

## A BIRD Checklist for New River State Park 144 taxa

Of the 473 species known from North Carolina, 144 have been recorded at the state park. Of these, 21 species are known to nest within the park. 31 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 New River 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>

**144 BIRD taxa****ANATIDAE: Swans, Geese & Ducks [10]**

- Brant ..... — — —
- Branta bernicla*
- \*Canada Goose ..... — — —
- Branta canadensis*
- ~Wood Duck ..... — — —
- Aix sponsa*
- Blue-winged Teal ..... — — —
- Spatula discors*
- American Wigeon ..... — — —
- Mareca americana*
- Mallard ..... — — —
- Anas platyrhynchos*
- American Black Duck ..... — — —
- Anas rubripes*
- Hooded Merganser ..... — — —
- Lophodytes cucullatus*
- Common Merganser ..... — — —
- Mergus merganser*
- Red-breasted Merganser ..... — — —
- Mergus serrator*

**ODONTOPHORIDAE: Quail [1]**

- ~Northern Bobwhite ..... — — —
- Colinus virginianus*

**PHASIANIDAE: Grouse [2]**

- ~Ruffed Grouse ..... — — —
- Bonasa umbellus*
- ~Wild Turkey ..... — — —
- Meleagris gallopavo*

**PODICIPEDIDAE: Grebes [1]**

- Pied-billed Grebe ..... — — —
- Podilymbus podiceps*

**COLUMBIDAE: Doves [2]**

- Rock Pigeon, Rock Dove ..... — — —
- Columba livia*
- \*Mourning Dove ..... — — —
- Zenaida macroura*

**CUCULIDAE: Cuckoos, Roadrunner & Anis [2]**

- ~Yellow-billed Cuckoo ..... — — —
- Coccyzus americanus*
- Black-billed Cuckoo ..... — — —
- Coccyzus erythrophthalmus*

**CAPRIMULGIDAE: Goatsuckers [1]**

- Common Nighthawk ..... — — —
- Chordeiles minor*

**APODIDAE: Swifts [1]**

- Chimney Swift ..... — — —
- Chaetura pelasgica*

**TROCHILIDAE: Hummingbirds [1]**

- ~Ruby-throated Hummingbird ..... — — —
- Archilochus colubris*

**CHARADRIIDAE: Plovers [1]**

- Killdeer ..... — — —
- Charadrius vociferus*

**SCOLOPACIDAE: Sandpipers [2]**

- ~American Woodcock ..... F F F V
- Scolopax minor*
- Spotted Sandpiper ..... — — —
- Actitis macularius*

**LARIDAE: Gulls & Terns [2]**

- Herring Gull ..... X — —
- Larus argentatus*
- Forster's Tern ..... R — —
- Sterna forsteri*

**PHALACROCORACIDAE: Cormorants [1]**

- Double-crested Cormorant ..... — — —
- Nannopterum auritus*

**ARDEIDAE: Herons [4]**

- Great Blue Heron ..... — — —
- Ardea herodias*
- Great Egret ..... — — —
- Ardea alba*
- Snowy Egret ..... — — —
- Egretta thula*
- Green Heron ..... — — —
- Butorides virescens*

**THRESKIORNITHIDAE: Ibis [1]**

- Glossy Ibis ..... — — —
- Plegadis falcinellus*

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

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

**PANDIONIDAE: Osprey [1]**

- ~Osprey ..... — — —
- Pandion haliaetus*

**ACCIPITRIDAE: Eagles, Kites & Hawks [8]**

- ~Bald Eagle ..... — — —
- Haliaeetus leucocephalus*

**ACCIPITRIDAE: Eagles, Kites & Hawks [8]**

- Northern Harrier ..... — — —
- Circus hudsonius*
- ~Sharp-shinned Hawk ..... — — —
- Accipiter striatus*
- Cooper's Hawk ..... — — —
- Accipiter cooperii*
- Red-shouldered Hawk ..... — — —
- Buteo lineatus*
- Broad-winged Hawk ..... — — — X
- Buteo platypterus*
- ~Red-tailed Hawk ..... — — —
- Buteo jamaicensis*
- Golden Eagle ..... — — — V
- Aquila chrysaetos*

**STRIGIDAE: Owls [4]**

- Eastern Screech-owl ..... — — —
- Megascops asio*
- Great Horned Owl ..... — — —
- Bubo virginianus*
- Barred Owl ..... — — —
- Strix varia*
- Northern Saw-whet Owl ..... — — —
- Aegolius acadicus*

**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 [2]**

- American Kestrel ..... — — —
- Falco sparverius*
- Peregrine Falcon ..... — — —
- Falco peregrinus*

**TYRANNIDAE: Flycatchers [7]**

- \*Eastern Wood-peewee ..... - - -
- *Contopus virens*
- Yellow-bellied Flycatcher ..... - - -
- *Empidonax flaviventris*
- ~Acadian Flycatcher ..... - - -
- *Empidonax virescens*
- Willow Flycatcher ..... - - -
- *Empidonax traillii*
- \*Eastern Phoebe ..... - - -
- *Sayornis phoebe*
- Great Crested Flycatcher ..... - - -
- *Myiarchus crinitus*
- \*Eastern Kingbird ..... - - -
- *Tyrannus tyrannus*

**VIREONIDAE: Vireos [5]**

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

**CORVIDAE: Jays & Crows [3]**

- Blue Jay ..... - - -
- *Cyanocitta cristata*
- ~American Crow ..... - - -
- *Corvus brachyrhynchos*
- 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 [2]**

- Red-breasted Nuthatch ..... - - -
- *Sitta canadensis*
- \*White-breasted Nuthatch ..... - - -
- *Sitta carolinensis*

**CERTHIIDAE: Creeper [1]**

- Brown Creeper ..... - - -
- *Certhia americana*

**TROGLODYTIDAE: Wrens [3]**

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

**POLIOPITILIDAE: Gnatcatchers [1]**

- \*Blue-gray Gnatcatcher ..... - - -
- *Polioptila caerulea*

**REGULIDAE: Kinglets [2]**

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

**TURDIDAE: Thrushes [7]**

- \*Eastern Bluebird ..... - - -
- *Sialia sialis*
- Veery ..... - - -
- *Catharus fuscescens*
- Gray-cheeked Thrush ..... - - -
- *Catharus minimus*
- 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 [3]**

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

**PASERELLIDAE: [8]**

- \*Eastern Towhee ..... - - -
- *Pipilo erythrrophthalmus*
- ~Chipping Sparrow ..... - - -
- *Spizella passerina*
- ~Field Sparrow ..... - - -
- *Spizella pusilla*
- Fox Sparrow ..... - - -
- *Passerella iliaca*
- Song Sparrow ..... - - -
- *Melospiza melodia*
- Swamp Sparrow ..... - - -
- *Melospiza georgiana*
- White-throated Sparrow ..... - - -
- *Zonotrichia albicollis*
- Dark-eyed Junco ..... - - -
- *Junco hyemalis*

**ICTERIIDAE: [1]**

- Yellow-breasted Chat ..... - - -
- *Icteria virens*

**ICTERIDAE: Blackbirds & Orioles [7]**

- ~Eastern Meadowlark ..... - - -
- *Sturnella magna*
- Orchard Oriole ..... - - -
- *Icterus spurius*
- ~Baltimore Oriole ..... - - -
- *Icterus galbula*
- ~Red-winged Blackbird ..... - - -
- *Agelaius phoeniceus*
- ~Brown-headed Cowbird ..... - - -
- *Molothrus ater*

**ICTERIDAE: Blackbirds & Orioles [7]**

- Brewer's Blackbird ..... - - - -
  - Euphagus cyanocephalus*
  - Common Grackle ..... - - - -
  - Quiscalus quiscula*
- PARULIDAE: Warblers [24]**
- Ovenbird ..... - - - -
  - Seiurus aurocapilla*
  - ~Louisiana Waterthrush ..... - - - -
  - Parkesia motacilla*
  - Northern Waterthrush ..... - - - -
  - Parkesia noveboracensis*
  - ~Golden-winged Warbler ..... - - - -
  - Vermivora chrysoptera*
  - ~Blue-winged Warbler ..... - - - -
  - Vermivora cyanoptera*
  - ~Black-and-white Warbler ..... - - - -
  - Mniotilla varia*
  - Tennessee Warbler ..... - - - -
  - Leiothlypis peregrina*
  - Mourning Warbler ..... - - - -
  - Geothlypis philadelphia*
  - Common Yellowthroat ..... - - - -
  - Geothlypis trichas*
  - ~Hooded Warbler ..... - - - -
  - Setophaga citrina*
  - American Redstart ..... - - - -
  - Setophaga ruticilla*
  - ~Northern Parula ..... - - - -
  - Setophaga americana*
  - Bay-breasted Warbler ..... - - - -
  - Setophaga castanea*
  - Blackburnian Warbler ..... - - - -
  - Setophaga fusca*
  - Yellow Warbler ..... - - - -
  - Setophaga petechia*
  - Chestnut-sided Warbler ..... - - - -
  - Setophaga pensylvanica*
  - ~Black-throated Blue Warbler ..... - - - -
  - Setophaga caerulescens*
  - Palm Warbler ..... - - - V
  - Setophaga palmarum*
  - Pine Warbler ..... - - - -
  - Setophaga pinus*

**PARULIDAE: Warblers [24]**

- Yellow-rumped Warbler ..... - - - -
  - Setophaga coronata*
  - Yellow-throated Warbler ..... - - - -
  - Setophaga dominica*
  - ~Prairie Warbler ..... - - - -
  - Setophaga discolor*
  - Black-throated Green Warbler ..... - - - -
  - Setophaga virens*
  - Canada Warbler ..... - - - -
  - Cardellina canadensis*
- CARDINALIDAE: Grosbeaks & Buntings [4]**
- ~Scarlet Tanager ..... - - - -
  - Piranga olivacea*
  - \*Northern Cardinal ..... - - - -
  - Cardinalis cardinalis*
  - Rose-breasted Grosbeak ..... - - - -
  - Pheucticus ludovicianus*
  - \*Indigo Bunting ..... - - - -
  - Passerina cyanea*