

Sharks Found in North Carolina and Adjacent Atlantic Ocean Waters

Some 36 species of sharks are known from the estuarine, shelf, and deep ocean waters of North Carolina. With further sampling 10 others, which have been taken in the western Atlantic to the north or south of North Carolina (Delaware to northern Florida), are expected to be included as part of our fauna. The known and expected sharks from North Carolina or adjacent western Atlantic Ocean Waters are listed below.

Common Name	Scientific Name	NC	SC	VA	DE	NJ	nFL	Cari
Six Gill Shark	<i>Hexanchus griseus</i>	X						
Seven Gill Shark	<i>Heptranchias perlo</i>	X	X					
Nurse Shark	<i>Ginglymostoma cirratum</i>	X	X					
Whale Shark	<i>Rhiodon typus</i>	X						
Sand Tiger	<i>Eugomphodus tarus</i>	X	X					
Bigeye Thresher	<i>Alopias superciliosus</i>	X	X					
Thresher Shark	<i>Alopias vulpinus</i>	X	X					
White Shark	<i>Carcharodon carcharias</i>	X	X					
Basking Shark	<i>Cetorhinus maximus</i>	X	X					
Shortfin Mako	<i>Isurus oxyrinchus</i>	X	X					
Longfin Mako	<i>Isurus paucus</i>	X						
Porbeagle	<i>Lamna nasus</i>		X	X		X		
	<i>Apristurus laurussoni</i>				X			
	<i>Apristurus profundorum</i>			X				X
Marbled Cat Shark	<i>Galeus arae</i>		X					
Chain Dogfish	<i>Scyliorhinus retifer</i>	X	X					
	<i>Scyliorhinus meadi</i>	X	X					
Finetooth Shark	<i>Carcharhinus isodon</i>	X	X					
Blacknose Shark	<i>Carcharhinus altimus</i>	X	X					
Bignose Shark	<i>Carcharhinus altimus</i>	X	X				X	
Silky Shark	<i>Carcharhinus falciformis</i>	X	X					
Bull Shark	<i>Carcharhinus leucas</i>	X	X					
Blacktip Shark	<i>Carcharhinus limbatus</i>	X	X					
Oceanic Whitetip Shark	<i>Carcharhinus longimanus</i>	X	X					
Spinner Shark	<i>Carcharhinus brevipinna</i>	X	X					
Sandbar Shark	<i>Carcharhinus plumbeus</i>	X	X					
Dusky Shark	<i>Carcharhinus obscurus</i>	X	X					
Tiger Shark	<i>Galeocerdo cuvieri</i>	X	X					
Night Shark	<i>Carcharhinus signatus</i>	X	X					
Smooth Dogfish	<i>Mustelus canis</i>	X	X					
Florida Smoothhound	<i>Nustelus norrisi</i>						X	
Lemon Shark	<i>Negaprion brevirostris</i>	X	X					
Blue Shark	<i>Prionace glauca</i>	X	X					
Atlantic Sharpnose Shark	<i>Rhizopionodon terraenovae</i>	X	X					
Scalloped Hammerhead	<i>Sphyma lewini</i>	X	X					
Great Hammerhead	<i>Sphyma mokarran</i>	X	X					
Bonnethead	<i>Sphyma tiburo</i>	X	X					
Smooth Hammerhead	<i>Sphyma zygaena</i>	X	X					
Black Dogfish	<i>Centroscyllium fabricii</i>			X				
	<i>Deania profundorum</i>	X						
Bramble Shark	<i>Echinorhinus brucus</i>	X		X				
	<i>Etmopterus bullisi</i>	X						
	<i>Etmopterus gracilispinis</i>			X			X	
	<i>Etmopterus hillianus</i>	X						
Spiny Dogfish	<i>Squalus acanthias</i>	X	X					
Cuban Dogfish	<i>Squalus cubensis</i>	X	X					
Blainville's Dogfish	<i>Squalus mitsukurii</i>	X	X					
Atlantic Angel Shark	<i>Squatina dumerili</i>	X	X					
Gulper	<i>Centrophorus granulosus</i>	?	?					
Greenland Shark	<i>Sommiosus microcephalus</i>	X						