

## A BIRD Checklist for Lake Norman State Park 131 taxa

Of the 473 species known from North Carolina, 131 have been recorded at the state park. Of these, 11 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

## BIRD CHECKLIST Lake Norman 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>

**131 BIRD taxa**

**ANATIDAE: Swans, Geese & Ducks [15]**

- \_\_\_ Snow Goose ..... - - - -  
*Anser caerulescens*
- \_\_\_ \*Canada Goose ..... - - - -  
*Branta canadensis*
- \_\_\_ Mute Swan ..... - - - -  
*Cygnus olor*
- \_\_\_ Wood Duck ..... - - - -  
*Aix sponsa*
- \_\_\_ Blue-winged Teal ..... - - - -  
*Spatula discors*
- \_\_\_ Northern Shoveler ..... - - - -  
*Spatula clypeata*
- \_\_\_ Mallard ..... - - - -  
*Anas platyrhynchos*
- \_\_\_ Green-winged Teal ..... - - - -  
*Anas crecca*
- \_\_\_ Ring-necked Duck ..... - - - -  
*Aythya collaris*
- \_\_\_ Lesser Scaup ..... - - - -  
*Aythya affinis*
- \_\_\_ Bufflehead ..... - - - -  
*Bucephala albeola*
- \_\_\_ Hooded Merganser ..... - - - -  
*Lophodytes cucullatus*
- \_\_\_ Common Merganser ..... - - - -  
*Mergus merganser*
- \_\_\_ Red-breasted Merganser ..... - - - -  
*Mergus serrator*
- \_\_\_ Ruddy Duck ..... - - - -  
*Oxyura jamaicensis*

**ODONTOPHORIDAE: Quail [1]**

- \_\_\_ \*Northern Bobwhite ..... - - - -  
*Colinus virginianus*

**PHASIANIDAE: Grouse [1]**

- \_\_\_ Wild Turkey ..... - - - -  
*Meleagris gallopavo*

**PODICIPEDIDAE: Grebes [4]**

- \_\_\_ \*Pied-billed Grebe ..... - - - -  
*Podilymbus podiceps*
- \_\_\_ Horned Grebe ..... - - - -  
*Podiceps auritus*
- \_\_\_ Eared Grebe ..... - - - -  
*Podiceps nigricollis*

**PODICIPEDIDAE: Grebes [4]**

- \_\_\_ Western Grebe ..... x - - x  
*Aechmophorus occidentalis*

**COLUMBIDAE: Doves [1]**

- \_\_\_ 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 [1]**

- \_\_\_ Ruby-throated Hummingbird ..... - - - -  
*Archilochus colubris*

**RALLIDAE: Rails [1]**

- \_\_\_ American Coot ..... - - - -  
*Fulica americana*

**ARAMIDAE: Limpkin [1]**

- \_\_\_ Limpkin ..... - - - -  
*Aramus guarauna*

**CHARADRIIDAE: Plovers [3]**

- \_\_\_ American Golden-plover ..... - - - -  
*Pluvialis dominica*
- \_\_\_ Semipalmated Plover ..... - - - -  
*Charadrius semipalmatus*
- \_\_\_ ~Killdeer ..... - - - -  
*Charadrius vociferus*

**SCOLOPACIDAE: Sandpipers [3]**

- \_\_\_ Sanderling ..... - - - -  
*Calidris alba*
- \_\_\_ American Woodcock ..... - - - -  
*Scolopax minor*
- \_\_\_ Spotted Sandpiper ..... - - - -  
*Actitis macularius*

**LARIDAE: Gulls & Terns [1]**

- \_\_\_ Ring-billed Gull ..... - - - -  
*Larus delawarensis*

**GAVIIDAE: Loons [2]**

- \_\_\_ Red-throated Loon ..... - - - -  
*Gavia stellata*

**GAVIIDAE: Loons [2]**

- \_\_\_ Common Loon ..... 0 - - 0  
*Gavia immer*

**PHALACROCORACIDAE: Cormorants [1]**

- \_\_\_ Double-crested Cormorant ..... - - - -  
*Nannopterum auritus*

**ARDEIDAE: Herons [5]**

- \_\_\_ ~Great Blue Heron ..... - - - -  
*Ardea herodias*
- \_\_\_ Great Egret ..... - - - -  
*Ardea alba*
- \_\_\_ Little Blue Heron ..... - - - -  
*Egretta caerulea*
- \_\_\_ Green Heron ..... - - - -  
*Butorides virescens*
- \_\_\_ Black-crowned Night-heron ..... - - - -  
*Nycticorax nycticorax*

**THRESKIORNITHIDAE: Ibis [1]**

- \_\_\_ Roseate Spoonbill ..... - - - -  
*Platalea ajaja*

**CATHARTIDAE: New World Vultures [2]**

- \_\_\_ Black Vulture ..... - - - -  
*Coragyps atratus*
- \_\_\_ Turkey Vulture ..... - - - -  
*Cathartes aura*

**PANDIONIDAE: Osprey [1]**

- \_\_\_ \*Osprey ..... - - - -  
*Pandion haliaetus*

**ACCIPITRIDAE: Eagles, Kites & Hawks [6]**

- \_\_\_ Bald Eagle ..... - - - -  
*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*
- \_\_\_ Sharp-shinned Hawk ..... - - - -  
*Accipiter striatus*
- \_\_\_ Cooper's Hawk ..... - - - -  
*Accipiter cooperii*
- \_\_\_ Red-shouldered Hawk ..... - - - -  
*Buteo lineatus*
- \_\_\_ Broad-winged Hawk ..... - - - -  
*Buteo platypterus*
- \_\_\_ Red-tailed Hawk ..... - - - -  
*Buteo jamaicensis*

**STRIGIDAE: Owls [3]**

- \_\_\_ Eastern Screech-owl ..... - - - -  
*Megascops asio*

**STRIGIDAE: Owls [3]**

- \_\_\_ ~Great Horned Owl ..... - - - -  
*Bubo virginianus*  
 \_\_\_ \*Barred Owl ..... - - - -  
*Strix varia*

**ALCEDINIDAE: Kingfisher [1]**

- \_\_\_ ~Belted Kingfisher ..... - - - -  
*Megasceryle 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*

**TYRANNIDAE: Flycatchers [4]**

- \_\_\_ ~Eastern Wood-pewee ..... - - - -  
*Contopus virens*  
 \_\_\_ ~Eastern Phoebe ..... - - - -  
*Sayornis phoebe*  
 \_\_\_ Great Crested Flycatcher ..... - - - -  
*Myiarchus crinitus*  
 \_\_\_ Eastern Kingbird ..... - - - -  
*Tyrannus tyrannus*

**VIREONIDAE: Vireos [4]**

- \_\_\_ White-eyed Vireo ..... - - - -  
*Vireo griseus*  
 \_\_\_ Yellow-throated Vireo ..... - - - -  
*Vireo flavifrons*  
 \_\_\_ Blue-headed (or Solitary) Vireo ..... - - - -  
*Vireo solitarius*  
 \_\_\_ Red-eyed Vireo ..... - - - -  
*Vireo olivaceus*

**CORVIDAE: Jays & Crows [4]**

- \_\_\_ \*Blue Jay ..... - - - -  
*Cyanocitta cristata*

**CORVIDAE: Jays & Crows [4]**

- \_\_\_ ~American Crow ..... - - - -  
*Corvus brachyrhynchos*  
 \_\_\_ \*Fish Crow ..... - - - -  
*Corvus ossifragus*  
 \_\_\_ Common Raven ..... - - - -  
*Corvus corax*

**HIRUNDINIDAE: Swallows [3]**

- \_\_\_ Tree Swallow ..... - - - -  
*Tachycineta bicolor*  
 \_\_\_ ~Northern Rough-winged Swallow ..... - - - -  
*Stelgidopteryx serripennis*  
 \_\_\_ ~Barn Swallow ..... - - - -  
*Hirundo rustica*

**PARIDAE: Chickadees & Titmice [2]**

- \_\_\_ Carolina Chickadee ..... - - - -  
*Poecile carolinensis*  
 \_\_\_ \*Tufted Titmouse ..... - - - -  
*Baeolophus bicolor*

**SITTIDAE: Nuthatches [3]**

- \_\_\_ Red-breasted Nuthatch ..... - - - -  
*Sitta canadensis*  
 \_\_\_ White-breasted Nuthatch ..... - - - -  
*Sitta carolinensis*  
 \_\_\_ Brown-headed Nuthatch ..... - - - -  
*Sitta pusilla*

**CERTHIIDAE: Creeper [1]**

- \_\_\_ Brown Creeper ..... - - - -  
*Certhia americana*

**TROGLODYTIDAE: Wrens [2]**

- \_\_\_ Winter Wren ..... - - - -  
*Troglodytes hiemalis*  
 \_\_\_ \*Carolina Wren ..... - - - -  
*Thryothorus ludovicianus*

**POLIOPTILIDAE: Gnatcatchers [1]**

- \_\_\_ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher ..... - - - -  
*Poliophtila caerulea*

**REGULIDAE: Kinglets [2]**

- \_\_\_ Golden-crowned Kinglet ..... - - - -  
*Regulus satrapa*  
 \_\_\_ Ruby-crowned Kinglet ..... - - - -  
*Corthylio calendula*

**TURDIDAE: Thrushes [6]**

- \_\_\_ \*Eastern Bluebird ..... - - - -  
*Sialia sialis*

**TURDIDAE: Thrushes [6]**

- \_\_\_ Veery ..... - - - -  
*Catharus fuscescens*  
 \_\_\_ Swainson's Thrush ..... - - - -  
*Catharus ustulatus*  
 \_\_\_ Hermit Thrush ..... - - - -  
*Catharus guttatus*  
 \_\_\_ Wood Thrush ..... - - - -  
*Hylocichla mustelina*  
 \_\_\_ 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*

**FRINGILLIDAE: Finches [2]**

- \_\_\_ House Finch ..... - - - -  
*Haemorhous mexicanus*  
 \_\_\_ American Goldfinch ..... - - - -  
*Spinus tristis*

**PASSERELLIDAE: [5]**

- \_\_\_ Eastern Towhee ..... - - - -  
*Pipilo erythrophthalmus*  
 \_\_\_ ~Chipping Sparrow ..... - - - -  
*Spizella passerina*  
 \_\_\_ Song Sparrow ..... - - - -  
*Melospiza melodia*  
 \_\_\_ White-throated Sparrow ..... - - - -  
*Zonotrichia albicollis*  
 \_\_\_ Dark-eyed Junco ..... - - - -  
*Junco hyemalis*

**ICTERIDAE: Blackbirds & Orioles [3]**

- \_\_\_ Baltimore Oriole ..... - - - -  
*Icterus galbula*  
 \_\_\_ Red-winged Blackbird ..... - - - -  
*Agelaius phoeniceus*

**ICTERIDAE: Blackbirds & Orioles [3]**

\_\_\_ Brown-headed Cowbird ..... - - - -  
*Molothrus ater*

**PARULIDAE: Warblers [15]**

\_\_\_ Ovenbird ..... - - - -  
*Seiurus aurocapilla*

\_\_\_ Worm-eating Warbler (Mountain  
 population)..... - - - -  
*Helmitheros vermivorum*

\_\_\_ Black-and-white Warbler ..... - - F -  
*Mniotilta varia*

\_\_\_ \*Prothonotary Warbler ..... - - - -  
*Protonotaria citrea*

\_\_\_ American Redstart ..... - - - -  
*Setophaga ruticilla*

\_\_\_ Northern Parula ..... - - - -  
*Setophaga americana*

\_\_\_ Blackburnian Warbler ..... - - - -  
*Setophaga fusca*

\_\_\_ Blackpoll Warbler ..... - - - -  
*Setophaga striata*

\_\_\_ Black-throated Blue Warbler ..... - - - -  
*Setophaga caerulescens*

\_\_\_ Palm Warbler ..... - - - -  
*Setophaga palmarum*

\_\_\_ Pine Warbler ..... - - F -  
*Setophaga pinus*

\_\_\_ Yellow-rumped Warbler ..... - - - -  
*Setophaga coronata*

\_\_\_ Yellow-throated Warbler ..... - - - -  
*Setophaga dominica*

\_\_\_ Prairie Warbler ..... - - - -  
*Setophaga discolor*

\_\_\_ Black-throated Green Warbler ..... - - - -  
*Setophaga virens*

**CARDINALIDAE: Grosbeaks & Buntings [4]**

\_\_\_ Summer Tanager ..... - - - -  
*Piranga rubra*

\_\_\_ Scarlet Tanager ..... - - - -  
*Piranga olivacea*

\_\_\_ Northern Cardinal ..... - - - -  
*Cardinalis cardinalis*

\_\_\_ Indigo Bunting ..... - - - -  
*Passerina cyanea*