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Assateague Island and Chincoteague

A wild barrier island where ponies graze the dunes and salt marsh, sika deer slip through the pines and herons, egrets and snow geese crowd the pools of Chincoteague refuge.

117 animals

14 mammals, 76 birds, 7 reptiles, 4 amphibians, 10 other sea life, 3 butterflies and 3 dragonflies

Best time: Apr to Jun, Sept to Nov

Seen _____ of 117

ANIMAL DATE AND PLACE

01 Ponies and deer 3

- ☐ Feral Horse
- ☐ Sika Deer
- ☐ White-tailed Deer

02 Other mammals 8

- ☐ Red Fox
- ☐ Raccoon
- ☐ Virginia Opossum
- ☐ Eastern Cottontail
- ☐ Grey Squirrel
- ☐ Fox Squirrel Rare
- ☐ Muskrat
- ☐ River Otter Rare

03 Sea mammals 3

- ☐ Bottlenose Dolphin
- ☐ Harbour Seal Rare
- ☐ Humpback Whale Rare

04 Herons and waders 10

- ☐ Great Blue Heron
- ☐ Great Egret
- ☐ Snowy Egret
- ☐ Little Blue Heron

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04 Herons and waders continued

- ☐ Tricolored Heron
- ☐ Western Cattle Egret
- ☐ Green Heron
- ☐ Black-crowned Night Heron
- ☐ Yellow-crowned Night Heron
- ☐ Glossy Ibis

05 Geese and ducks 12

- ☐ Snow Goose
- ☐ Brant
- ☐ Canada Goose
- ☐ Tundra Swan
- ☐ American Black Duck
- ☐ Northern Pintail
- ☐ Green-winged Teal
- ☐ Northern Shoveler
- ☐ American Wigeon
- ☐ Bufflehead
- ☐ Red-breasted Merganser
- ☐ Surf Scoter

Tick them off in Wilder

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06 Shorebirds, gulls and terns 21

- [ ] American Oystercatcher
- [ ] Piping Plover
- [ ] Black-bellied Plover
- [ ] Semipalmated Plover
- [ ] Ruddy Turnstone
- [ ] Red Knot
- [ ] Sanderling
- [ ] Dunlin
- [ ] Short-billed Dowitcher
- [ ] Willet
- [ ] Greater Yellowlegs
- [ ] Black-necked Stilt
- [ ] Whimbrel
- [ ] Laughing Gull
- [ ] Herring Gull
- [ ] Great Black-backed Gull
- [ ] Royal Tern
- [ ] Forster's Tern
- [ ] Common Tern
- [ ] Least Tern
- [ ] Black Skimmer

07 Sea and marsh birds 9

- [ ] Brown Pelican
- [ ] Double-crested Cormorant
- [ ] Northern Gannet
- [ ] Common Loon
- [ ] Red-throated Loon
- [ ] Clapper Rail
- [ ] Marsh Wren
- [ ] Seaside Sparrow
- [ ] Saltmarsh Sparrow

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08 Birds of prey 8

- [ ] Osprey
- [ ] Bald Eagle
- [ ] Northern Harrier
- [ ] Peregrine Falcon
- [ ] Merlin
- [ ] Turkey Vulture
- [ ] Great Horned Owl
- [ ] Snowy Owl Rare

09 Land birds 16

- [ ] Brown-headed Nuthatch
- [ ] Pine Warbler
- [ ] Prairie Warbler
- [ ] Yellow-rumped Warbler
- [ ] Common Yellowthroat
- [ ] Eastern Towhee
- [ ] Carolina Wren
- [ ] Northern Mockingbird
- [ ] Northern Cardinal
- [ ] Boat-tailed Grackle
- [ ] Red-winged Blackbird
- [ ] Fish Crow
- [ ] Tree Swallow
- [ ] Purple Martin
- [ ] Eastern Kingbird
- [ ] Blue Grosbeak

10 Reptiles and amphibians 11

- [ ] Diamondback Terrapin
- [ ] Eastern Box Turtle
- [ ] Snapping Turtle
- [ ] Eastern Rat Snake
- [ ] North American Racer
- [ ] Eastern Hog-nosed Snake Rare
- [ ] Loggerhead Sea Turtle Rare
- [ ] Fowler's Toad

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10 Reptiles and amphibians continued

- [ ] Southern Leopard Frog
- [ ] Green Tree Frog
- [ ] Spring Peeper

11 Beach and bay life 10

- [ ] Atlantic Ghost Crab
- [ ] Atlantic Marsh Fiddler Crab
- [ ] Atlantic Mole Crab
- [ ] Variable Coquina
- [ ] Atlantic Horseshoe Crab
- [ ] Atlantic Blue Crab
- [ ] Knobbed Whelk

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11 Beach and bay life continued

- [ ] Bay Nettle
- [ ] Moon Jellyfish
- [ ] American Cownose Ray

12 Butterflies and dragonflies 6

- [ ] Monarch
- [ ] Common Buckeye
- [ ] Cloudless Sulphur
- [ ] Seaside Dragonlet
- [ ] Common Green Darner
- [ ] Needham's Skimmer

My trip

FROM TO

TRAVELLING WITH

STAYING AT SEEN OF 117

FIRST ANIMAL WE SAW

BEST MOMENT

FIELD NOTES AND SKETCHES

ALSO SEEN, NOT ON THIS LIST

KEEP IT IN WILDER

Tick them off in the app

Scan to open this checklist in Wilder. Add your photos, see your whole trip, earn badges and the Assateague passport stamp, and watch your life list grow.

BEST TIME

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Assateague is good all year, and the wildlife shifts with the seasons.

A guide, not a guarantee: what you see depends on season, luck and patience. Give wildlife space and never feed it. Follow the local rules on distance.