

Yakutat Birds

	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi	Habitat	Notes
Loons						
Red-throated Loon	C	U	C	P	f,s	
Pacific Loon	C	U	C	C	s	
Common Loon	C	F	C	C	f,s	
Yellow-billed Loon	U	U	U	U	s	
Grebes						
Horned Grebe	C	P	C	U	s	
Red-necked Grebe	C	X	C	U	s	
Albatrosses						
Black-footed Albatross	X	X	X	X	s	
Shearwaters, Petrels, and Fulmars						
Northern Fulmar	C	C	C	C	s	
Sooty Shearwater	C	P	C	-	s	
Short-tailed Shearwater	P	P	P	-	s	
Storm-Petrels						
Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel	C	R	C	P	s	
Cormorants						
Brandt's Cormorant	X	-	-	-	s	
Double-crested Cormorant	C	R	C	U	s	
Red-faced Cormorant	C				s	
Pelagic Cormorant	C	U	C	U	s	
Hérons, Bitterns						
Great Blue Heron	U	R	U	U	c,f,m,t	
Swans, Geese, Ducks						
Greater White-fronted Goose	C	-	C	-	f,t,m	
Emperor Goose	-	-	C	C	f,s,t	
Snow Goose	C	-	C	-	f,m,t	
Canada Goose	C	C	C	U	all	
Brant (Black)	U	X	U	X	s,t	
Trumpeter Swan	U	U	U	C	f,m,t	
Tundra Swan	C	-	U	-	f,m,t	
Gadwall	R	R	F	R	f,m,s,t	
Eurasian Wigeon	-	-	X	X	f,m,s,t	
American Wigeon	C	U	C	U	f,m,s,t	
Mallard	C	C	C	C	f,m,s,t,	
Blue-winged Teal	X	X	-	-	f,m,t	
Northern Shoveler	F	U	F	-	f,m,s,t	
Northern Pintail	C	F	C	P	f,m,s,t	
Green-winged Teal	C	C	C	P	f,m,s,t	
Canvasback	U	X	U	-	f,m,s,t	
Redhead	U	X	U	-	f,m,s,t	
Ring-necked Duck	C	C	C	-	f,m,s,t	
Greater Scaup	C	X	C	F	f,m,s,t	
Lesser Scaup	X	P	P	-	f,m,s,t	
Harlequin Duck	C	C	C	C	f,s,t	
Surf Scoter	C	C	C	C	s	
White-winged Scoter	C	C	C	C	s	

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___ Black Scoter	F	U	F	C	s	
___ Long-tailed Duck	C	R	C	F	s	
___ Bufflehead	C	V	C	C	f,s,t	
___ Common Goldeneye	C	F	C	C	f,s,t	
___ Barrow's Goldeneye	C	C	C	C	f,s,t	
___ Hooded Merganser	C	R	R	R	f,s,t	
___ Common Merganser	C	C	C	F	f,s,t	
___ Red-breasted Merganser	C	F	C	C	f,s,t	
Hawk, Eagles, Harriers, Osprey						
___ Osprey	R	R	R	-	c,f,s,t	
___ Bald Eagle	C	C	C	C	all	
___ Northern Harrier	C	F	C	P	a,m,t	
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk	C	R	C	O	a,c,d,m,t	
___ Northern Goshawk	R	U	R	P	c,d	
___ Red-tailed Hawk	O	U	U	-	c,d,m	
___ Rough-legged Hawk	R	U	U	-	a,m,t	
___ Golden Eagle	P	R	U	-	a	
Falcons						
___ American Kestrel	U	-	U	-	a,c,d,m,t	
___ Merlin	U	U	R	P	a,c,d,m,t	
___ Gyrfalcon	-	-	X	-	a,m,t	
___ Peregrine Falcon	U	R	U	-	a,m,t	
Grouse, Ptarmigan						
___ Willow Ptarmigan	F	F	F	F	a,d	
___ Rock Ptarmigan	F	F	F	F	a	
___ White-tailed Ptarmigan	U	U	U	U	a	
___ Blue Grouse	X				a,c,m	
Coots						
___ American Coot	-	-	X	-	f,m	
Cranes						
___ Sandhill Crane	C	P	C	-	m,t	
Plovers						
___ Black-bellied Plover	C	-	C	-	t	
___ American Golden-Plover	R	-	R	-	t	
___ Pacific Golden-Plover	U	-	U	-	t	
___ Semipalmated Plover	F	F	F	-	t	
___ Killdeer	X	X	-	-	t	
Oystercatchers						
___ Black Oystercatcher	F	C	F	P	t	
Sandpipers						
___ Greater Yellowlegs	F	F	F	-	f,m,t	
___ Lesser Yellowlegs	U	U	U	-	f,m,t	
___ Solitary Sandpiper	R	-	R	-	d,f,m,t	
___ Wandering Tattler	U	-	U	-	t	
___ Spotted Sandpiper	F	F	F	-	f,m,t	
___ Upland Sandpiper	-	-	X	-	m	
___ Whimbrel	F	R	F	-	m,t	

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___ Hudsonian Godwit	U	R	U	–	t	
___ Marbled Godwit	C	–	X	–	t	
___ Ruddy Turnstone	U	–	U	–	t	
___ Black Turnstone	F	R	F	–	t	
___ Surfbird	U	–	U	–	t	
___ Red Knot	C	–	–	–	t	
___ Sanderling	C	X	C	–	t	
___ Semipalmated Sandpiper	C	–	C	–	t	
___ Western Sandpiper	C	R	C	–	t	
___ Least Sandpiper	C	U	C	–	m,t	
___ Baird's Sandpiper	U	–	U	–	t	
___ Pectoral Sandpiper	C	X	C	–	m,t	
___ Rock Sandpiper	U	–	U	P	t	
___ Dunlin	C	–	C	P	t	
___ Short-billed Dowitcher	C	R	C	–	m,t	
___ Long-billed Dowitcher	C	–	C	–	t	
___ Wilson's Snipe	C	C	C	P	d,m,t	
___ Red-necked Phalarope	C	F	C	–	f,m,s,t	
___ Red Phalarope	P	–	C	–	s	
Jaegers, Gulls, Terns						
___ South Polar Skua	–	X	–	–	s	
___ Pomarine Jaeger	U	X	U	–	s	
___ Parasitic Jaeger	C	F	C	–	f,m,s,t	
___ Long-tailed Jaeger	R	U	R	–	s	
___ Bonaparte's Gull	C	C	C	–	f,m,s,t	
___ Mew Gull	C	C	C	C	f,m,s,t,u	
___ California Gull	X	–	X	–	s,t	
___ Herring Gull	C	F	C	U	f,m,s,t,u	
___ Thayer's Gull	U	U	U	U	s,t	
___ Glaucous-winged Gull	C	C	C	C	f,m,s,t,u	
___ Glaucous Gull	U	U	U	U	f,s,t	
___ Sabine's Gull	R	–	U	–	s,t	
___ Black-legged Kittiwake	C	C	C	C	s,t	
___ Caspian Tern	F	F	F	–	s,t	
___ Arctic Tern	C	C	C	–	f,m,s,t	
___ Aleutian Tern	C	C	C	–	f,m,s,t	
Alcids						
___ Common Murre	F	F	F	U	s	
___ Pigeon Guillemot	C	C	C	C	s	
___ Marbled Murrelet	C	C	C	C	c,s	
___ Kittlitz's Murrelet	F	F	F	F	a,s	
___ Rhinoceros Auklet	–	X	–	–	c,s	
___ Horned Puffin	–	X	–	–	s,t	
___ Tufted Puffin	U	U	P	–	s,t	
Pigeons, Doves						
___ Eurasian Collared-dove	P	R	P	–	u	
___ Mourning Dove	–	–	X	–	a,m,t,u	

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Owls						
___ Western Screech-Owl	-	U	-	P	c,d	
___ Great Horned Owl	-	U	-	P	c,d	
___ Snowy Owl	-	R	-	X	a,m	
___ Northern Hawk Owl	R	R	R	R	c,d	
___ Northern Pygmy-Owl	P	U	U	P	c,d	
___ Great Gray Owl	P	P	R	P	c,d	
___ Short-eared Owl	U	U	U	P	a,m,t,	
___ Northern Saw-whet Owl	U	F	U	P	c,d	
___ Barred Owl	P	R	P	P	c	
___ Boreal Owl	P	R	P	P	c,d	
Nighthawks						
___ Common Nighthawk	-	X	-	-	a,m	
Hummingbirds						
___ Rufous Hummingbird	C	C	C	-	a,c,d,m	
Kingfishers						
___ Belted Kingfisher	U	F	F	R	f,m,t,s	
Woodpeckers						
___ Red-breasted Sapsucker	P	U	U	-	c,d	
___ Downy Woodpecker	R	R	R	P	c,d	
___ Hairy Woodpecker	F	F	F	U	c,d	
___ Northern Flicker	P	R	R	P	a,c,d	
Flycatchers						
___ Olive-sided Flycatcher	P	U	U	-	c,d	
___ Western Wood-Pewee	X	X	P	-	c,d	
___ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	-	-	X	-	c,d	
___ Alder Flycatcher	U	F	U	-	c,d,m	
___ Least Flycatcher	-	X	-	-	d	
___ Pacific-slope Flycatcher	-	R	-	-	c,d	
___ Hammond's Flycatcher	-	X	-	-	d	
Shrikes						
___ Northern Shrike	-	-	R	-	d,m,t	
Vireos						
___ Warbling Vireo	-	P	R	-	d	
Jays, Crows						
___ Steller's Jay	F	F	F	F	c,d,u	
___ Black-billed Magpie	U	U	U	F	a,c,d,m,t, u	
___ Northwestern Crow	C	C	C	C	c,d,m,t,u	
___ Common Raven	C	C	C	C	a,c,d,m,t, u	
Swallows						
___ Tree Swallow	C	U	C	-	d,f,m,t,u	
___ Violet-green Swallow	C	U	C	-	d,f,m,t,u	
___ Bank Swallow	R	U	R	-	f,m,t	
___ Cliff Swallow	R	R	R	-	f,m,t,u	
___ Barn Swallow	U	F	U	-	f,m,t,u	
Chickadees						

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___ Black-capped Chickadee	R	R	R	R	c,d	
___ Chestnut-backed Chickadee	F	F	F	F	c,d,u	
___ Boreal Chickadee	P	P	–	R	c,d	
Nuthatches						
___ Red-breasted Nuthatch	U	U	U	U	c,d,u	
Creepers						
___ Brown Creeper	R	U	R	P	c,d	
Wrens						
___ Pacific (Winter) Wren	C	C	C	R	c,d,t	
Dippers						
___ American Dipper	F	F	F	U	f	
Kinglets						
___ Golden-crowned Kinglet	F	C	F	U	c,d	
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C	C	C	–	c,d	
Thrushes						
___ Townsend's Solitaire	P	X	X	–	a,c,d	
___ Gray-cheeked Thrush	R	U	R	–	a,c,d	
___ Swainson's Thrush	P	U	U	–	c,d	
___ Hermit Thrush	C	C	C	–	c,d	
___ American Robin	F	C	F	P	a,c,d,m,t	
___ Varied Thrush	C	C	C	R	c,d	
Starlings						
___ European Starling	P	P	P	X	d,m,t,u	
Pipits						
___ American Pipit	C	P	C	–	a,m,t,u	
Waxwings						
___ Bohemian Waxwing	P	P	X	X	c,d	
Warblers						
___ Tennessee Warbler	P	P	X	–	d	
___ Orange-crowned Warbler	C	C	C	–	c,d	
___ Yellow Warbler	C	U	C	–	d	
___ Magnolia Warbler					d	
___ Yellow-rumped (Myrtle) Warbler	C	C	C	–	d	
___ Townsend's Warbler	U	R	U	–	c,d	
___ Blackpoll Warbler	–	–	X	–	d	
___ American Redstart	U	U	U	–	d	
___ Northern Waterthrush	P	U	U	–	d	
___ MacGillivray's Warbler	–	–	X	–	d	
___ Common Yellowthroat	U	U	U	–	d,m	
___ Wilson's Warbler	C	C	C	–	c,d	
Sparrows and Allies						
___ American Tree Sparrow	P	–	R	–	d,m,t	
___ Chipping Sparrow	P	P	X	–	c,d,m	
___ Brewer's Sparrow (Timberline)	–	X	X	–	d	
___ Savannah Sparrow	C	F	C	–	d,m,t	
___ Fox Sparrow	C	C	C	P	c,d	
___ Song Sparrow	R	F	U	P	d,m,t	

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___ Lincoln's Sparrow	C	C	C	–	d,m,t	
___ White-throated Sparrow	–	–	X	–	d	
___ White-crowned Sparrow	C	U	C	–	c,d,u	
___ Golden-crowned Sparrow	C	U	C	–	a,c,d,u	
___ Dark-eyed Junco (Oregon and Slate-colored)	C	C	C	U	c,d,m,t,u	
___ Lapland Longspur	R	P	R	–	a,t	
___ Snow Bunting	U	P	R	U	a,t	
Blackbirds						
___ Red-winged Blackbird	U	U	U	–	m,t	
___ Rusty Blackbird	U	U	U	–	d,m,t	
___ Common Grackle	–	–	X	–	d,m,u	
___ Brown-headed Cowbird	–	–	X	–	d,m,t,u	
Finches						
___ Gray-crowned Rosy Finch	R	R	R	U	a,d,u	
___ Pine Grosbeak	F	F	F	F	c,d,u	
___ Red Crossbill	F	F	F	F	c	
___ White-winged Crossbill	U	U	U	U	c	
___ Common Redpoll	F	U	F	F	a,c,d,m,t, u	
___ Pine Siskin	F	F	F	F	c,d,u	

210 Species (and counting!)

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DEFINITIONS OF TERMS AND SYMBOLS

SEASONS

Spring (Sp) – March through May

Summer (Su) – June and July

Fall (Fa) – August through November

Winter (Wi) – December through February

FREQUENCY CLASSIFICATION

C = Common: occurs in most suitable habitats during appropriate seasons, with certain species at times quite abundant.

F = Fairly common: occurs in some or most suitable habitats during appropriate seasons, but less abundant and fewer at times.

U = Uncommon: small numbers in suitable habitats and seasons; occasionally found.

R = Rare: either in very restricted habitat, or considered to occur most years in very small numbers; difficult to find.

X = Very Rare: includes Casual and Accidental; not observed most years but may be expected to recur.

P = Potential : species expected in range but inadequate surveying has been done, or incomplete records exist

– = Not expected in range and not recorded.

HABITAT

a = alpine, and open areas with little vegetation

c = mature coniferous forest

d = deciduous woodlands and shrub – cottonwood, alder and willow, forest gaps with blueberry

f = freshwater – includes lakes, ponds, rivers and streams.

m = marshes and wet meadows

s = saltwater – all inshore and offshore marine waters

t = tidelands – land subject to regular tidal inundations, includes sand, silt, pebble, and rock

u = developed areas, feeders

ABOUT THE CHECKLIST

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