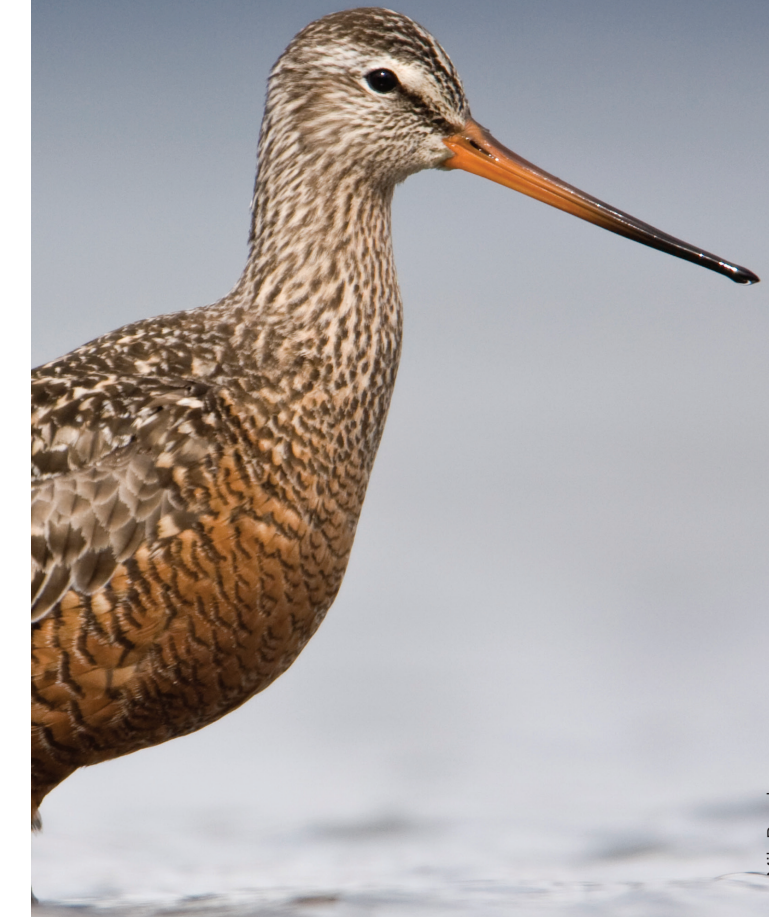


# Birds of Anchorage, Alaska

## CHECKLIST

The Anchorage area offers a surprising diversity of habitat from tidal mudflats along the coast to alpine habitat in the Chugach Mountains bordering the city.



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BOHEMIAN WAXWING

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### ACCIDENTAL, CASUAL, UNSUBSTANTIATED KEY

- Casual: Occasionally seen, but not every year
- Accidental: Only one or two ever seen here
- x Unsubstantiated: no photographic or sample evidence to support sighting
- w Listed on the Audubon Alaska WatchList of declining or threatened species

Spring: March 16–May 31, Summer: June 1–July 31,  
Fall: August 1–November 30, Winter: December 1–March 15

SPECIES	SPRING	SUMMER	FALL	WINTER
Ross's Goose	■			
Emperor Goose w	■			
Cinnamon Teal	■			
Tufted Duck	■			
Steller's Eider w	■			
Common Eider w	■			
Ruddy Duck	■			
Pied-billed Grebe	■			
Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel			■	
Leach's Storm-Petrel			■	
Pelagic Cormorant			■	
Red-faced Cormorant w			■	
Great Egret	■			
Swainson's Hawk	■			
American Coot	■			
Sora	■			
Black Oystercatcher	■			
Killdeer	■			
Terek Sandpiper			■	
Upland Sandpiper			■	
Bristle-thighed Curlew w	■			
Bar-tailed Godwit w	■			
Marbled Godwit w	■			
Red Knot	■			
Red-necked Stint	■			
White-rumped Sandpiper	■			
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	■			
Stilt Sandpiper	■			
Buff-breasted Sandpiper w	■			
Ruff	■			
Wilson's Phalarope	■			
Red Phalarope	■			
Ivory Gull w	■			
Sabine's Gull	■			
Black-headed Gull	■			
Little Gull	■			
Franklin's Gull	■			
Ring-billed Gull	■			
Slaty-backed Gull	■			
Caspian Tern	■			
Pomarine Jaeger	■			
Parasitic Jaeger	■			
Common Murre	■			
Marbled Murrelet w	■			
Mourning Dove	■			
Common Cuckoo	■			
Snowy Owl	■			

SPECIES	SPRING	SUMMER	FALL	WINTER
Vaux's Swift		■		
Anna's Hummingbird			■	
Costa's Hummingbird			■	
Red-breasted Sapsucker	■			
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	■			
Willow Flycatcher	■			
Least Flycatcher		■		
Hammond's Flycatcher	■			
Eastern Kingbird		■		
Western Kingbird		■		
Brown Shrike		■		
Cassin's Vireo		■		
Warbling Vireo		■		
Red-eyed Vireo		■		
Purple Martin	■			
Pacific Wren			■	
Arctic Warbler	■			
Siberian Stonechat			■	
Dusky Thrush			■	
Northern Mockingbird	■			
Siberian Accentor	■			
Yellow Wagtail			■	
White Wagtail			■	
Cedar Waxwing	■			
MacGillivray's Warbler			■	
Tennessee Warbler			■	
Common Yellowthroat			■	
Magnolia Warbler			■	
American Redstart			■	
Palm Warbler			■	
Spotted Towhee			■	
Chipping Sparrow	■			
Swamp Sparrow	■			
White-throated Sparrow	■			
Harris's Sparrow	■			
Western Tanager	■			
Black-headed Grosbeak	■			
Lazuli Bunting			■	
Indigo Bunting			■	
Yellow-headed Blackbird			■	
Brown-headed Cowbird			■	
Brambling	■			
Eurasian Bullfinch			■	
Evening Grosbeak	■			
Garganey				x
Turkey Vulture		x		
Red-throated Pipit				x

THRUSHES	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Northern Wheatear N						■	■					
Townsend's Solitaire N						■	■					
Gray-cheeked Thrush N						■	■					
Swainson's Thrush N						■	■					
Hermit Thrush N						■	■					
American Robin N						■	■					
Varied Thrush N W						■	■					

STARLINGS	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
European Starling N	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■

PIPITS	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
American Pipit N						■	■					

WAXWINGS	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Bohemian Waxwing N	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■

BUNTINGS	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Lapland Longspur						■	■					
Snow Bunting N						■	■					

WARBLERS	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Northern Waterthrush N						■	■					
Orange-crowned Warbler N						■	■					
Yellow Warbler N						■	■					
Blackpoll Warbler N W						■	■					
Yellow-rumped Warbler N						■	■					
Townsend's Warbler N						■	■					
Wilson's Warbler N						■	■					

SPARROWS	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
American Tree Sparrow N						■	■					
Savannah Sparrow N						■	■					
Fox Sparrow N						■	■					
Song Sparrow N						■	■					
Lincoln's Sparrow N						■	■					
White-crowned Sparrow N						■	■					
Golden-crowned Sparrow N						■	■					
Dark-eyed Junco N						■	■					

BLACKBIRDS	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Red-winged Blackbird N						■	■					
Rusty Blackbird N W						■	■					

FINCHES	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch N						■	■					
Pine Grosbeak N						■	■					
Red Crossbill						■	■					
White-winged Crossbill N						■	■					
Common Redpoll N						■	■					
Hoary Redpoll						■	■					
Pine Siskin N						■	■					

# CHECKLIST KEY

- Very Common:** Easily found in the right habitat and season
- Common:** Found in the right habitat and season
- Uncommon:** Found, with persistence, every year in the right habitat and season
- Rare:** Seen in most years, but in small numbers
- Casual:** Occasionally seen, but not every year
- N** Documented nesting
- W** Listed on the Audubon Alaska WatchList of declining or threatened species



WILLOW PTARMIGAN

## WATERFOWL

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Greater White-fronted Goose <b>W*</b>												
Snow Goose												
Brant <b>W</b>												
Cackling Goose												
Canada Goose <b>N</b>												
Trumpeter Swan <b>N</b>												
Tundra Swan												
Gadwall <b>N</b>												
Eurasian Wigeon												
American Wigeon <b>N</b>												
Mallard <b>N</b>												
Blue-winged Teal												
Northern Shoveler <b>N</b>												
Northern Pintail <b>N</b>												
Green-winged Teal <b>N</b>												
Canvasback <b>N</b>												
Redhead												
Ring-necked Duck <b>N</b>												
Greater Scaup <b>N</b>												
Lesser Scaup <b>N</b>												
Harlequin Duck <b>N</b>												
Surf Scoter												
White-winged Scoter												
Black Scoter												
Long-tailed Duck <b>N</b>												
Bufflehead												
Common Goldeneye <b>N</b>												
Barrow's Goldeneye <b>N</b>												
Hooded Merganser												
Common Merganser <b>N</b>												
Red-breasted Merganser												

## GROUSE

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Willow Ptarmigan <b>N</b>												
Rock Ptarmigan <b>N</b>												
White-tailed Ptarmigan <b>N</b>												
Spruce Grouse <b>N</b>												

\*Tule subspecies is on the WatchList, other subspecies are not.

## LOONS AND GREBES

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Red-throated Loon <b>N W</b>												
Pacific Loon <b>N</b>												
Common Loon <b>N</b>												
Horned Grebe <b>N</b>												
Red-necked Grebe <b>N</b>												

## CORMORANTS

Double-crested Cormorant												
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## HERONS

Great Blue Heron												
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## HAWKS AND EAGLES

Osprey <b>N</b>												
Golden Eagle <b>N</b>												
Northern Harrier <b>N</b>												
Sharp-shinned Hawk <b>N</b>												
Northern Goshawk <b>N</b>												
Bald Eagle <b>N</b>												
Red-tailed Hawk* <b>N</b>												
Rough-legged Hawk												

## CRANES

Sandhill Crane <b>N</b>												
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## PLOVERS

Black-bellied Plover												
American Golden-Plover <b>W</b>												
Pacific Golden-Plover												
Semipalmated Plover <b>N</b>												

## SANDPIPERS

Spotted Sandpiper <b>N</b>												
Solitary Sandpiper <b>N W</b>												
Wandering Tattler <b>N W</b>												
Greater Yellowlegs <b>N</b>												
Lesser Yellowlegs <b>N W</b>												
Whimbrel <b>W</b>												
Hudsonian Godwit <b>N W</b>												
Ruddy Turnstone												
Black Turnstone <b>W</b>												

\*Most Red-tailed Hawks are Harlan's subspecies in this range.

## SANDPIPERS CONTINUED

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Surfbird <b>N W</b>												
Sanderling												
Semipalmated Sandpiper												
Western Sandpiper												
Least Sandpiper <b>N</b>												
Baird's Sandpiper												
Pectoral Sandpiper												
Rock Sandpiper <b>W</b>												
Dunlin <b>W</b>												
Short-billed Dowitcher <b>N W</b>												
Long-billed Dowitcher												
Wilson's Snipe <b>N</b>												
Red-necked Phalarope <b>N</b>												

## GULLS, TERNS, JAEGERS

Black-legged Kittiwake												
Bonaparte's Gull <b>N</b>												
Mew Gull <b>N</b>												
California Gull												
Herring Gull* <b>N</b>												
Thayer's Gull												
Glaucous-winged Gull* <b>N</b>												
Glaucous Gull												
Arctic Tern <b>N</b>												
Long-tailed Jaeger												

## PIGEONS

Rock Pigeon (Introduced) <b>N</b>												
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## OWLS

Great Horned Owl <b>N</b>												
Northern Hawk Owl <b>N</b>												
Great Gray Owl												
Short-eared Owl <b>N</b>												
Boreal Owl <b>N</b>												
Northern Saw-whet Owl <b>N</b>												

## HUMMINGBIRDS

Rufous Hummingbird <b>N</b>												
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## KINGFISHERS

Belted Kingfisher <b>N</b>												
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## WOODPECKERS

Downy Woodpecker <b>N</b>												
Hairy Woodpecker <b>N</b>												
American Three-toed Woodpecker <b>N</b>												
Black-backed Woodpecker <b>N</b>												
Northern Flicker <b>N</b>												

## FALCONS

American Kestrel <b>N</b>												
Merlin <b>N</b>												

\*Most Glaucous-winged and Herring Gulls are hybrids in this range.

## FALCONS CONTINUED

Gyrfalcon <b>N</b>												
Peregrine Falcon												

## FLYCATCHERS

Olive-sided Flycatcher <b>N W</b>												
Western Wood-Pewee <b>N</b>												
Alder Flycatcher <b>N</b>												
Say's Phoebe <b>N</b>												

## SHRIKES

Northern Shrike <b>N</b>												
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## JAYS, CROWS, RAVENS

Gray Jay <b>N</b>												
Steller's Jay <b>N</b>												
Black-billed Magpie <b>N</b>												
Northwestern Crow												
Common Raven <b>N</b>												

## SWALLOWS

Tree Swallow <b>N</b>												
Violet-green Swallow <b>N</b>												
Bank Swallow <b>N</b>												
Barn Swallow <b>N</b>												
Cliff Swallow <b>N</b>												

## CHICKADEES

Black-capped Chickadee <b>N</b>												
Chestnut-backed Chickadee <b>N</b>												
Boreal Chickadee <b>N</b>												

## NUTHATCHES, CREEPERS, DIPPERS

Red-breasted Nuthatch <b>N</b>												
Brown Creeper <b>N</b>												
American Dipper <b>N</b>												

## KINGLETS

Golden-crowned Kinglet <b>N</b>												
Ruby-crowned Kinglet <b>N</b>												



STELLER'S JAY

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