - -
- *Mergus merganser*
- Red-breasted Merganser - - -
- *Mergus serrator*

PODICIPEDIDAE: Grebes [1]

- Pied-billed Grebe - - -
- *Podilymbus podiceps*

COLUMBIDAE: Doves [3]

- Rock Pigeon, Rock Dove - - -
- *Columba livia*
- Eurasian Collared-dove - - -
- *Streptopelia decaocto*
- *Mourning Dove - - -
- *Zenaida macroura*

CUCULIDAE: Cuckoos, Roadrunner & Anis [1]

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

CAPRIMULGIDAE: Goatsuckers [2]

- Common Nighthawk - - -
- *Chordeiles minor*

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- Chuck-will's-widow - - -
- *Antrostomus carolinensis*

APODIDAE: Swifts [1]

- Chimney Swift - - -
- *Chaetura pelagica*

TROCHILIDAE: Hummingbirds [1]

- Ruby-throated Hummingbird - - -
- *Archilochus colubris*

RALLIDAE: Rails [3]

- Virginia Rail - - -
- *Rallus limicola*
- *Sora - - -
- *Porzana carolina*
- American Coot - - -
- *Fulica americana*

RECURVIROSTRIDAE: Stilt & Avocet [2]

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

HAEMATOPODIDAE: Oystercatchers [1]

- American Oystercatcher - - -
- *Haematopus palliatus*

CHARADRIIDAE: Plovers [4]

- Black-bellied Plover - - -
- *Pluvialis squatarola*
- Semipalmated Plover - - -
- *Charadrius semipalmatus*
- Piping Plover - - -
- *Charadrius melanodus*
- Killdeer - - -
- *Charadrius vociferus*

SCOLOPACIDAE: Sandpipers [15]

- Whimbrel - - -
- *Numenius phaeopus*
- Ruddy Turnstone - - -
- *Arenaria interpres*
- Red Knot - - -
- *Calidris canutus*
- Sanderling - - -
- *Calidris alba*
- Dunlin - - -
- *Calidris alpina*

SCOLOPACIDAE: Sandpipers [15]

- Least Sandpiper - - -
- *Calidris minutilla*
- Buff-breasted Sandpiper - - -
- *Calidris subruficollis*
- Semipalmated Sandpiper - - -
- *Calidris pusilla*
- Western Sandpiper - - -
- *Calidris mauri*
- Short-billed Dowitcher - - -
- *Limnodromus griseus*
- American Woodcock - - -
- *Scolopax minor*
- Spotted Sandpiper - - -
- *Actitis macularius*
- Lesser Yellowlegs - - -
- *Tringa flavipes*
- Willet - - -
- *Tringa semipalmata*
- Greater Yellowlegs - - -
- *Tringa melanoleuca*

ALCIDAE: Auks [1]

- Dovekie - - -
- *Alle alle*

LARIDAE: Gulls & Terns [13]

- Bonaparte's Gull - - -
- *Chroicocephalus philadelphia*
- Laughing Gull - - -
- *Leucophaeus atricilla*
- Ring-billed Gull - - -
- *Larus delawarensis*
- Herring Gull - - -
- *Larus argentatus*
- Great Black-backed Gull - - -
- *Larus marinus*
- Least Tern - - -
- *Sternula antillarum*
- Gull-billed Tern - - -
- *Gelochelidon nilotica*
- Caspian Tern - - -
- *Hydroprogne caspia*
- Common Tern - - -
- *Sterna hirundo*
- Forster's Tern - - -
- *Sterna forsteri*

LARIDAE: Gulls & Terns [13]

- Royal Tern - - -
- *Thalasseus maximus*
- Sandwich Tern - - -
- *Thalasseus sandvicensis*
- Black Skimmer - - -
- *Rynchops niger*

GAVIIDAE: Loons [1]

- Common Loon - - -
- *Gavia immer*

PHALACROCORACIDAE: Cormorants [1]

- Double-crested Cormorant - - -
- *Nannopterum auritus*

PELECANIDAE: Pelicans [2]

- American White Pelican - - -
- *Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*
- Brown Pelican - - -
- *Pelecanus occidentalis*

ARDEIDAE: Herons [9]

- Great Blue Heron - - -
- *Ardea herodias*
- Great Egret - - -
- *Ardea alba*
- Snowy Egret - - -
- *Egretta thula*
- Little Blue Heron - - -
- *Egretta caerulea*
- Tricolored Heron - - -
- *Egretta tricolor*
- Cattle Egret - - -
- *Bubulcus ibis*
- Green Heron - - -
- *Butorides virescens*
- Black-crowned Night-heron - - -
- *Nycticorax nycticorax*
- Yellow-crowned Night-heron - - -
- *Nyctanassa violacea*

THRESKIORNITHIDAE: Ibis [2]

- White Ibis - - -
- *Eudocimus albus*
- Glossy Ibis - - -
- *Plegadis falcinellus*

CATHARTIDAE: New World Vultures [2]

- Black Vulture - - -
- *Coragyps atratus*

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- Turkey Vulture - - -
- *Cathartes aura*

PANDIONIDAE: Osprey [1]

- *Osprey - - -
- *Pandion haliaetus*

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*

STRIGIDAE: Owls [2]

- Great Horned Owl - - -
- *Bubo virginianus*
- Short-eared Owl - - -
- *Asio flammeus*

ALCEDINIDAE: Kingfisher [1]

- *Belted Kingfisher - - -
- *Megaceryle alcyon*

PICIDAE: Woodpeckers [6]

- 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*

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- Merlin - - -
- *Falco columbarius*
- Peregrine Falcon - - -
- *Falco peregrinus*

TYRANNIIDAE: Flycatchers [5]

- Eastern Wood-peewee - - -
- *Contopus virens*
- Eastern Phoebe - - -
- *Sayornis phoebe*
- Great Crested Flycatcher - - -
- *Myiarchus crinitus*
- Eastern Kingbird - - -
- *Tyrannus tyrannus*
- Scissor-tailed Flycatcher - - -
- *Tyrannus forficatus*

VIREONIDAE: Vireos [3]

- ~White-eyed Vireo - - -
- *Vireo griseus*
- Blue-headed (or Solitary) Vireo - - -
- *Vireo solitarius*
- Philadelphia Vireo - - -
- *Vireo philadelphicus*

CORVIDAE: Jays & Crows [3]

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

ALAUDIDAE: Larks [1]

- ~Horned Lark - - -
- *Eremophila alpestris*

HIRUNDINIDAE: Swallows [3]

- Purple Martin - - -
- *Progne subis*
- Tree Swallow - - -
- *Tachycineta bicolor*
- Barn Swallow - - -
- *Hirundo rustica*

PARIDAE: Chickadees & Titmice [1]

- Carolina Chickadee - - -
- *Poecile carolinensis*

SITTIDAE: Nuthatches [3]

- Red-breasted Nuthatch - - -
- *Sitta canadensis*

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- White-breasted Nuthatch - - -
- Sitta carolinensis*
- Brown-headed Nuthatch - - -
- Sitta pusilla*

TROGLODYTIDAE: Wrens [3]

- House Wren - - -
- Troglodytes aedon*
- Winter Wren - - -
- Troglodytes hiemalis*
- *Carolina Wren - - -
- Thryothorus ludovicianus*

POLIOPTILIDAE: Gnatcatchers [1]

- Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - - -
- Polioptila caerulea*

REGULIDAE: Kinglets [2]

- Golden-crowned Kinglet - - -
- Regulus satrapa*
- Ruby-crowned Kinglet - - -
- Corthylio calendula*

TURDIDAE: Thrushes [2]

- Eastern Bluebird - - -
- Sialia sialis*
- 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*

PASSERIDAE: Old World Sparrows [1]

- House Sparrow - - -
- Passer domesticus*

FRINGILLIDAE: Finches [4]

- House Finch - - -
- Haemorhous mexicanus*

FRINGILLIDAE: Finches [4]

- Purple Finch - - -
- Haemorhous purpureus*
- Pine Siskin - - -
- Spinus pinus*
- American Goldfinch - - -
- Spinus tristis*

CALCARIIDAE: Longspurs and Snow Bunting [1]

- Snow Bunting - - - v
- Plectrophenax nivalis*

PASSERELLIDAE: [11]

- Eastern Towhee - - -
- Pipilo erythrrophthalmus*
- Chipping Sparrow - - -
- Spizella passerina*
- Clay-colored Sparrow - - -
- Spizella pallida*
- Field Sparrow - - -
- Spizella pusilla*
- Savannah Sparrow - - -
- Passerculus sandwichensis*
- Seaside Sparrow - - -
- Ammodramus maritimus*
- Fox Sparrow - - -
- Passerella iliaca*
- Song Sparrow - - -
- Melospiza melodia*
- Swamp Sparrow - - -
- Melospiza georgiana*
- White-throated Sparrow - - -
- Zonotrichia albicollis*
- Dark-eyed Junco - - -
- Junco hyemalis*

ICTERIDAE: Blackbirds & Orioles [6]

- Eastern Meadowlark - - -
- Sturnella magna*
- Orchard Oriole - - -
- Icterus spurius*
- Baltimore Oriole - - -
- Icterus galbula*

PARULIDAE: Warblers [12]

- Black-throated Green Warbler - Coastal
Plain Population - - -
- Setophaga virens waynei*

ICTERIDAE: Blackbirds & Orioles [6]

- Red-winged Blackbird - - -
- Agelaius phoeniceus*
- Brown-headed Cowbird - - -
- Molothrus ater*
- Common Grackle - - -
- Quiscalus quiscula*
- Boat-tailed Grackle - - -
- Quiscalus major*

PARULIDAE: Warblers [12]

- Ovenbird - - -
- Seiurus aurocapilla*
- Black-and-white Warbler - - -
- Mniotilla varia*
- Common Yellowthroat - - -
- Geothlypis trichas*
- Hooded Warbler - - -
- Setophaga citrina*
- American Redstart - - -
- Setophaga ruticilla*
- Northern Parula - - -
- Setophaga americana*
- Blackpoll Warbler - - -
- Setophaga striata*
- Black-throated Blue Warbler - - -
- Setophaga caerulescens*
- Palm Warbler - - -
- Setophaga palmarum*
- Pine Warbler - - -
- Setophaga pinus*
- Yellow-rumped Warbler - - - C - A A
- Setophaga coronata*
- Prairie Warbler - - - C C -
- Setophaga discolor*

CARDINALIDAE: Grosbeaks & Buntings [3]

- Northern Cardinal - - -
- Cardinalis cardinalis*
- Indigo Bunting - - -
- Passerina cyanea*
- Painted Bunting - - -
- Passerina ciris*