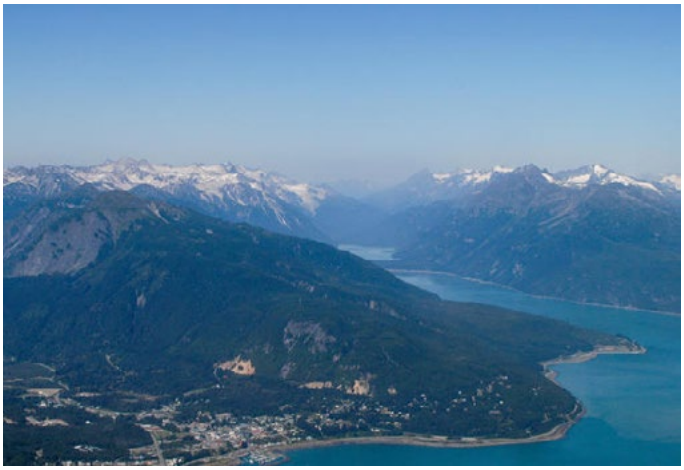
Haines Species Checklist



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Location Description
At the end of the Haines Highway and near the junction of the Chilkat and Chilkoot Inlets, you will find Haines, a beautiful coastal Alaskan town with a rich history that is surrounded by millions of acres of wilderness. The Haines area has the largest concentration of American Bald Eagles in the United States during October and November when they congregate for a late season chum salmon run. The Bald Eagle Foundation headquarters is also a great stop for birders visiting Haines, offering an impressive interpretative center and extensive aviary with a diversity of live raptor species.

Seasons
Spring: March–May
Summer: June and July
Fall: August–November
Winter: December–February

Frequency Classification
C = Common: Occurs in essentially all suitable habitats during appropriate seasons, with certain species at times abundant; species should be easy to find.

F = Fairly common: Occurs in some or most suitable habitats during appropriate seasons, but less abundant and at times few in number; species often found.

U = Uncommon: Occurs in relatively small numbers; species not observed regularly even in proper habitats.

R = Rare: Either found in restricted habitat, or occurs most years in small numbers; species difficult to find.

V = Very Rare: A species beyond its normal range that may occur intermittently and in very small numbers.

A = Accidental: Only one or two historical records to date

NP = Not Present or No Records: A species is generally not present in during a specific season (due to seasonal migration) or no records exist of a species' presence in that season.

This checklist was designed by experienced ornithologists and birders to help visitors to the Southeast Alaska Birding Trail plan and enjoy their trips. This list is not a guarantee that a particular species will be present at a given location, and not all species on a community list will be present at all sites in that community. This list is for recreational use only, not for use in scientific publications, environmental impact assessments or other planning documents.

Species	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
ACCENTORS				
☐ Siberian Accentor	NP	NP	A	NP
ALBATROSSES				
☐ Short-tailed Albatross	A	NP	NP	NP
ALCIDS				
☐ Ancient Murrelet	R	R	R	V
☐ Common Murre	C	F	C	C
☐ Marbled Murrelet	C	C	U	C
☐ Pigeon Guillemot	C	C	U	U
☐ Rhinoceros Auklet	NP	A	NP	NP

Species	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
☐ Tufted Puffin	NP	V	NP	NP
AVOCETS				
☐ American Avocet	NP	A	NP	NP
BLACKBIRDS				
☐ Bobolink	NP	A	A	NP
☐ Brewer's Blackbird	V	NP	V	V
☐ Bullock's Oriole	A	NP	A	NP
☐ Common Grackle	A	NP	A	A
☐ Orchard Oriole	NP	NP	A	NP
☐ Western Meadowlark	A	NP	V	V
☐ Yellow-headed Blackbird	A	A	A	NP
☐ Brown-headed Cowbird	R	R	R	NP
☐ Red-winged Blackbird	U	U	U	NP
☐ Rusty Blackbird	R	NP	NP	NP
CHICKADEES				
☐ Boreal Chickadee	A	NP	V	V
☐ Mountain Chickadee	V	A	V	V
☐ Black-capped Chickadee	R	R	R	R
☐ Chestnut-backed Chickadee	C	C	C	C
CORMORANTS				
☐ Red-faced Cormorant	NP	NP	NP	A
☐ Double-crested Cormorant	U	R	U	U
☐ Pelagic Cormorant	U	U	U	C
CRANES				
☐ Sandhill Crane	R	R	U	V
CREEPERS				
☐ Brown Creeper	U	U	U	U
CUCKOOS				
☐ Yellow-billed Cuckoo	NP	A	A	NP
DIPPERS				
☐ American Dipper	F	F	F	F
FALCONS				
☐ Gyrfalcon	V	NP	V	V
☐ American Kestrel	U	V	U	V
☐ Merlin	U	U	U	R
☐ Peregrine Falcon	R	R	R	V
FINCHES				
☐ Brambling	V	NP	V	V
☐ Cassin's Finch	NP	NP	A	NP
☐ Eurasian Bullfinch	A	NP	NP	NP

Species	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
☐ House Finch	V	V	NP	NP
☐ Common Redpoll	F	R	F	F
☐ Gray-crowned Rosy Finch	R	R	R	R
☐ Pine Grosbeak	U	U	F	F
☐ Pine Siskin	C	C	C	C
☐ Purple Finch	A	A	A	A
☐ Red Crossbill	F	F	F	F
☐ White-winged Crossbill	U	U	U	U
FLYCATCHERS				
☐ Dusky Flycatcher	A	NP	A	NP
☐ Eastern Kingbird	NP	V	V	NP
☐ Eastern Phoebe	A	A	NP	NP
☐ Say's Phoebe	A	A	A	NP
☐ Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	NP	V	NP	NP
☐ Tropical Kingbird	NP	NP	V	NP
☐ Western Kingbird	A	V	A	NP
☐ Willow Flycatcher	NP	V	NP	NP
☐ Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	NP	V	NP	NP
☐ Alder Flycatcher	R	U	U	NP
☐ Hammond's Flycatcher	U	U	U	NP
☐ Olive-sided Flycatcher	R	R	R	NP
☐ Pacific-slope Flycatcher	C	C	C	NP
☐ Western Wood-Pewee	R	R	R	NP
FRIGATEBIRDS				
☐ Magnificent Frigatebird	NP	NP	A	NP
GREBES				
☐ Eared Grebe	A	NP	NP	NP
☐ Horned Grebe	F	V	F	F
☐ Red-necked Grebe	F	R	F	F
☐ Western Grebe	V	V	V	NP
GROSBEAKS				
☐ Blue Grosbeak	NP	NP	A	NP
☐ Dickcissel	A	NP	NP	NP
☐ Indigo Bunting	NP	NP	A	NP
☐ Lazuli Bunting	NP	A	A	NP
☐ Rose-breasted Grosbeak	NP	NP	A	NP
GROUSE, PTARMIGAN				
☐ Rock Ptarmigan	U	U	U	U
☐ Sooty Grouse	C	C	F	V
☐ Spruce Grouse - Interior Subspcies (Canada)	R	R	R	R

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☐ White-tailed Ptarmigan	R	R	R	R
☐ Willow Ptarmigan	U	U	U	U
GULLS, TERNS				
☐ Black Tern	A	NP	A	NP
☐ Black-headed Gull	NP	A	A	NP
☐ Black-tailed Gull	NP	A	A	NP
☐ Heermann's Gull	NP	NP	V	NP
☐ Ivory Gull	NP	A	A	NP
☐ Lesser Black-backed Gull	A	A	A	A
☐ Little Gull	V	NP	A	NP
☐ Ross's Gull	NP	NP	A	NP
☐ Slaty-backed Gull	V	NP	V	V
☐ Western Gull	V	A	R	V
☐ Arctic Tern	F	F	U	NP
☐ Black-legged Kittiwake	F	U	F	R
☐ Bonaparte's Gull	C	F	C	V
☐ California Gull	R	R	U	A
☐ Caspian Tern	R	R	R	NP
☐ Glaucous Gull	R	V	R	R
☐ Glaucous-winged Gull	C	C	C	C
☐ Herring Gull	C	F	C	U
☐ Iceland Gull (Thayer's)	F	R	F	U
☐ Ring-billed Gull	NP	NP	V	NP
☐ Sabine's Gull	R	V	R	NP
☐ Short-billed Gull	C	C	C	C
HAWKS, EAGLES, HARRIERS, OSPREY				
☐ Steller's Sea-Eagle	A	A	A	A
☐ Swainson's Hawk	V	NP	V	NP
☐ Bald Eagle	C	C	C	C
☐ Golden Eagle	R	R	R	R
☐ Northern Goshawk	R	R	R	R
☐ Northern Harrier	U	V	U	V
☐ Osprey	R	R	R	NP
☐ Red-tailed Hawk	U	U	U	V
☐ Rough-legged Hawk	R	A	R	A
☐ Sharp-shinned Hawk	F	U	F	R
HERONS, BITTERNS				
☐ Black-crowned Night-Heron	A	A	NP	NP
☐ Cattle Egret	NP	NP	V	A
☐ Great Egret	A	A	A	A

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☐ Green Heron	NP	A	NP	NP
☐ Tricolored Heron	A	NP	NP	NP
☐ Great Blue Heron	F	F	F	U
HUMMINGBIRDS				
☐ Costa's Hummingbird	NP	NP	A	NP
☐ Anna's Hummingbird	R	R	U	R
☐ Rufous Hummingbird	C	C	U	A
JAEGERS				
☐ South Polar Skua	NP	A	A	NP
☐ Long-tailed Jaeger	V	V	V	NP
☐ Parasitic Jaeger	R	R	R	NP
☐ Pomarine Jaeger	NP	A	A	NP
JAYS, CROWS				
☐ Canada Jay	V	V	R	R
☐ Clark's Nutcracker	V	A	V	V
☐ American Crow	C	C	C	C
☐ Black-billed Magpie	U	R	F	F
☐ Common Raven	C	C	C	C
☐ Steller's Jay	C	C	C	C
KINGFISHERS				
☐ Belted Kingfisher	F	F	F	F
KINGLETS				
☐ Golden-crowned Kinglet	C	C	C	U
☐ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C	C	C	V
LARKS				
☐ Horned Lark	R	NP	V	NP
LOONS				
☐ Common Loon	F	U	F	U
☐ Pacific Loon	C	U	F	F
☐ Red-throated Loon	F	F	F	R
☐ Yellow-billed Loon	R	V	R	R
MOCKINGBIRDS				
☐ Gray Catbird	NP	A	NP	NP
☐ Northern Mockingbird	A	A	A	A
NIGHTHAWKS				
☐ Whip-poor-will	NP	NP	A	NP
☐ Common Nighthawk	NP	R	V	NP
NUTHATCHES				
☐ Red-breasted Nuthatch	U	U	U	R

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OLD WORLD SPARROWS				
☐ House Sparrow	A	A	V	V
OWLS				
☐ Great Gray Owl	V	V	V	V
☐ Long-eared Owl	A	NP	A	A
☐ Snowy Owl	A	NP	V	V
☐ Barred Owl	U	U	U	U
☐ Boreal Owl	V	V	V	A
☐ Great Horned Owl	U	U	U	U
☐ Northern Hawk Owl	V	V	V	V
☐ Northern Pygmy-Owl	R	R	R	R
☐ Northern Saw-whet Owl	R	A	A	A
☐ Short-eared Owl	U	R	U	R
☐ Western Screech-Owl	V	V	V	NP
OYSTERCATCHERS				
☐ Black Oystercatcher	U	U	U	R
PELICANS				
☐ Brown Pelican	A	NP	A	A
PIGEONS, DOVES				
☐ White-winged Dove	NP	NP	A	NP
☐ Eurasian Collared-Dove	U	U	U	R
☐ Mourning Dove	NP	NP	V	NP
☐ Rock Pigeon	F	F	F	F
PLOVERS				
☐ European Golden-Plover	NP	NP	NP	A
☐ American Golden-Plover	V	NP	NP	NP
☐ Black-bellied Plover	F	R	F	A
☐ Killdeer	A	A	A	A
☐ Pacific Golden-Plover	V	NP	NP	NP
☐ Semipalmated Plover	F	F	F	A
RAILS, COOTS				
☐ Virginia Rail	V	V	A	A
☐ American Coot	R	A	R	R
☐ Sora	V	V	V	NP
SANDPIPERS				
☐ Bristle-thighed Curlew	A	NP	NP	NP
☐ Buff-breasted sandpiper	A	NP	V	NP
☐ Curlew Sandpiper	A	NP	A	NP
☐ Long-toed Stint	A	NP	NP	NP
☐ Red-necked Stint	NP	A	A	NP

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☐ Ruff	V	NP	V	NP
☐ Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	V	NP	R	NP
☐ White-rumped Sandpiper	A	A	A	NP
☐ Wilson's Phalarope	V	V	V	NP
☐ Baird's Sandpiper	R	NP	R	NP
☐ Black Turnstone	F	R	F	F
☐ Dunlin	C	A	U	R
☐ Greater Yellowlegs	C	F	C	V
☐ Hudsonian Godwit	R	A	A	NP
☐ Least Sandpiper	C	U	C	NP
☐ Lesser Yellowlegs	U	U	F	NP
☐ Long-billed Dowitcher	U	R	U	A
☐ Marbled Godwit	A	NP	NP	NP
☐ Pectoral Sandpiper	U	R	U	NP
☐ Red Knot	R	A	V	NP
☐ Red Phalarope	NP	NP	A	NP
☐ Red-necked Phalarope	R	V	V	NP
☐ Rock Sandpiper	R	A	R	A
☐ Ruddy Turnstone	R	NP	R	NP
☐ Sanderling	R	NP	NP	NP
☐ Semipalmated Sandpiper	U	R	U	NP
☐ Short-billed Dowitcher	F	R	F	NP
☐ Solitary Sandpiper	R	R	R	NP
☐ Spotted Sandpiper	F	F	F	A
☐ Upland Sandpiper	NP	NP	V	NP
☐ Wandering Tattler	U	U	U	NP
☐ Western Sandpiper	U	R	U	NP
☐ Whimbrel	U	A	R	NP
☐ Wilson's Snipe	F	F	F	A
SHEARWATERS, PETRELS, AND FULMARS				
☐ Manx Shearwater	A	A	A	NP
☐ Mottled Petrel	A	A	A	NP
☐ Pink-footed Shearwater	R	R	R	NP
SHRIKES				
☐ Brown Shrike	NP	NP	A	NP
☐ Northern Shrike	R	NP	R	R
SPARROWS				
☐ Brewer's Sparrow	A	A	A	NP
☐ Clay-colored Sparrow	A	NP	A	NP
☐ Harris's Sparrow	V	A	R	R

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☐ Lark Sparrow	NP	NP	A	NP
☐ McKay's Bunting	NP	NP	NP	A
☐ Rustic Bunting	NP	NP	A	NP
☐ Smith's Longspur	A	NP	V	NP
☐ Spotted Towhee	A	NP	A	V
☐ Swamp Sparrow	A	A	V	V
☐ Vesper Sparrow	NP	A	NP	NP
☐ American Tree Sparrow	U	A	U	R
☐ Chipping Sparrow	R	R	R	NP
☐ Dark-eyed Junco - Oregon subspecies	C	C	C	C
☐ Dark-eyed Junco - Slate-colored subspecies	U	V	U	U
☐ Fox Sparrow	C	C	C	R
☐ Golden-crowned Sparrow	F	U	U	R
☐ Lapland Longspur	R	NP	A	NP
☐ Lincoln's Sparrow	C	C	C	R
☐ Savannah Sparrow	F	F	F	V
☐ Snow Bunting	R	A	R	R
☐ Song Sparrow	F	F	F	U
☐ White-crowned Sparrow	U	V	U	R
☐ White-throated Sparrow	NP	A	NP	NP
STARLINGS				
☐ European Starling	U	U	U	U
STORM-PETRELS				
☐ Leach's Storm-Petrel	NP	NP	A	NP
SWALLOWS				
☐ Purple Martin	A	NP	A	NP
☐ Bank Swallow	R	U	R	NP
☐ Barn Swallow	F	F	F	NP
☐ Cliff Swallow	A	R	A	NP
☐ Tree Swallow	F	F	F	NP
☐ Violet-green Swallow	F	U	U	NP
SWANS, GEESE, DUCKS				
☐ Common Eider	V	V	V	V
☐ Emperor Goose	V	A	A	A
☐ King Eider	V	A	A	V
☐ Ross's Goose	A	NP	NP	NP
☐ Ruddy Duck	A	NP	V	A
☐ Steller's Eider	V	A	V	V
☐ Tufted Duck	NP	NP	A	A
☐ American Wigeon	C	U	C	U

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☐ Barrow's Goldeneye	C	U	C	C
☐ Black Scoter	U	R	U	U
☐ Blue-winged Teal	U	U	U	NP
☐ Brant (Black)	NP	R	NP	NP
☐ Bufflehead	C	V	C	C
☐ Cackling Goose	R	NP	V	NP
☐ Canada Goose	C	F	C	F
☐ Canvasback	R	V	R	NP
☐ Common Goldeneye	F	R	F	F
☐ Common Merganser	C	F	C	F
☐ Eurasian Wigeon	R	V	V	V
☐ Gadwall	U	R	U	R
☐ Greater Scaup	C	R	C	F
☐ Greater White-fronted Goose	F	V	U	V
☐ Green-winged Teal	C	U	C	U
☐ Harlequin Duck	F	F	F	F
☐ Hooded Merganser	U	R	U	U
☐ Lesser Scaup	U	R	U	NP
☐ Long-tailed Duck	F	R	F	C
☐ Mallard	C	C	C	C
☐ Northern Pintail	F	U	F	R
☐ Northern Shoveler	F	U	F	V
☐ Red-breasted Merganser	F	U	F	F
☐ Redhead	R	NP	V	NP
☐ Ring-necked Duck	U	U	U	R
☐ Snow Goose	R	A	R	A
☐ Surf Scoter	C	F	C	C
☐ Trumpeter Swan	U	R	U	V
☐ Tundra Swan	U	V	R	V
☐ White-winged Scoter	C	F	C	U
☐ Wood Duck	A	NP	NP	NP
SWIFTS				
☐ Vaux's Swift	U	U	U	NP
TANAGERS				
☐ Western Tanager	R	R	R	NP
THRUSHES				
☐ Northern Wheatear	A	NP	V	NP
☐ American Robin	C	C	C	R
☐ Gray-cheeked Thrush	R	R	R	NP
☐ Hermit Thrush	C	C	C	V

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☐ Mountain Bluebird	R	NP	V	NP
☐ Swainson's Thrush	C	C	C	NP
☐ Townsend's Solitaire	V	V	NP	NP
☐ Varied Thrush	C	C	C	U
VIREOS				
☐ Cassin's Vireo	V	V	A	NP
☐ Red-eyed Vireo	A	V	A	NP
☐ Warbling Vireo	U	U	U	NP
WAGTAILS, PIPITS				
☐ Eastern Yellow Wagtail	NP	A	A	NP
☐ Red-throated Pipit	NP	NP	V	NP
☐ White Wagtail	A	A	A	A
☐ American Pipit	C	F	C	V
WARBLERS				
☐ Black-and-white Warbler	A	A	NP	NP
☐ Black-throated Blue Warbler	NP	NP	A	NP
☐ Black-throated Green Warbler	NP	A	NP	NP
☐ Cape May Warbler	A	NP	A	NP
☐ Chestnut-sided Warbler	NP	A	NP	NP
☐ Magnolia Warbler	A	V	A	NP
☐ Mourning Warbler	NP	A	NP	NP
☐ Nashville Warbler	NP	NP	A	NP
☐ Ovenbird	NP	A	NP	NP
☐ Palm Warbler	A	NP	V	A
☐ Prairie Warbler	NP	NP	A	NP
☐ American Redstart	U	F	U	NP
☐ Blackpoll Warbler	V	V	V	NP
☐ Common Yellowthroat	U	U	U	NP
☐ MacGillivray's Warbler	U	U	U	NP
☐ Northern Waterthrush	U	U	U	NP
☐ Orange-crowned Warbler	C	C	C	A
☐ Tennessee Warbler	V	V	V	NP
☐ Townsend's Warbler	C	C	C	NP
☐ Wilson's Warbler	F	F	F	NP
☐ Yellow Warbler	F	F	F	NP
☐ Yellow-rumped Warbler	C	F	C	V
WAXWINGS				
☐ Bohemian Waxwing	U	NP	U	U
☐ Cedar Waxwing	V	U	R	NP

WOODPECKERS				
☐ Black-backed Woodpecker	V	V	V	NP
☐ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	NP	NP	NP	A
☐ American Three-toed Woodpecker	R	R	R	R
☐ Downy Woodpecker	R	R	R	R
☐ Hairy Woodpecker	U	U	U	U
☐ Northern Flicker	U	R	U	NP
☐ Red-breasted Sapsucker	C	C	F	R
WRENS				
☐ Pacific Wren	C	C	C	U