

A BIRD Checklist for Lake James State Park 178 taxa

Of the 473 species known from North Carolina, 178 have been recorded at the state park. Of these, 20 species are known to nest within the park. 12 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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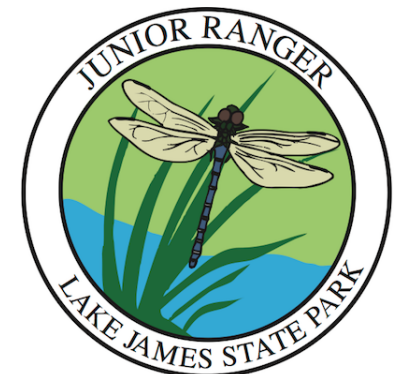
Spring - March to May
Summer - June to August
Fall - September to November
Winter - December to February

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>

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ANATIDAE: Swans, Geese & Ducks [17]

___ *Canada Goose	C C C C
<i>Branta canadensis</i>	
___ Wood Duck	U O U U
<i>Aix sponsa</i>	
___ Blue-winged Teal	- - U -
<i>Spatula discors</i>	
___ Northern Shoveler	R - R -
<i>Spatula clypeata</i>	
___ Gadwall	- - O O
<i>Mareca strepera</i>	
___ *Mallard	C C C C
<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	
___ American Black Duck	- - O O
<i>Anas rubripes</i>	
___ Northern Pintail	- - - -
<i>Anas acuta</i>	
___ Green-winged Teal	R - R -
<i>Anas crecca</i>	
___ Redhead	- - - -
<i>Aythya americana</i>	
___ Ring-necked Duck	R - R -
<i>Aythya collaris</i>	
___ Long-tailed Duck (Oldsquaw)	- - - V
<i>Clangula hyemalis</i>	
___ Bufflehead	- - F F
<i>Bucephala albeola</i>	
___ Common Goldeneye	- - - V
<i>Bucephala clangula</i>	
___ Hooded Merganser	R - - R
<i>Lophodytes cucullatus</i>	
___ Common Merganser	- - - V
<i>Mergus merganser</i>	
___ Red-breasted Merganser	O - - O
<i>Mergus serrator</i>	
ODONTOPHORIDAE: Quail [1]	
___ ~Northern Bobwhite	R R R R
<i>Colinus virginianus</i>	
PHASIANIDAE: Grouse [3]	
___ Ring-necked Pheasant	- - - -
<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>	
___ Ruffed Grouse	- V V -
<i>Bonasa umbellus</i>	

PHASIANIDAE: Grouse [3]

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

PODICIPEDIDAE: Grebes [3]

___ Pied-billed Grebe	F - F F
<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>	
___ Horned Grebe	- - O O
<i>Podiceps auritus</i>	
___ Red-necked Grebe	- - - -
<i>Podiceps grisegena</i>	

COLUMBIDAE: Doves [2]

___ *Rock Pigeon, Rock Dove	O O O O
<i>Columba livia</i>	
___ *Mourning Dove	C C C C
<i>Zenaidura macroura</i>	

CUCULIDAE: Cuckoos, Roadrunner & Anis [1]

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

CAPRIMULGIDAE: Goatsuckers [3]

___ Common Nighthawk	- O U -
<i>Chordeiles minor</i>	
___ *Chuck-will's-widow	O O - -
<i>Antrostomus carolinensis</i>	
___ Eastern whip-poor-will	U U - -
<i>Antrostomus vociferus</i>	

APODIDAE: Swifts [1]

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

TROCHILIDAE: Hummingbirds [1]

___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird	U F F -
<i>Archilochus colubris</i>	

RALLIDAE: Rails [1]

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

GRUIDAE: Cranes [1]

___ Sandhill Crane	- - - -
<i>Antigone canadensis</i>	

CHARADRIIDAE: Plovers [2]

___ Semipalmated Plover	V - - -
<i>Charadrius semipalmatus</i>	
___ *Killdeer	F F O O
<i>Charadrius vociferus</i>	

SCOLOPACIDAE: Sandpipers [9]

___ Sanderling	- R R -
<i>Calidris alba</i>	

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___ Least Sandpiper	V - - -
<i>Calidris minutilla</i>	
___ White-rumped Sandpiper	V - - -
<i>Calidris fuscicollis</i>	
___ *American Woodcock	O O O O
<i>Scolopax minor</i>	
___ Wilson's Snipe	- - - -
<i>Gallinago delicata</i>	
___ Spotted Sandpiper	U R U -
<i>Actitis macularius</i>	
___ Solitary Sandpiper	R - - -
<i>Tringa solitaria</i>	
___ Willet	V - - -
<i>Tringa semipalmata</i>	
___ Greater Yellowlegs	R - R -
<i>Tringa melanoleuca</i>	

LARIDAE: Gulls & Terns [7]

___ Bonaparte's Gull	F - F O
<i>Chroicocephalus philadelphia</i>	
___ Laughing Gull	O - O -
<i>Leucophaeus atricilla</i>	
___ Ring-billed Gull	O - O U
<i>Larus delawarensis</i>	
___ Herring Gull	- - - V
<i>Larus argentatus</i>	
___ Caspian Tern	- R O -
<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>	
___ Black Tern	- O - -
<i>Chlidonias niger</i>	
___ Forster's Tern	U - U -
<i>Sterna forsteri</i>	

GAVIIDAE: Loons [1]

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

PHALACROCORACIDAE: Cormorants [1]

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

PELECANIDAE: Pelicans [2]

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

ARDEIDAE: Herons [3]

___ *Great Blue Heron	F F F F
<i>Ardea herodias</i>	

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___ Great Egret	- O O -
<i>Ardea alba</i>	
___ ~Green Heron	F F - -
<i>Butorides virescens</i>	

THRESKIORNITHIDAE: Ibis [1]

___ White Ibis	- X - -
<i>Eudocimus albus</i>	

CATHARTIDAE: New World Vultures [2]

___ Black Vulture	U U U U
<i>Coragyps atratus</i>	
___ Turkey Vulture	C C C C
<i>Cathartes aura</i>	

PANDIONIDAE: Osprey [1]

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

ACCIPITRIDAE: Eagles, Kites & Hawks [8]

___ Mississippi Kite	- V - -
<i>Ictinia mississippiensis</i>	
___ *Bald Eagle	U U U U
<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	
___ Northern Harrier	- - O R
<i>Circus hudsonius</i>	
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk	- - O O
<i>Accipiter striatus</i>	
___ ~Cooper's Hawk	U O U U
<i>Accipiter cooperii</i>	
___ *Red-shouldered Hawk	F F F F
<i>Buteo lineatus</i>	
___ *Broad-winged Hawk	F F F -
<i>Buteo platypterus</i>	
___ Red-tailed Hawk	U U U U
<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	

STRIGIDAE: Owls [3]

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

ALCEDINIDAE: Kingfisher [1]

___ ~Belted Kingfisher	F F F F
<i>Megaceryle alcyon</i>	

PICIDAE: Woodpeckers [7]

___ ~Red-headed Woodpecker	- R I -
<i>Melanerpes erythrocephalus</i>	

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

FALCONIDAE: Falcons [2]

___ American Kestrel	- - R R
<i>Falco sparverius</i>	
___ Merlin	- - R V
<i>Falco columbarius</i>	

TYRANNIDAE: Flycatchers [6]

___ Eastern Wood-pewee	O O - -
<i>Contopus virens</i>	
___ ~Acadian Flycatcher	F F - -
<i>Empidonax virescens</i>	
___ Least Flycatcher	R - - -
<i>Empidonax minimus</i>	
___ *Eastern Phoebe	C C C C
<i>Sayornis phoebe</i>	
___ Great Crested Flycatcher	F - - -
<i>Myiarchus crinitus</i>	
___ Eastern Kingbird	- F U -
<i>Tyrannus tyrannus</i>	

VIREONIDAE: Vireos [5]

___ White-eyed Vireo	U O U -
<i>Vireo griseus</i>	
___ Yellow-throated Vireo	- - R -
<i>Vireo flavifrons</i>	
___ Blue-headed (or Solitary) Vireo	U - U U
<i>Vireo solitarius</i>	
___ Warbling Vireo	- - - -
<i>Vireo gilvus</i>	
___ Red-eyed Vireo	C U O -
<i>Vireo olivaceus</i>	

CORVIDAE: Jays & Crows [4]

___ Blue Jay	F F F F
<i>Cyanocitta cristata</i>	

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___ American Crow	C C C C
<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>	
___ Fish Crow	C C C -
<i>Corvus ossifragus</i>	
___ *Common Raven	O O O O
<i>Corvus corax</i>	

HIRUNDINIDAE: Swallows [5]

___ Purple Martin	U A - -
<i>Progne subis</i>	
___ Tree Swallow	U - U -
<i>Tachycineta bicolor</i>	
___ Northern Rough-winged Swallow	U - U -
<i>Stelgidopteryx serripennis</i>	
___ *Cliff Swallow	- O - -
<i>Petrochelidon pyrrhonota</i>	
___ Barn Swallow	O - O -
<i>Hirundo rustica</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 I
<i>Sitta canadensis</i>	
___ White-breasted Nuthatch	F F F F
<i>Sitta carolinensis</i>	
___ Brown-headed Nuthatch	F F F F
<i>Sitta pusilla</i>	

CERTHIIDAE: Creeper [1]

___ Brown Creeper	- - O U
<i>Certhia americana</i>	

TROGLODYTIDAE: Wrens [3]

___ House Wren	R - R -
<i>Troglodytes aedon</i>	
___ Winter Wren	- - - O
<i>Troglodytes hiemalis</i>	
___ *Carolina Wren	C C C C
<i>Thryothorus ludovicianus</i>	

POLIOPTILIDAE: Gnatcatchers [1]

___ ~Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	F U O -
<i>Polioptila caerulea</i>	

REGULIDAE: Kinglets [2]

___ Golden-crowned Kinglet	- - F F
<i>Regulus satrapa</i>	

REGULIDAE: Kinglets [2]

___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet U - U U
Corthylio calendula

TURDIDAE: Thrushes [6]

___ *Eastern Bluebird C C C F
Sialia sialis
 ___ Veery - - - -
Catharus fuscescens
 ___ Swainson's Thrush - - O -
Catharus ustulatus
 ___ Hermit Thrush U - U F
Catharus guttatus
 ___ Wood Thrush - F - -
Hylocichla mustelina
 ___ American Robin C F C C
Turdus migratorius

MIMIDAE: Mockingbirds & Thrashers [2]

___ Brown Thrasher O O O -
Toxostoma rufum
 ___ Northern Mockingbird O O O O
Mimus polyglottos

STURNIDAE: Starling [1]

___ European Starling O O O O
Sturnus vulgaris

BOMBYCILLIDAE: Waxwings [1]

___ Cedar Waxwing - - U -
Bombycilla cedrorum

FRINGILLIDAE: Finches [4]

___ House Finch - - O -
Haemorhous mexicanus
 ___ Purple Finch - - R -
Haemorhous purpureus
 ___ Pine Siskin R - R -
Spinus pinus
 ___ American Goldfinch F O F F
Spinus tristis

PASSERELLIDAE: [8]

___ Eastern Towhee U U U U
Pipilo erythrophthalmus
 ___ Chipping Sparrow F F F U
Spizella passerina
 ___ Field Sparrow O O O O
Spizella pusilla
 ___ Savannah Sparrow - - R -
Passerculus sandwichensis

PASSERELLIDAE: [8]

___ Song Sparrow F U F F
Melospiza melodia
 ___ Swamp Sparrow - - O O
Melospiza georgiana
 ___ White-throated Sparrow - - O O
Zonotrichia albicollis
 ___ Dark-eyed Junco R - O C
Junco hyemalis

ICTERIIDAE: [1]

___ Yellow-breasted Chat O O - -
Icteria virens

ICTERIDAE: Blackbirds & Orioles [7]

___ Eastern Meadowlark V - V -
Sturnella magna
 ___ Orchard Oriole O - - -
Icterus spurius
 ___ Baltimore Oriole - - U -
Icterus galbula
 ___ Red-winged Blackbird O - O -
Agelaius phoeniceus
 ___ Brown-headed Cowbird F F U -
Molothrus ater
 ___ Rusty Blackbird R - - -
Euphagus carolinus
 ___ Common Grackle U U U -
Quiscalus quiscula

PARULIDAE: Warblers [24]

___ Ovenbird U - O R
Seiurus aurocapilla
 ___ Worm-eating Warbler (Mountain population)..... O - O -
Helmitheros vermivorum
 ___ Louisiana Waterthrush U U - -
Parkesia motacilla
 ___ Blue-winged Warbler - - - -
Vermivora cyanoptera
 ___ Black-and-white Warbler O - U -
Mniotilta varia
 ___ Prothonotary Warbler - - - -
Protonotaria citrea
 ___ Tennessee Warbler O - U -
Leiothlypis peregrina
 ___ Common Yellowthroat - - O -
Geothlypis trichas

PARULIDAE: Warblers [24]

___ ~Hooded Warbler U U U -
Setophaga citrina
 ___ American Redstart U - U -
Setophaga ruticilla
 ___ Cape May Warbler - - U -
Setophaga tigrina
 ___ Northern Parula F U O -
Setophaga americana
 ___ Magnolia Warbler O - O -
Setophaga magnolia
 ___ Bay-breasted Warbler - - O -
Setophaga castanea
 ___ Blackburnian Warbler - - O -
Setophaga fusca
 ___ Yellow Warbler O - V -
Setophaga petechia
 ___ Chestnut-sided Warbler O O O -
Setophaga pensylvanica
 ___ Black-throated Blue Warbler O - O -
Setophaga caerulescens
 ___ Palm Warbler O - U O
Setophaga palmarum
 ___ *Pine Warbler U F C U
Setophaga pinus
 ___ Yellow-rumped Warbler O - U O
Setophaga coronata
 ___ Yellow-throated Warbler U U O -
Setophaga dominica
 ___ Prairie Warbler O O R -
Setophaga discolor
 ___ Black-throated Green Warbler U - U -
Setophaga virens

CARDINALIDAE: Grosbeaks & Buntings [8]

___ Summer Tanager U U U -
Piranga rubra
 ___ Scarlet Tanager R - O -
Piranga olivacea
 ___ Western Tanager - - - X
Piranga ludoviciana
 ___ Northern Cardinal C C C C
Cardinalis cardinalis
 ___ Rose-breasted Grosbeak U - O -
Pheucticus ludovicianus

CARDINALIDAE: Grosbeaks & Buntings [8]

- ___ Blue Grosbeak O - O -
Passerina caerulea
- ___ Indigo Bunting U F U -
Passerina cyanea
- ___ Dickcissel - - V -
Spiza americana