

A BIRD Checklist for Kerr Lake State Recreation Area 218 taxa

Of the 473 species known from North Carolina, 218 have been recorded at the state park. Of these, 9 species are known to nest within the park. 23 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>

218 BIRD taxa**ANATIDAE: Swans, Geese & Ducks [28]**

___ 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>				
___ Northern Shoveler	-	-	-	-
<i>Spatula clypeata</i>				
___ Gadwall	-	-	-	-
<i>Mareca strepera</i>				
___ Eurasian Wigeon	-	-	x	-
<i>Mareca penelope</i>				
___ American Wigeon	-	-	-	-
<i>Mareca americana</i>				
___ Mallard	-	-	-	-
<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>				
___ American Black Duck	-	-	-	-
<i>Anas rubripes</i>				
___ Northern Pintail	-	-	-	-
<i>Anas acuta</i>				
___ Green-winged Teal	-	-	-	-
<i>Anas crecca</i>				
___ Canvasback	-	-	-	-
<i>Aythya valisineria</i>				
___ Redhead	-	-	-	-
<i>Aythya americana</i>				
___ Ring-necked Duck	-	-	-	-
<i>Aythya collaris</i>				
___ Greater Scaup	-	-	-	-
<i>Aythya marila</i>				
___ Lesser Scaup	-	-	-	-
<i>Aythya affinis</i>				
___ Surf Scoter	-	-	-	-
<i>Melanitta perspicillata</i>				
___ White-winged Scoter	-	-	-	-
<i>Melanitta deglandi</i>				

ANATIDAE: Swans, Geese & Ducks [28]

___ Long-tailed Duck (Oldsquaw)	-	-	-	-
<i>Clangula hyemalis</i>				
___ Bufflehead	-	-	-	-
<i>Bucephala albeola</i>				
___ Common Goldeneye	-	-	-	-
<i>Bucephala clangula</i>				
___ Hooded Merganser	-	-	-	-
<i>Lophodytes cucullatus</i>				
___ Common Merganser	-	-	-	-
<i>Mergus merganser</i>				
___ Red-breasted Merganser	-	-	-	-
<i>Mergus serrator</i>				
___ Ruddy Duck	-	-	-	-
<i>Oxyura jamaicensis</i>				

ODONTOPHORIDAE: Quail [1]

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

PHASIANIDAE: Grouse [2]

___ Ring-necked Pheasant	-	-	-	-
<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>				
___ Wild Turkey	-	-	-	-
<i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>				

PODICIPEDIDAE: Grebes [5]

___ Pied-billed Grebe	-	-	-	-
<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>				
___ Horned Grebe	-	-	-	-
<i>Podiceps auritus</i>				
___ Red-necked Grebe	-	-	-	-
<i>Podiceps grisegena</i>				
___ Eared Grebe	-	-	-	-
<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>				
___ Western Grebe	-	-	-	-
<i>Aechmophorus occidentalis</i>				

COLUMBIDAE: Doves [2]

___ Rock Pigeon, Rock Dove	-	-	-	-
<i>Columba livia</i>				
___ ~Mourning Dove	-	-	-	-
<i>Zenaidura macroura</i>				

CUCULIDAE: Cuckoos, Roadrunner & Anis [1]

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

CAPRIMULGIDAE: Goatsuckers [2]

___ Chuck-will's-widow	-	-	-	-
<i>Antrostomus carolinensis</i>				

CAPRIMULGIDAE: Goatsuckers [2]

___ 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 [2]

___ Common Gallinule	-	-	-	-
<i>Gallinula galeata</i>				
___ American Coot	-	-	-	-
<i>Fulica americana</i>				

CHARADRIIDAE: Plovers [1]

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

SCOLOPACIDAE: Sandpipers [9]

___ Sanderling	-	-	-	-
<i>Calidris alba</i>				
___ Least Sandpiper	-	-	-	-
<i>Calidris minutilla</i>				
___ Semipalmated Sandpiper	-	-	-	-
<i>Calidris pusilla</i>				
___ American Woodcock	-	-	-	-
<i>Scolopax minor</i>				
___ Wilson's Snipe	-	-	-	-
<i>Gallinago delicata</i>				
___ Spotted Sandpiper	-	-	-	-
<i>Actitis macularius</i>				
___ Solitary Sandpiper	-	-	-	-
<i>Tringa solitaria</i>				
___ Lesser Yellowlegs	-	-	-	-
<i>Tringa flavipes</i>				
___ Greater Yellowlegs	-	-	-	-
<i>Tringa melanoleuca</i>				

STERCORARIIDAE: Skuas [1]

___ Parasitic Jaeger	-	-	-	-
<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>				

LARIDAE: Gulls & Terns [9]

___ Bonaparte's Gull	-	-	-	-
<i>Chroicocephalus philadelphia</i>				
___ Laughing Gull	-	-	-	-
<i>Leucophaeus atricilla</i>				

LARIDAE: Gulls & Terns [9]

___ Ring-billed Gull	-	-	-	
<i>Larus delawarensis</i>				
___ Herring Gull	-	-	-	
<i>Larus argentatus</i>				
___ Lesser Black-backed Gull	-	-	-	v
<i>Larus fuscus</i>				
___ Great Black-backed Gull	-	-	-	
<i>Larus marinus</i>				
___ Caspian Tern	-	-	-	
<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>				
___ Common Tern	-	-	-	
<i>Sterna hirundo</i>				
___ Forster's Tern	-	-	-	
<i>Sterna forsteri</i>				

GAVIIDAE: Loons [3]

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

PROCELLARIIDAE: Shearwaters [1]

___ Trindade Petrel	-	-	x	-
<i>Pterodroma arminjoniana</i>				

HYDROBATIDAE: Storm-Petrels [1]

___ Band-rumped Storm-petrel	-	-	x	-
<i>Hydrobates castro</i>				

CICONIIDAE: Stork [1]

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

SULIDAE: Boobies [1]

___ Brown Booby	-	-	-	
<i>Sula leucogaster</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>				

ARDEIDAE: Herons [5]

___ Great Egret	-	-	-	
<i>Ardea alba</i>				
___ Little Blue Heron	-	-	-	
<i>Egretta caerulea</i>				
___ Cattle Egret	-	-	-	
<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>				
___ Green Heron	-	-	-	
<i>Butorides virescens</i>				

THRESKIORNITHIDAE: Ibis [1]

___ Glossy Ibis	-	-	-	
<i>Plegadis falcinellus</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 [8]

___ 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>				
___ Broad-winged Hawk	-	-	-	
<i>Buteo platypterus</i>				
___ Red-tailed Hawk	-	-	-	
<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>				

TYTONIDAE: Barn-owl [1]

___ Barn Owl	-	-	-	
<i>Tyto alba</i>				

STRIGIDAE: Owls [3]

___ Eastern Screech-owl	-	-	-	
<i>Megascops asio</i>				
___ ~Great Horned Owl	-	-	-	
<i>Bubo virginianus</i>				

STRIGIDAE: Owls [3]

___ ~Barred Owl	-	-	-	
<i>Strix varia</i>				

ALCEDINIDAE: Kingfisher [1]

___ Belted Kingfisher	-	-	-	
<i>Megaceryle alcyon</i>				

PICIDAE: Woodpeckers [7]

___ 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>				
___ 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 [6]

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

LANIIDAE: Shrikes [1]

___ Loggerhead Shrike	-	-	-	
<i>Lanius ludovicianus</i>				

VIREONIDAE: Vireos [6]

___ White-eyed Vireo	-	-	-
<i>Vireo griseus</i>			
___ 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 [4]

___ Blue Jay	-	-	-
<i>Cyanocitta cristata</i>			
___ ~American Crow	-	-	-
<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>			
___ Fish Crow	-	-	-
<i>Corvus ossifragus</i>			
___ Common Raven	-	-	-
<i>Corvus corax</i>			

ALAUDIDAE: Larks [1]

___ Horned Lark	-	-	-
<i>Eremophila alpestris</i>			

HIRUNDINIDAE: Swallows [6]

___ Purple Martin	-	-	-
<i>Progne subis</i>			
___ Tree Swallow	-	-	-
<i>Tachycineta bicolor</i>			
___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow	-	-	-
<i>Stelgidopteryx serripennis</i>			
___ Bank Swallow	-	-	-
<i>Riparia riparia</i>			
___ Cliff Swallow	-	-	-
<i>Petrochelidon pyrrhonota</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>			

SITTIDAE: Nuthatches [3]

___ *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 [4]

___ House Wren	-	-	-
<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>			
___ Winter Wren	-	-	-
<i>Troglodytes hiemalis</i>			
___ Marsh Wren	-	-	-
<i>Cistothorus palustris</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 [7]

___ *Eastern Bluebird	-	-	-
<i>Sialia sialis</i>			
___ Veery	-	-	-
<i>Catharus fuscescens</i>			
___ Gray-cheeked Thrush	-	-	-
<i>Catharus minimus</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>			

MIMIDAE: Mockingbirds & Thrashers [3]

___ ~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	-	-	-
<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>			

PASSERELLIDAE: [11]

___ Eastern Towhee	-	-	-
<i>Pipilo erythrophthalmus</i>			
___ Chipping Sparrow	-	-	-
<i>Spizella passerina</i>			
___ Field Sparrow	-	-	-
<i>Spizella pusilla</i>			
___ Savannah Sparrow	-	-	-
<i>Passerculus sandwichensis</i>			
___ Grasshopper Sparrow	-	-	-
<i>Ammodramus savannarum</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>			

PASSERELLIDAE: [11]

___ Dark-eyed Junco - - - -
Junco hyemalis

ICTERIIDAE: [1]

___ Yellow-breasted Chat - - - -
Icteria virens

ICTERIDAE: Blackbirds & Orioles [7]

___ Bobolink - - - -
Dolichonyx oryzivorus
 ___ Eastern Meadowlark - - - -
Sturnella magna
 ___ Orchard Oriole - - - -
Icterus spurius
 ___ Baltimore Oriole - - - -
Icterus galbula

PARULIDAE: Warblers [29]

___ Black-throated Green Warbler - Coastal
 Plain Population..... - - - -
Setophaga virens waynei

ICTERIDAE: Blackbirds & Orioles [7]

___ Red-winged Blackbird - - - -
Agelaius phoeniceus
 ___ ~Brown-headed Cowbird - - - -
Molothrus ater
 ___ Rusty Blackbird - - - -
Euphagus carolinus
 ___ ~Common Grackle - - - -
Quiscalus quiscula

PARULIDAE: Warblers [29]

___ ~Ovenbird - - - -
Seiurus aurocapilla
 ___ Worm-eating Warbler (Mountain
 population)..... - - - -
Helmitheros vermivorum
 ___ Louisiana Waterthrush - - - -
Parkesia motacilla
 ___ Northern Waterthrush - - - -
Parkesia noveboracensis
 ___ Blue-winged Warbler - - - -
Vermivora cyanoptera
 ___ Black-and-white Warbler - - - -
Mniotilta varia
 ___ Prothonotary Warbler - - - -
Protonotaria citrea

PARULIDAE: Warblers [29]

___ Orange-crowned Warbler - - - -
Leiothlypis celata
 ___ Nashville Warbler - - - -
Leiothlypis ruficapilla
 ___ Kentucky Warbler - - - -
Geothlypis formosa
 ___ Common Yellowthroat - - - -
Geothlypis trichas
 ___ ~Hooded Warbler - - - -
Setophaga citrina
 ___ American Redstart - - - -
Setophaga ruticilla
 ___ Cape May Warbler - - - -
Setophaga tigrina
 ___ Cerulean Warbler - - - -
Setophaga cerulea
 ___ Northern Parula - - - -
Setophaga americana
 ___ Magnolia Warbler - - - -
Setophaga magnolia
 ___ Blackburnian Warbler - - - -
Setophaga fusca
 ___ Yellow Warbler - - - -
Setophaga petechia
 ___ Chestnut-sided Warbler - - - -
Setophaga pensylvanica
 ___ Blackpoll Warbler R - - - -
Setophaga striata
 ___ Black-throated Blue Warbler - - - -
Setophaga caerulescens
 ___ Palm Warbler - - - -
Setophaga palmarum
 ___ Pine Warbler - - - -
Setophaga pinus
 ___ Yellow-rumped Warbler - - - -
Setophaga coronata
 ___ Yellow-throated Warbler - - - -
Setophaga dominica
 ___ Prairie Warbler - - - -
Setophaga discolor
 ___ Black-throated Green Warbler - - - -
Setophaga virens
 ___ Wilson's Warbler - - - -
Cardellina pusilla

CARDINALIDAE: Grosbeaks & Buntings [6]

___ Summer Tanager - - - -
Piranga rubra
 ___ Scarlet Tanager - - - -
Piranga olivacea
 ___ ~Northern Cardinal - - - -
Cardinalis cardinalis
 ___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak - - - -
Pheucticus ludovicianus
 ___ Blue Grosbeak - - - -
Passerina caerulea
 ___ Indigo Bunting - - - -
Passerina cyanea