

A BIRD Checklist for Lake Norman State Park 129 taxa

Of the 473 species known from North Carolina, 129 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

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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>

129 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

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
- ___ 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

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
- ___ ~Great Horned Owl - - - -
Bubo virginianus
- ___ *Barred Owl - - - -
Strix varia

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

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
- ___ ~American Crow - - -
Corvus brachyrhynchos
- ___ *Fish Crow - - -
Corvus ossifragus
- ___ Common Raven - - -
Corvus corax

HIRUNDINIDAE: Swallows [3]

- ___ Tree Swallow - - -
Tachycineta bicolor

HIRUNDINIDAE: Swallows [3]

- ___ ~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 - - -
Polioptila caerulea

REGULIDAE: Kinglets [2]

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

TURDIDAE: Thrushes [6]

- ___ *Eastern Bluebird - - -
Sialia sialis
- ___ Veery - - -
Catharus fuscescens
- ___ Swainson's Thrush - - -
Catharus ustulatus
- ___ Hermit Thrush - - -
Catharus guttatus
- ___ Wood Thrush - - -
Hylocichla mustelina

TURDIDAE: Thrushes [6]

- ___ 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
- ___ Brown-headed Cowbird - - -
Molothrus ater

PARULIDAE: Warblers [15]

- ___ Ovenbird - - -
Seiurus aurocapilla
- ___ Worm-eating Warbler (Mountain population)..... - - -
Helmitheros vermivorum

PARULIDAE: Warblers [15]

- ___ 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 - S F -
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