



North Carolina Birding Trail

mountains • piedmont • coast

Wednesday

Aug012012



Cedar Island National Wildlife Refuge

subscribe by email

Coastal Region : East Carteret Group

Coastal Guide page 115

[External Website](#)

[Back to NCBT Map](#)

Description



Cedar Island National Wildlife Refuge consists of approximately 11,000 acres of brackish marsh and 3,480 acres of woodland habitat. Sixteen miles of dirt roads and firebreaks provide visual access to the marsh and woodlands, as well as the bays and sound. The firebreaks serve as walking trails. The marsh and estuary provide wintering habitat for thousands of ducks and nesting habitat for colonial waterbirds. Raptors can be seen hunting over the marsh, and songbirds are viewed along the fringe habitats and uplands. On rare occasion, elusive rails may be spotted in the marsh grasses. Travel along NC 12 to bird the extensive marsh system. Listen for Black, Virginia, Yellow, and Clapper Rails, along with Marsh Wren, Sedge Wren and Seaside Sparrow. Turn down Lola Road to bird in pine woodlands and scrub-shrub thickets. In spring and early summer, this is a good area to encounter migrating songbirds.

Species of Interest (Full Bird List)

Least Bittern, Black Rail, Brown-headed Nuthatch, Sedge Wren, Seaside Sparrow, wintering waterfowl

Habitat

pine/hardwood forest, moist shrubland, salt marsh, maritime forest and shrub

Special Features/Concerns

Waterfowl hunting is permitted on a 400-acre portion of marsh west of NC 12. Birders should be aware of current hunting regulations and seasons and take adequate safety precautions during those times. Contact the refuge headquarters for additional information and regulations. For more on hunting season safety precautions, see the hunting season information at the beginning of this guide. Prescribed burning is done periodically in the woodlands and marshes. Fire enhances wildlife habitat by promoting new growth and plant diversity, creating open areas, and reducing hazardous fuel accumulations that may result in destructive wildfires

Access and Parking

The refuge is open daily during daylight hours. However, there are very few formal access areas. Birding is permitted along NC 12; the shoulders are wide enough to safely pull off the road. The refuge office is located on Lola Road; look for signs on NC 12. The gated refuge roads are closed to vehicles, but pedestrian access is permitted.



Directions



From Beaufort, take US 70 east for approximately 30 miles, at which point the refuge's extensive salt marshes. Stay on NC 12 for approximately 10 miles to the refuge office, on Lola Road (SR 1388), on the right

[Google Directions](#)



















Coordinates

N34d 57m 18s W76d 16m 39s

Delorme Gazetteer Page

79

Bird List

COMMON NAME <i>SCIENTIFIC NAME</i>	BIRDS OF NC LINK			SPRING
	SUMMER	FALL	WINTER	
Acadian Flycatcher <i>Empidonax virescens</i>	 uncommon	 occasional	 uncommon	
American Avocet <i>Recurvirostra americana</i>	 rare	 rare		
American Bittern <i>Botaurus lentiginosus</i>	 occasional	 uncommon	 occasional	
American Black Duck <i>Anas rubripes</i>	 uncommon	 fairly common	 common	
American Coot <i>Fulica americana</i>	 occasional	 occasional	 occasional	
American Crow <i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>	 uncommon	 uncommon	 uncommon	
American Golden-Plover <i>Pluvialis dominica</i>	 occasional			

American Goldfinch
Spinus tristis



uncommon

occasional

uncommon

fairly common



American Kestrel
Falco sparverius



uncommon

fairly common

fairly common



American Oystercatcher
Haematopus palliatus



fairly common

fairly common

fairly common

uncommon



American Pipit
Anthus rubescens



occasional

occasional

occasional



American Redstart
Setophaga ruticilla



occasional

uncommon

fairly common



American Robin
Turdus migratorius



fairly common

uncommon

uncommon

common



American White Pelican
Pelecanus erythrorhynchos



occasional

occasional

occasional

occasional



American Wigeon
Anas americana



occasional

uncommon

uncommon



American Woodcock
Scolopax minor



uncommon

occasional

uncommon

fairly common



Audubon's Shearwater
Puffinus lherminieri



rare

Baird's Sandpiper
Calidris bairdii



rare

Bald Eagle
Haliaeetus leucocephalus



uncommon

uncommon

uncommon

uncommon

Baltimore Oriole
Icterus galbula



occasional

occasional

uncommon

rare



Bank Swallow
Riparia riparia



occasional

uncommon

occasional



Barn Owl
Tyto alba



occasional

occasional

occasional

occasional



Barn Swallow
Hirundo rustica



fairly common

common

fairly common



Barred Owl
Strix varia



uncommon

uncommon

uncommon

uncommon

Bay-breasted Warbler
Setophaga castanea



occasional



Belted Kingfisher
Megasceryle alcyon



fairly common

uncommon

common

common



Black Rail
Laterallus jamaicensis



common

common

fairly common

fairly common



Black Scoter
Melanitta americana



uncommon

rare

uncommon

common



Black Skimmer
Rynchops niger



fairly common

common

fairly common

occasional



Black Tern
Chlidonias niger



uncommon

occasional



Black Vulture
Coragyps atratus



uncommon

uncommon

uncommon

uncommon

Black-and-white Warbler
Mniotilta varia



uncommon

uncommon

fairly common



Black-bellied Plover
Pluvialis squatarola



fairly common

uncommon

fairly common

uncommon



Black-billed Cuckoo
Coccyzus erythrophthalmus



occasional

occasional



Black-crowned Night-Heron
Nycticorax nycticorax



uncommon

uncommon

uncommon

uncommon

Black-necked Stilt
Himantopus mexicanus



rare

Black-throated Blue Warbler
Setophaga caerulescens



uncommon

fairly common



Black-throated Green Warbler
Setophaga virens



uncommon

occasional

occasional



Blackburnian Warbler
Setophaga fusca



occasional



Blackpoll Warbler
Setophaga striata



uncommon

uncommon

Blue Grosbeak
Passerina caerulea



fairly common

common

uncommon



Blue Jay
Cyanocitta cristata



fairly common

fairly common

fairly common

fairly common



Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
Poliophtila caerulea



fairly common

fairly common

occasional



Blue-headed Vireo
Vireo solitarius



occasional

occasional

uncommon



Blue-winged Teal
Anas discors



fairly common

uncommon

fairly common

rare



Boat-tailed Grackle
Quiscalus major



common

common

common

common



Bobolink
Dolichonyx oryzivorus



occasional

occasional fairly common



Bonaparte's Gull
Chroicocephalus philadelphia



fairly common

uncommon common



Brant
Branta bernicla



rare occasional



Broad-winged Hawk
Buteo platypterus



rare

rare

Brown Creeper
Certhia americana



occasional

occasional occasional



Brown Pelican
Pelecanus occidentalis



common

common common common



Brown Thrasher
Toxostoma rufum



common

common common common



Brown-headed Cowbird
Molothrus ater



fairly common

common uncommon uncommon



Brown-headed Nuthatch
Sitta pusilla



common

common common common



Buff-breasted Sandpiper
Tryngites subruficollis



rare

Bufflehead
Bucephala albeola



fairly common

fairly common

common



Canada Goose
Branta canadensis



uncommon

uncommon

uncommon

uncommon

Canada Warbler
Cardellina canadensis



rare

Canvasback
Aythya valisineria



occasional

occasional



Cape May Warbler
Setophaga tigrina



rare

uncommon

Carolina Chickadee
Poecile carolinensis



common

common

common

common



Carolina Wren
Thryothorus ludovicianus



common

common

common

common



Caspian Tern
Hydroprogne caspia



occasional

uncommon

fairly common



Cattle Egret
Bubulcus ibis



uncommon

fairly common

occasional



Cedar Waxwing
Bombycilla cedrorum



fairly common

occasional

uncommon

uncommon



Chimney Swift
Chaetura pelagica



fairly common

fairly common

occasional



Chipping Sparrow
Spizella passerina



occasional

uncommon

occasional



Chuck-will's-widow
Antrostomus carolinensis



fairly common

common

occasional



Clapper Rail
Rallus longirostris



common

common

common

common



Clay-colored Sparrow
Spizella pallida



occasional



Cliff Swallow
Petrochelidon pyrrhonota



occasional

occasional

occasional



Common Goldeneye
Bucephala clangula



occasional



Common Grackle
Quiscalus quiscula



common

common

uncommon

uncommon



Common Loon
Gavia immer



fairly common

occasional

uncommon

common



Common Nighthawk
Chordeiles minor



uncommon

common

occasional



Common Tern
Sterna hirundo



uncommon

fairly common

occasional



Common Yellowthroat
Geothlypis trichas



common

common

fairly common

uncommon



Cooper's Hawk
Accipiter cooperii



occasional

occasional

uncommon

uncommon



Dark-eyed Junco
Junco hyemalis



occasional

occasional

uncommon



Dickcissel
Spiza americana



occasional



Double-crested Cormorant
Phalacrocorax auritus



common

uncommon

common

common



Downy Woodpecker
Picoides pubescens



fairly common

fairly common

fairly common

fairly common



Dunlin
Calidris alpina



common

occasional

fairly common

fairly common



Eastern Bluebird
Sialia sialis



fairly common

fairly common

fairly common

fairly common



Eastern Kingbird
Tyrannus tyrannus



fairly common

common

uncommon



Eastern Meadowlark
Sturnella magna



fairly common

fairly common

common

common



Eastern Phoebe
Sayornis phoebe



occasional

fairly common

uncommon



Eastern Screech-Owl
Megascops asio



common

common

common

common



Eastern Towhee
Pipilo erythrophthalmus



common

common

common

common



Eastern Whip-poor-will
Antrostomus vociferus



occasional

occasional

occasional

rare



Eastern Wood-Pewee
Contopus virens



fairly common

common

occasional



European Starling
Sturnus vulgaris



common

common

common

common



Field Sparrow
Spizella pusilla



occasional

uncommon

uncommon

Fish Crow
Corvus ossifragus



common

common

fairly common

fairly common



Flycatchers
Empidonax spp



occasional

Forster's Tern
Sterna forsteri



common

common

common

common



Fox Sparrow
Passerella iliaca



occasional

occasional

uncommon



Gadwall
Anas strepera



fairly common

uncommon

fairly common

fairly common



Glaucous Gull
Larus hyperboreus



rare

Glossy Ibis
Eudocimus falcinellus



uncommon

fairly common

occasional



Golden-crowned Kinglet
Regulus satrapa



uncommon

fairly common

fairly common



Gray Catbird
Dumetella carolinensis



common

common

common

common



Gray Kingbird
Tyrannus dominicensis



rare

rare

Gray-cheeked Thrush
Catharus minimus



occasional

occasional



Great Black-backed Gull
Larus marinus



common

common

common

common



Great Blue Heron
Ardea herodias



fairly common

fairly common

common

common



Great Crested Flycatcher
Myiarchus crinitus



fairly common

common

occasional



Great Egret
Ardea alba



common

common

common

common



Great Horned Owl
Bubo virginianus



fairly common

fairly common

fairly common

fairly common



Greater Scaup
Aythya marila



occasional

occasional

occasional



Greater Yellowlegs
Tringa melanoleuca



fairly common

fairly common

fairly common

fairly common



Green Heron
Butorides virescens



fairly common

fairly common

uncommon



Green-winged Teal
Anas crecca



uncommon

fairly common

fairly common



Gull-billed Tern
Gelochelidon nilotica



uncommon

uncommon

occasional



Hairy Woodpecker
Picoides villosus



uncommon

uncommon

uncommon

uncommon

Hermit Thrush
Catharus guttatus



fairly common

fairly common

common



Herring Gull
Larus argentatus



common

common

common

common



Hooded Merganser
Lophodytes cucullatus



fairly common

uncommon

common



Hooded Warbler
Setophaga citrina



uncommon

uncommon

occasional



Horned Grebe
Podiceps auritus



fairly common

occasional

uncommon

fairly common



Horned Lark
Eremophila alpestris



rare

House Finch

Haemorhous mexicanus



uncommon

uncommon

uncommon

uncommon

House Sparrow

Passer domesticus



occasional

occasional

occasional

occasional



House Wren

Troglodytes aedon



fairly common

occasional

fairly common

fairly common



Iceland Gull

Larus glaucooides



rare

Indigo Bunting

Passerina cyanea



fairly common

common

fairly common



Killdeer

Charadrius vociferus



fairly common

fairly common

fairly common

fairly common



Lark Sparrow

Chondestes grammacus



rare

occasional



Laughing Gull

Leucophaeus atricilla



common

common

common

uncommon



Least Bittern

Ixobrychus exilis



uncommon

uncommon

uncommon

Least Sandpiper

Calidris minutilla



fairly common

fairly common

fairly common

occasional



Least Tern
Sternula antillarum



fairly common

common

occasional



Lesser Black-backed Gull
Larus fuscus



occasional

rare

uncommon

uncommon



Lesser Scaup
Aythya affinis



fairly common

uncommon

common



Lesser Yellowlegs
Tringa flavipes



uncommon

uncommon

uncommon

occasional



Little Blue Heron
Egretta caerulea



fairly common

common

fairly common

uncommon



Long-billed Dowitcher
Limnodromus scolopaceus



occasional

occasional



Long-tailed Duck
Clangula hyemalis



occasional



Magnificent Frigatebird
Fregata magnificens



rare

Magnolia Warbler
Setophaga magnolia



uncommon

Mallard
Anas platyrhynchos



fairly common

fairly common

fairly common

fairly common



Marbled Godwit
Limosa fedoa



occasional

occasional

uncommon

occasional



Marsh Wren
Cistothorus palustris



common

common

common

common



Merlin
Falco columbarius



occasional

uncommon

uncommon



Mississippi Kite
Ictinia mississippiensis



occasional



Mourning Dove
Zenaida macroura



common

common

common

common



Nashville Warbler
Oreothlypis ruficapilla



occasional



Nelson's Sparrow
Ammodramus nelsoni



fairly common

occasional

fairly common

uncommon



Northern Bobwhite
Colinus virginianus



uncommon

uncommon

uncommon

uncommon

Northern Cardinal
Cardinalis cardinalis



common

common

common

common



Northern Flicker
Colaptes auratus



common

common

common

common



Northern Gannet
Morus bassanus



uncommon

uncommon

uncommon

Northern Harrier
Circus cyaneus



common

fairly common

common

common



Northern Mockingbird
Mimus polyglottos



common

common

common

common



Northern Parula
Setophaga americana



fairly common

fairly common

fairly common



Northern Pintail
Anas acuta



uncommon

uncommon

fairly common



Northern Rough-winged Swallow
Stelgidopteryx serripennis



uncommon

uncommon

Northern Shoveler
Anas clypeata



occasional

occasional

occasional



Northern Waterthrush
Parkesia noveboracensis



occasional

occasional

uncommon



Orange-crowned Warbler
Oreothlypis celata



uncommon

uncommon

fairly common



Orchard Oriole
Icterus spurius



fairly common

common



Osprey
Pandion haliaetus



common

common

common

occasional



Ovenbird
Seiurus aurocapilla



occasional

occasional



Painted Bunting
Passerina ciris



rare

Palm Warbler
Setophaga palmarum



occasional

fairly common

uncommon



Pectoral Sandpiper
Calidris melanotos



occasional

uncommon

uncommon



Peregrine Falcon
Falco peregrinus



occasional

uncommon

occasional



Pied-billed Grebe
Podilymbus podiceps



fairly common

uncommon

common

common



Pileated Woodpecker
Dryocopus pileatus



uncommon

uncommon

uncommon

uncommon

Pine Siskin
Spinus pinus



rare

rare

Pine Warbler
Setophaga pinus



common

common

fairly common

fairly common



Piping Plover
Charadrius melodus



occasional

occasional

occasional



Prairie Warbler
Setophaga discolor



fairly common

common

fairly common

rare



Prothonotary Warbler
Protonotaria citrea



fairly common

common

occasional



Purple Finch
Haemorhous purpureus



rare

rare

rare

Purple Martin
Progne subis



fairly common

common

occasional



Red Knot
Calidris canutus



uncommon

occasional

occasional



Red-bellied Woodpecker
Melanerpes carolinus



fairly common

fairly common

fairly common

fairly common



Red-breasted Merganser
Mergus serrator



fairly common

occasional

uncommon

common



Red-breasted Nuthatch
Sitta canadensis



fairly common

fairly common

fairly common



Red-eyed Vireo
Vireo olivaceus



uncommon

uncommon

uncommon

Red-headed Woodpecker
Melanerpes erythrocephalus



uncommon

uncommon

occasional



Red-shouldered Hawk
Buteo lineatus



uncommon

uncommon

uncommon

uncommon

Red-tailed Hawk
Buteo jamaicensis



fairly common

fairly common

fairly common

fairly common



Red-throated Loon
Gavia stellata



uncommon

uncommon

common



Red-winged Blackbird
Agelaius phoeniceus



common

common

common

common



Reddish Egret
Egretta rufescens



rare

Redhead
Aythya americana



uncommon

uncommon

common



Ring-billed Gull
Larus delawarensis



common

fairly common

common

common



Rock Pigeon
Columba livia



uncommon

uncommon

uncommon

uncommon

Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Pheucticus ludovicianus



occasional

occasional



Rough-legged Hawk
Buteo lagopus



rare

Royal Tern
Thalasseus maximus



common

common

common

uncommon



Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Regulus calendula



fairly common

fairly common

common



Ruby-throated Hummingbird
Archilochus colubris



fairly common

fairly common

occasional



Ruddy Duck
Oxyura jamaicensis



occasional



Ruddy Turnstone
Arenaria interpres



uncommon

uncommon

uncommon

occasional



Rusty Blackbird
Euphagus carolinus



occasional



Saltmarsh Sparrow
Ammodramus caudacutus



fairly common

occasional

fairly common

uncommon



Sanderling
Calidris alba



common

fairly common

common

fairly common



Sandwich Tern
Thalasseus sandwichensis



fairly common

fairly common

fairly common



Savannah Sparrow
Passerculus sandwichensis



fairly common

fairly common

common



Scarlet Tanager
Piranga olivacea



occasional

occasional



Scissor-tailed Flycatcher
Tyrannus forficatus



rare

Seaside Sparrow
Ammodramus maritimus



fairly common

common

uncommon



Sedge Wren
Cistothorus platensis



fairly common

fairly common

common



Semipalmated Plover
Charadrius semipalmatus



uncommon

uncommon

fairly common

occasional



Semipalmated Sandpiper
Calidris pusilla



fairly common

uncommon

occasional



Sharp-shinned Hawk
Accipiter striatus



uncommon

fairly common

fairly common



Shiny Cowbird
Molothrus bonariensis



rare

Short-billed Dowitcher
Limnodromus griseus



fairly common

fairly common

fairly common

occasional



Short-eared Owl
Asio flammeus



occasional

occasional

occasional



Snow Bunting
Plectrophenax nivalis



rare

Snowy Egret
Egretta thula



fairly common

common

fairly common

uncommon



Solitary Sandpiper
Tringa solitaria



uncommon

uncommon

occasional



Song Sparrow
Melospiza melodia



fairly common

fairly common

fairly common

common



Sooty Shearwater
Puffinus griseus



rare

rare

Sora
Porzana carolina



uncommon

rare

fairly common

uncommon



Spotted Sandpiper
Actitis macularius



uncommon

fairly common

uncommon


Stilt Sandpiper
Calidris himantopus



occasional

occasional

occasional



Summer Tanager
Piranga rubra



uncommon

uncommon

occasional



Surf Scoter
Melanitta perspicillata



uncommon

uncommon

common



Swainson's Thrush
Catharus ustulatus



occasional

occasional



Swainson's Warbler
Limnothlypis swainsonii



uncommon

uncommon

Swallow-tailed Kite
Elanoides forficatus



rare

Swamp Sparrow
Melospiza georgiana



fairly common

fairly common

common



Tree Swallow
Tachycineta bicolor



fairly common

occasional

fairly common

uncommon



Tricolored Heron
Egretta tricolor



fairly common

common

fairly common

uncommon



Tundra Swan
Cygnus columbianus



occasional occasional



Turkey Vulture
Cathartes aura



common

common

common

common



Veery
Catharus fuscescens



occasional

occasional



Vesper Sparrow
Poocetes gramineus



occasional



Virginia Rail
Rallus limicola



common

common

common

common



Western Kingbird
Tyrannus verticalis



rare

Western Sandpiper
Calidris mauri



occasional

fairly common

fairly common

uncommon



Whimbrel
Numenius phaeopus



occasional

occasional

occasional



White Ibis
Eudocimus albus



fairly common

fairly common

fairly common

fairly common



White-breasted Nuthatch
Sitta carolinensis



occasional

occasional

occasional



White-crowned Sparrow
Zonotrichia leucophrys



occasional



White-eyed Vireo
Vireo griseus



fairly common

common

uncommon

rare



White-rumped Sandpiper
Calidris fuscicollis



occasional

occasional

occasional



White-throated Sparrow
Zonotrichia albicollis



fairly common

fairly common

common



White-winged Scoter
Melanitta fusca



occasional



Willet
Tringa semipalmata



fairly common

common

fairly common

occasional



Wilson's Plover
Charadrius wilsonia



occasional

occasional



Wilson's Snipe
Gallinago delicata



uncommon

rare

fairly common

fairly common



Wilson's Storm-Petrel
Oceanites oceanicus



rare

rare

Wilson's Warbler
Cardellina pusilla



occasional



Winter Wren
Troglodytes hiemalis



occasional

occasional

uncommon



Wood Duck
Aix sponsa



occasional

occasional

occasional

occasional



Wood Thrush
Hylocichla mustelina



uncommon

uncommon

occasional



Worm-eating Warbler
Helmitheros vermivorum



rare

rare

rare

Yellow Rail
Coturnicops noveboracensis



occasional

occasional



Yellow Warbler
Setophaga petechia



uncommon

uncommon

uncommon

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
Sphyrapicus varius



occasional

uncommon

uncommon



Yellow-billed Cuckoo
Coccyzus americanus



uncommon

common

uncommon



Yellow-breasted Chat
Icteria virens



fairly common

common

occasional

rare



Yellow-crowned Night-Heron
Nyctanassa violacea



occasional

uncommon

occasional



Yellow-headed Blackbird
Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus



rare

Yellow-rumped Warbler
Setophaga coronata



common

fairly common

common



Yellow-throated Vireo
Vireo flavifrons



occasional

occasional



Yellow-throated Warbler
Setophaga dominica



fairly common

fairly common

occasional



[Share Article](#) | [Email Article](#) | [Print Article](#) | [Post a Comment](#)

in Coastal, East Carteret

[Permalink](#)

Reader Comments

There are no comments for this journal entry. To create a new comment, use the form below.



Copyright © 2014, NC Birding Trail. All rights reserved