



Species Checklist for Big Thicket National Preserve (BITH)

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Scientific Name		Common Name
Birds		
Accipitriformes/Accipitridae		
[]	<i>Accipiter cooperii</i>	Cooper's Hawk
[]	<i>Accipiter striatus</i>	Sharp-shinned Hawk
[]	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	Red-tailed Hawk
[]	<i>Buteo lineatus</i>	Red-shouldered Hawk
[]	<i>Buteo platypterus</i>	Broad-winged Hawk
[]	* <i>Buteo swainsoni</i>	Swainson's Hawk
[]	* <i>Circus cyaneus</i>	Northern Harrier
[]	* <i>Elanoides forficatus</i>	American Swallow-tailed Kite
[]	* <i>Elanus caeruleus</i>	Black-shouldered Kite, Black-winged Kite
[]	* <i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	Bald Eagle
[]	<i>Ictinia mississippiensis</i>	Mississippi Kite
Accipitriformes/Cathartidae		
[]	<i>Cathartes aura</i>	Turkey Vulture
[]	<i>Coragyps atratus</i>	Black Vulture
Accipitriformes/Pandionidae		
[]	* <i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	Osprey
Anseriformes/Anatidae		
[]	<i>Aix sponsa</i>	wood duck
[]	* <i>Anas acuta</i>	Northern Pintail
[]	* <i>Anas americana</i>	American Wigeon
[]	* <i>Anas clypeata</i>	Northern Shoveler
[]	* <i>Anas crecca</i>	Common Teal, Eurasian Teal, Green-winged Teal
[]	* <i>Anas cyanoptera</i>	Cinnamon Teal
[]	* <i>Anas discors</i>	Blue-winged Teal
[]	<i>Anas fulvigula</i>	Mottled Duck
[]	* <i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	Mallard
[]	* <i>Anas strepera</i>	Gadwall
[]	* <i>Anser albifrons</i>	Greater White-fronted Goose
[]	* <i>Aythya affinis</i>	Lesser Scaup
[]	* <i>Aythya americana</i>	Redhead
[]	* <i>Aythya collaris</i>	Ring-necked Duck
[]	* <i>Aythya marila</i>	Greater Scaup
[]	* <i>Aythya valisineria</i>	Canvasback



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☐	* Branta canadensis	Canada Goose
☐	* Bucephala albeola	Bufflehead
☐	* Bucephala clangula	Common Goldeneye
☐	* Chen caerulescens	Snow Goose
☐	* Dendrocygna autumnalis	Black-bellied Whistling-duck
☐	* Dendrocygna bicolor	Fulvous Whistling Duck, Fulvous Whistling-Duck
☐	* Lophodytes cucullatus	Hooded Merganser
☐	* Mergus serrator	Red-breasted Merganser
☐	* Oxyura jamaicensis	Ruddy Duck
Apodiformes/Apodidae		
☐	Chaetura pelagica	Chimney Swift
Apodiformes/Trochilidae		
☐	Archilochus colubris	Ruby-throated Hummingbird
☐	* Selasphorus rufus	Rufous Hummingbird
Caprimulgiformes/Caprimulgidae		
☐	Caprimulgus carolinensis	Chuck-will's-widow
☐	Caprimulgus vociferus	Whip-poor-will
☐	Chordeiles minor	Common Nighthawk
Charadriiformes/Charadriidae		
☐	* Charadrius semipalmatus	Semipalmated Plover
☐	Charadrius vociferus	Killdeer
☐	* Pluvialis dominica	American Golden Plover, American Golden-Plover, Lesser Golden-Plover
☐	* Pluvialis squatarola	Black-bellied Plover, Grey Plover
Charadriiformes/Laridae		
☐	* Chlidonias niger	Black Tern
☐	Gelochelidon nilotica	Gull-billed Tern
☐	* Larus argentatus	European Herring Gull, Herring Gull
☐	* Larus atricilla	Laughing Gull
☐	* Larus delawarensis	Ring-billed Gull
☐	* Larus philadelphia	Bonaparte's Gull
☐	* Larus pipixcan	Franklin's Gull
☐	* Rynchops niger	Black Skimmer
☐	* Sterna antillarum	Least Tern
☐	* Sterna caspia	Caspian Tern
☐	* Sterna forsteri	Forster's Tern
☐	* Sterna hirundo	Common Tern



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Charadriiformes/Recurvirostridae		
[]	* Himantopus mexicanus	Ae'o, Black-necked Stilt, Hawaiian Stilt
[]	* Recurvirostra americana	American Avocet
Charadriiformes/Scolopacidae		
[]	Actitis macularia	Spotted Sandpiper
[]	* Arenaria interpres	Ruddy Turnstone
[]	* Bartramia longicauda	Upland Sandpiper
[]	* Calidris alba	Sanderling
[]	* Calidris alpina	Dunlin
[]	* Calidris bairdii	Baird's Sandpiper
[]	* Calidris fuscicollis	White-rumped Sandpiper
[]	* Calidris himantopus	
[]	* Calidris mauri	Western Sandpiper
[]	* Calidris melanotos	Pectoral Sandpiper
[]	* Calidris minutilla	Least Sandpiper
[]	* Calidris pusilla	Semipalmated Sandpiper
[]	* Catoptrophorus semipalmatus	Willet
[]	Gallinago gallinago	Common Snipe
[]	* Limnodromus griseus	Short-billed Dowitcher
[]	* Limnodromus scolopaceus	Long-billed Dowitcher
[]	* Limosa fedoa	Marbled Godwit
[]	* Limosa haemastica	Hudsonian Godwit
[]	* Numenius americanus	Long-billed Curlew
[]	* Numenius borealis	Eskimo Curlew
[]	* Scolopax minor	American Woodcock
[]	* Steganopus tricolor	Wilson's Phalarope
[]	* Tringa flavipes	Lesser Yellowlegs
[]	* Tringa melanoleuca	Greater Yellowlegs
[]	* Tringa solitaria	Solitary Sandpiper
[]	* Tryngites subruficollis	Buff-breasted Sandpiper
Ciconiiformes/Ciconiidae		
[]	Mycteria americana	wood stork
Columbiformes/Columbidae		
[]	* Columba livia	Common Pigeon, Rock Dove, Rock Pigeon
[]	* Columbina inca	Inca Dove
[]	* Columbina passerina	Common Ground Dove, Common Ground-Dove
[]	Zenaida asiatica	White-winged Dove



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[] Zenaida macroura	Mourning Dove
Coraciiformes/Alcedinidae	
[] Ceryle alcyon	Belted Kingfisher
Cuculiformes/Cuculidae	
[] Coccyzus americanus	Yellow-billed Cuckoo
[] * Coccyzus erythrophthalmus	Black-billed Cuckoo
[] * Crotophaga sulcirostris	Groove-billed Ani
[] Geococcyx californianus	Greater Roadrunner
Falconiformes/Falconidae	
[] * Falco columbarius	Merlin
[] * Falco peregrinus	Peregrine Falcon
[] Falco sparverius	American Kestrel
[] Polyborus plancus	Crested Caracara
Galliformes/Odontophoridae	
[] Colinus virginianus	Northern Bobwhite
Galliformes/Phasianidae	
[] * Meleagris gallopavo	Wild Turkey
Gaviiformes/Gaviidae	
[] * Gavia immer	Common Loon, Great Northern Diver, Great Northern Loon
Gruiformes/Gruidae	
[] * Grus canadensis	Sandhill Crane
Gruiformes/Rallidae	
[] * Fulica americana	American Coot
[] * Gallinula chloropus	Common Moorhen, Eurasian Moorhen
[] * Porphyryla martinica	Purple Gallinule
[] * Porzana carolina	Sora
[] * Rallus elegans	King Rail
[] * Rallus limicola	Virginia Rail
[] * Rallus longirostris	Mangrove Rail
Passeriformes/Alaudidae	
[] * Eremophila alpestris	Horned Lark
Passeriformes/Bombycillidae	
[] * Bombycilla cedrorum	Cedar Waxwing
Passeriformes/Calcariidae	
[] * Calcarius lapponicus	Lapland Longspur
Passeriformes/Cardinalidae	
[] Cardinalis cardinalis	Northern Cardinal
[] Guiraca caerulea	Blue Grosbeak



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☐	<i>Passerina ciris</i>	Painted Bunting
☐	<i>Passerina cyanea</i>	Indigo Bunting
☐ *	<i>Pheucticus ludovicianus</i>	Rose-breasted Grosbeak
☐ *	<i>Pheucticus melanocephalus</i>	Black-headed Grosbeak
☐ *	<i>Piranga ludoviciana</i>	Western Tanager
☐ *	<i>Piranga olivacea</i>	Scarlet Tanager
☐	<i>Piranga rubra</i>	Summer Tanager
☐ *	<i>Spiza americana</i>	Dickcissel
Passeriformes/Certhiidae		
☐ *	<i>Certhia americana</i>	Brown Creeper
Passeriformes/Corvidae		
☐	<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>	American Crow
☐ *	<i>Corvus ossifragus</i>	Fish Crow
☐	<i>Cyanocitta cristata</i>	Blue Jay
Passeriformes/Fringillidae		
☐ *	<i>Carduelis pinus</i>	Pine Siskin
☐ *	<i>Carduelis tristis</i>	American Goldfinch
☐	<i>Carpodacus mexicanus</i>	House Finch
☐ *	<i>Carpodacus purpureus</i>	Purple Finch
☐ *	<i>Coccothraustes vespertinus</i>	Evening Grosbeak
Passeriformes/Hirundinidae		
☐ *	<i>Hirundo pyrrhonota</i>	Cliff Swallow
☐ *	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	Barn Swallow
☐	<i>Progne subis</i>	Purple Martin
☐	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	Bank Swallow
☐ *	<i>Stelgidopteryx serripennis</i>	Northern Rough-winged Swallow
☐ *	<i>Tachycineta bicolor</i>	Tree Swallow
Passeriformes/Icteridae		
☐	<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>	Red-winged Blackbird
☐ *	<i>Dolichonyx oryzivorus</i>	Bobolink
☐ *	<i>Euphagus carolinus</i>	Rusty Blackbird
☐ *	<i>Euphagus cyanocephalus</i>	Brewer's Blackbird
☐	<i>Icterus galbula</i>	Baltimore Oriole
☐	<i>Icterus spurius</i>	Orchard Oriole
☐	<i>Molothrus ater</i>	Brown-headed Cowbird
☐ *	<i>Quiscalus major</i>	Boat-tailed Grackle
☐ *	<i>Quiscalus mexicanus</i>	Great-tailed Grackle



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[]	<i>Quiscalus quiscula</i>	Common Grackle
[] *	<i>Sturnella magna</i>	Eastern Meadowlark
[] *	<i>Sturnella neglecta</i>	Western Meadowlark
[] *	<i>Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus</i>	Yellow-headed Blackbird
Passeriformes/Icteriidae		
[]	<i>Icteria virens</i>	Yellow-breasted Chat
Passeriformes/Laniidae		
[]	<i>Lanius ludovicianus</i>	Loggerhead Shrike
Passeriformes/Mimidae		
[]	<i>Dumetella carolinensis</i>	Gray Catbird
[]	<i>Mimus polyglottos</i>	Northern Mockingbird
[]	<i>Toxostoma rufum</i>	Brown Thrasher
Passeriformes/Motacillidae		
[] *	<i>Anthus spinoletta</i>	Water Pipit
[] *	<i>Anthus spragueii</i>	Sprague's Pipit
Passeriformes/Paridae		
[]	<i>Parus bicolor</i>	Tufted Titmouse
[]	<i>Parus carolinensis</i>	Carolina Chickadee
Passeriformes/Parulidae		
[] *	<i>Dendroica caerulescens</i>	
[] *	<i>Dendroica castanea</i>	
[] *	<i>Dendroica cerulea</i>	
[] *	<i>Dendroica coronata</i>	Yellow-rumped Warbler
[]	<i>Dendroica discolor</i>	Prairie Warbler
[]	<i>Dendroica dominica</i>	Yellow-throated Warbler
[] *	<i>Dendroica fusca</i>	Blackburnian Warbler
[] *	<i>Dendroica magnolia</i>	Magnolia Warbler
[] *	<i>Dendroica palmarum</i>	
[] *	<i>Dendroica pensylvanica</i>	Chestnut-sided Warbler
[] *	<i>Dendroica petechia</i>	Yellow Warbler
[]	<i>Dendroica pinus</i>	Pine Warbler
[] *	<i>Dendroica striata</i>	Blackpoll Warbler
[] *	<i>Dendroica tigrina</i>	
[] *	<i>Dendroica virens</i>	Black-throated Green Warbler
[]	<i>Geothlypis trichas</i>	Common Yellowthroat
[]	<i>Helmitheros vermivorus</i>	Worm-eating Warbler
[]	<i>Limnothlypis swainsonii</i>	Swainson's Warbler



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[]	<i>Mniotilta varia</i>	Black-and-white Warbler
[]	<i>Oporornis formosus</i>	Kentucky Warbler
[] *	<i>Oporornis philadelphia</i>	
[]	<i>Parula americana</i>	Northern Parula
[]	<i>Protonotaria citrea</i>	Prothonotary Warbler
[]	<i>Seiurus aurocapillus</i>	Ovenbird
[]	<i>Seiurus motacilla</i>	Louisiana Waterthrush
[] *	<i>Seiurus noveboracensis</i>	Northern Waterthrush
[]	<i>Setophaga ruticilla</i>	American Redstart
[] *	<i>Vermivora celata</i>	
[] *	<i>Vermivora chrysoptera</i>	Golden-winged Warbler
[] *	<i>Vermivora peregrina</i>	
[] *	<i>Vermivora pinus</i>	Blue-winged Warbler
[] *	<i>Vermivora ruficapilla</i>	
[] *	<i>Wilsonia canadensis</i>	
[]	<i>Wilsonia citrina</i>	Hooded Warbler
[] *	<i>Wilsonia pusilla</i>	wilson's warbler
Passeriformes/Passerellidae		
[] *	<i>Aimophila aestivalis</i>	Bachman's Sparrow
[] *	<i>Ammodramus henslowii</i>	Henslow's Sparrow
[] *	<i>Ammodramus leconteii</i>	Le Conte's Sparrow
[] *	<i>Ammodramus savannarum</i>	Grasshopper Sparrow
[] *	<i>Chondestes grammacus</i>	Lark Sparrow
[] *	<i>Junco hyemalis</i>	Dark-eyed Junco
[] *	<i>Melospiza georgiana</i>	Swamp Sparrow
[] *	<i>Melospiza lincolni</i>	Lincoln's Sparrow
[]	<i>Melospiza melodia</i>	Song Sparrow
[] *	<i>Passerculus sandwichensis</i>	Savannah Sparrow
[] *	<i>Passerella iliaca</i>	Fox Sparrow
[] *	<i>Pipilo erythrophthalmus</i>	Rufous-sided Towhee
[] *	<i>Pooecetes gramineus</i>	Vesper Sparrow
[] *	<i>Spizella pallida</i>	Clay-colored Sparrow
[]	<i>Spizella passerina</i>	Chipping Sparrow
[] *	<i>Spizella pusilla</i>	Field Sparrow
[] *	<i>Zonotrichia albicollis</i>	White-throated Sparrow
[] *	<i>Zonotrichia leucophrys</i>	White-crowned Sparrow
[] *	<i>Zonotrichia querula</i>	Harris' Sparrow, Harris's Sparrow



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Passeriformes/Passeridae	
[] <i>Passer domesticus</i>	House Sparrow
Passeriformes/Poliophtidae	
[] <i>Poliophtila caerulea</i>	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
Passeriformes/Regulidae	
[] <i>Regulus calendula</i>	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
[] * <i>Regulus satrapa</i>	Golden-crowned Kinglet
Passeriformes/Sittidae	
[] * <i>Sitta canadensis</i>	Red-breasted Nuthatch
[] <i>Sitta carolinensis</i>	White-breasted Nuthatch
[] <i>Sitta pusilla</i>	Brown-headed Nuthatch
Passeriformes/Sturnidae	
[] * <i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	European Starling
Passeriformes/Troglodytidae	
[] * <i>Cistothorus palustris</i>	Marsh Wren
[] * <i>Cistothorus platensis</i>	Sedge Wren
[] * <i>Thryomanes bewickii</i>	Bewick's Wren
[] <i>Thryothorus ludovicianus</i>	Carolina Wren
[] * <i>Troglodytes aedon</i>	House Wren
[] * <i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	winter wren
Passeriformes/Turdidae	
[] * <i>Catharus fuscescens</i>	Veery
[] * <i>Catharus guttatus</i>	Hermit Thrush
[] * <i>Catharus minimus</i>	Gray-cheeked Thrush
[] * <i>Catharus ustulatus</i>	Swainson's Thrush
[] <i>Hylocichla mustelina</i>	wood thrush
[] <i>Sialia sialis</i>	Eastern Bluebird
[] <i>Turdus migratorius</i>	American Robin
Passeriformes/Tyrannidae	
[] * <i>Contopus borealis</i>	Olive-sided Flycatcher
[] <i>Contopus virens</i>	Eastern Wood-pewee
[] <i>Empidonax flaviventris</i>	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher
[] * <i>Empidonax minimus</i>	Least Flycatcher
[] <i>Empidonax virens</i>	Acadian Flycatcher
[] <i>Myiarchus crinitus</i>	Great Crested Flycatcher
[] * <i>Pyrocephalus rubinus</i>	Scarlet Flycatcher, Vermilion Flycatcher
[] <i>Sayornis phoebe</i>	Eastern Phoebe
[] * <i>Tyrannus forficatus</i>	Scissor-tailed Flycatcher



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☐	<i>Tyrannus tyrannus</i>	Eastern Kingbird
☐	* <i>Tyrannus verticalis</i>	Western Kingbird
Passeriformes/Vireonidae		
☐	* <i>Vireo bellii</i>	Bell's Vireo
☐	<i>Vireo flavifrons</i>	Yellow-throated Vireo
☐	* <i>Vireo gilvus</i>	Warbling Vireo
☐	<i>Vireo griseus</i>	White-eyed Vireo
☐	<i>Vireo olivaceus</i>	Red-eyed Vireo
☐	* <i>Vireo philadelphicus</i>	Philadelphia Vireo
☐	* <i>Vireo solitarius</i>	Solitary Vireo
Pelecaniformes/Ardeidae		
☐	<i>Ardea herodias</i>	Great Blue Heron
☐	* <i>Botaurus lentiginosus</i>	American Bittern
☐	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	Cattle Egret
☐	<i>Butorides virescens</i>	Green Heron
☐	<i>Casmerodius albus</i>	Great Egret
☐	<i>Egretta caerulea</i>	Little Blue Heron
☐	* <i>Egretta rufescens</i>	Reddish Egret
☐	<i>Egretta thula</i>	Snowy Egret
☐	<i>Egretta tricolor</i>	Tricolored Heron
☐	* <i>Ixobrychus exilis</i>	Least Bittern
☐	<i>Nyctanassa violacea</i>	Yellow-crowned Night-Heron
☐	* <i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	Black-crowned Night Heron
Pelecaniformes/Pelecanidae		
☐	* <i>Pelecanus erythrorhynchos</i>	American White Pelican
Pelecaniformes/Threskiornithidae		
☐	* <i>Ajaia ajaja</i>	
☐	<i>Eudocimus albus</i>	White Ibis
☐	* <i>Plegadis chihi</i>	White-faced Ibis
Piciformes/Picidae		
☐	<i>Colaptes auratus</i>	Northern Flicker
☐	<i>Dryocopus pileatus</i>	Pileated Woodpecker
☐	<i>Melanerpes carolinus</i>	Red-bellied Woodpecker
☐	<i>Melanerpes erythrocephalus</i>	Red-headed Woodpecker
☐	<i>Picoides borealis</i>	Red-cockaded Woodpecker
☐	<i>Picoides pubescens</i>	Downy Woodpecker
☐	<i>Picoides villosus</i>	Hairy Woodpecker



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[] * Sphyrapicus varius	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
Podicipediformes/Podicipedidae	
[] * Podiceps auritus	Horned Grebe
[] * Podiceps nigricollis	Black-necked Grebe, Eared Grebe
[] * Podilymbus podiceps	Pied-billed Grebe
Strigiformes/Strigidae	
[] * Asio flammeus	Short-eared Owl
[] * Asio otus	Long-eared Owl
[] Bubo virginianus	Great Horned Owl
[] Otus asio	Eastern Screech-owl
[] Strix varia	Barred Owl
Strigiformes/Tytonidae	
[] * Tyto alba	Barn Owl, Common Barn Owl, Common Barn-Owl, Western Barn Owl
Suliformes/Anhingidae	
[] Anhinga anhinga	Anhinga
Suliformes/Fregatidae	
[] * Fregata magnificens	Magnificent Frigatebird
Suliformes/Phalacrocoracidae	
[] Phalacrocorax auritus	Double-crested Cormorant
[] * Phalacrocorax olivaceus	
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*Documented occurrences of the species in the park or in the adjoining region of the park give reason to suspect that it probably occurs within the park; however, current, verifiable evidence is needed.

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