

## THE VIRGINIA COAST RESERVE: A BIRDER'S DELIGHT



Portrait of a whimbrel (*Numenius phaeopus*) © Barry Truitt / TNC

Virginia's barrier islands shelter more than 250 species of raptors, songbirds, and shorebirds which find food in the adjacent bays and salt marshes.

Explore the list below of some of the species commonly seen at VCR, and then visit our [Brownsville Preserve](#) page to plan a trip to our [William B. Cummings Birding and Wildlife Trail](#).

American bald eagle	field sparrow	purple finch
American black duck	fish crow	purple martin
American crow	Forster's tern	red-bellied woodpecker
American goldfinch	fox sparrow	red-breasted merganser
American kestrel	gadwall	red-eyed vireo
American oystercatcher	glossy ibis	red-headed woodpecker
American robin	golden-crowned kinglet	red knot
American woodcock	grasshopper sparrow	red-shouldered hawk
Baltimore oriole	gray catbird	red-tailed hawk
barn swallow	great blue heron	red-winged blackbird
belted kingfisher	great egret	ring-billed gull
black and white warbler	great horned owl	rock pigeon
black-crowned night-heron	great crested flycatcher	royal tern
black skimmer	great black-backed gull	ruby-crowned kinglet
black vulture	greater yellowlegs	ruby-throated hummingbird
black-bellied plover	green heron	ruddy duck
blue grosbeak	gull-billed tern	ruddy turnstone
blue jay	hairy woodpecker	sanderling
blue-gray gnatcatcher	herring gull	scarlet tanager
boat-tailed grackle	hooded merganser	seaside sparrow

brant  
brown pelican  
brown thrasher  
brown-headed cowbird  
brown-headed nuthatch  
buffelhead  
Canada goose  
Carolina chickadee  
Carolina wren  
cedar waxwing  
chimney swift  
chipping sparrow  
chuck-will's-widow  
clapper rail  
common grackle  
common loon  
common nighthawk  
common tern  
common yellowthroat  
Cooper's hawk  
dark-eyed junco  
double-crested cormorant  
eastern bluebird  
eastern kingbird  
eastern meadowlark  
eastern phoebe  
eastern screech owl  
eastern towhee  
European starling

horned lark  
house finch  
house wren  
indigo bunting  
killdeer  
laughing gull  
least sandpiper  
least tern  
lesser scaup  
lesser yellowlegs  
long-tailed duck  
magnolia warbler  
mallard duck  
mourning dove  
northern bobwhite quail  
northern cardinal  
northern flicker  
northern harrier  
northern mockingbird  
orchard oriole  
osprey  
ovenbird  
palm warbler  
peregrine falcon  
pie-billed grebe  
pileated woodpecker  
pine warbler  
piping plover  
prairie warble

semipalmated plover  
semipalmated sandpiper  
sharp-shinned hawk  
short-billed dowicher  
snowy egret  
solitary sandpiper  
song sparrow  
spotted sandpiper  
stilt sandpiper  
summer tanager  
swamp sparrow  
tree swallow  
tricolored heron  
tufted titmouse  
turkey vulture  
white ibis  
white-eyed vireo  
white-throated sparrow  
white-crowned sparrow  
whimbrel  
wild turkey  
willet  
Wilson's plover  
wood duck  
yellow warbler  
yellow-bellied sapsucker  
yellow-billed cuckoo  
yellow-breasted chat  
yellow-rumped warbler