



Ketchikan Species Checklist



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Location Description

Located at the southernmost entrance of the Inside Passage on Revillagigedo Island, Ketchikan is surrounded by numerous waterways, islands, and the temperate coastal rainforest of the Tongass National Forest, including over 2 million acres in the Misty Fjords National Monument Wilderness Area. Ketchikan has a rich Alaska Native culture and abundant salmon populations. Two hundred sixty known bird species and the mix of coastal temperate rainforest, marine waters and tidelands make Ketchikan a great spot for breeding birds as well as spring and fall migrants.

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
Black-footed Albatross	NP	V	NP	NP
ALCIDS				
Ancient Murrelet	R	R	R	V
Cassin's Auklet	V	V	V	V
Common Murre	C	F	C	C
Marbled Murrelet	C	C	U	C

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Pigeon Guillemot	C	C	U	U
Rhinoceros Auklet	U	U	U	V
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	V
Rusty Blackbird	R	A	R	A
CHICKADEES				
Boreal Chickadee	A	NP	V	V
Mountain Chickadee	V	A	V	V
Chestnut-backed Chickadee	C	C	C	C
CORMORANTS				
Red-faced Cormorant	NP	NP	NP	A
Brandt's Cormorant	R	V	R	U
Double-crested Cormorant	F	A	F	F
Pelagic Cormorant	C	F	C	C
CRANES				
Sandhill Crane	R	R	R	V
CREEPERS				
Brown Creeper	U	U	U	U
CUCKOOS				
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	NP	A	A	NP
DIPPERS				
American Dipper	F	F	F	F
FALCONS				
Gyr Falcon	V	NP	V	V
American Kestrel	U	V	U	V
Merlin	U	R	U	R
Peregrine Falcon	R	V	R	V
FINCHES				
American Goldfinch	NP	A	NP	A
Brambling	V	NP	V	V
Cassin's Finch	NP	NP	A	NP
Eurasian Bullfinch	A	NP	NP	NP

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House Finch	V	V	NP	NP
Common Redpoll	R	NP	R	R
Evening Grosbeak	V	A	V	V
Gray-crowned Rosy Finch	NP	R	A	A
Pine Grosbeak	U	U	F	F
Pine Siskin	C	C	C	C
Purple Finch	A	A	V	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
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	A	R	R	NP
Hammond's Flycatcher	A	A	A	NP
Least Flycatcher	A	V	NP	NP
Olive-sided Flycatcher	U	U	U	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
Pied-billed Grebe	V	A	V	A
Red-necked Grebe	F	R	F	F
Western Grebe	U	A	U	F
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
Black-headed Grosbeak	NP	V	NP	NP

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<i>GROUSE, PTARMIGAN</i>				
Rock Ptarmigan	R	R	R	R
Sooty Grouse	F	F	F	F
Willow Ptarmigan	U	U	U	U
<i>GULLS, TERNS</i>				
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	V	R	V	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
Franklin's Gull	A	V	V	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	R	R	U	V
Sabine's Gull	R	V	R	NP
Short-billed Gull	C	C	C	C
<i>HAWKS, EAGLES, HARRIERS, OSPREY</i>				
Steller's Sea-Eagle	A	A	A	A
Swainson's Hawk	V	NP	V	NP
Bald Eagle	C	C	C	C
Golden Eagle	A	A	A	A
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	NP	NP	V	NP
Sharp-shinned Hawk	F	U	F	R

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

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Common Nighthawk	NP	V	V	NP
<i>NUTHATCHES</i>				
Red-breasted Nuthatch	U	U	U	R
<i>OLD WORLD SPARROWS</i>				
House Sparrow	A	A	V	V
<i>OWLS</i>				
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	A	V	V
Great Horned Owl	R	R	R	R
Northern Hawk Owl	NP	NP	A	NP
Northern Pygmy-Owl	R	R	R	R
Northern Saw-whet Owl	U	U	R	R
Short-eared Owl	R	NP	R	A
Western Screech-Owl	R	R	R	R
<i>OYSTERCATCHERS</i>				
Black Oystercatcher	U	U	U	R
<i>PELICANS</i>				
Brown Pelican	A	NP	A	A
<i>PIGEONS, DOVES</i>				
White-winged Dove	NP	NP	A	NP
Band-tailed Pigeon	R	R	R	NP
Eurasian Collared-Dove	F	F	F	U
Mourning Dove	A	A	V	A
Rock Pigeon	F	F	F	F
<i>PLOVERS</i>				
European Golden-Plover	NP	NP	NP	A
American Golden-Plover	NP	NP	A	NP
Black-bellied Plover	F	R	F	A
Killdeer	U	U	U	R
Pacific Golden-Plover	R	NP	R	NP
Semipalmated Plover	F	U	F	A
<i>RAILS, COOTS</i>				
Virginia Rail	V	V	A	A
American Coot	R	A	R	R
<i>SANDPIPERS</i>				
Bristle-thighed Curlew	A	NP	NP	NP
Buff-breasted sandpiper	A	NP	V	NP

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Curlew Sandpiper	A	NP	A	NP
Long-toed Stint	A	NP	NP	NP
Red-necked Stint	NP	A	A	NP
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
Bar-tailed Godwit	NP	A	NP	NP
Black Turnstone	F	R	F	F
Dunlin	C	A	U	U
Greater Yellowlegs	C	F	C	V
Hudsonian Godwit	V	NP	NP	NP
Least Sandpiper	C	U	C	NP
Lesser Yellowlegs	R	R	U	NP
Long-billed Dowitcher	U	R	U	A
Marbled Godwit	R	A	NP	NP
Pectoral Sandpiper	U	R	U	NP
Red Knot	R	A	V	NP
Red Phalarope	A	A	V	A
Red-necked Phalarope	C	U	C	A
Rock Sandpiper	U	A	U	V
Ruddy Turnstone	R	NP	R	NP
Sanderling	U	A	U	A
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
Stilt Sandpiper	NP	NP	A	NP
Surfbird	F	R	F	U
Wandering Tattler	U	U	U	NP
Western Sandpiper	C	U	F	NP
Whimbrel	U	A	R	NP
Wilson's Snipe	F	V	F	R
<i>SHEARWATERS, PETRELS, AND FULMARS</i>				
Manx Shearwater	A	A	A	NP
Mottled Petrel	A	A	A	NP
Pink-footed Shearwater	R	R	R	NP
Northern Fulmar	NP	NP	A	A
Short-tailed Shearwater	A	A	R	NP

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Sooty Shearwater	NP	A	R	NP
<i>SHRIKES</i>				
Brown Shrike	NP	NP	A	NP
Northern Shrike	R	NP	R	R
<i>SPARROWS</i>				
Brewer's Sparrow	A	A	A	NP
Clay-colored Sparrow	A	NP	A	NP
Harris's Sparrow	V	A	R	R
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	V	A	V	A
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	A	U	R
Lapland Longspur	U	NP	U	NP
Lincoln's Sparrow	C	C	C	R
Savannah Sparrow	F	R	F	V
Snow Bunting	V	NP	V	V
Song Sparrow	F	F	F	U
White-crowned Sparrow	U	V	U	R
White-throated Sparrow	A	NP	R	R
<i>STARLINGS</i>				
European Starling	U	U	U	U
<i>STORM-PETRELS</i>				
Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel	V	V	R	V
Leach's Storm-Petrel	NP	A	V	A
<i>SWALLOWS</i>				
Purple Martin	A	NP	A	NP
Bank Swallow	V	V	V	NP
Barn Swallow	F	F	F	NP
Cliff Swallow	V	V	V	NP
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	R	R	R	NP
Tree Swallow	F	F	F	NP

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Violet-green Swallow	F	U	U	NP
<i>SWANS, GEESE, DUCKS</i>				
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
Barrow's Goldeneye	C	U	C	C
Black Scoter	U	R	U	U
Blue-winged Teal	U	U	U	NP
Brant (Black)	U	R	NP	V
Bufflehead	C	V	C	C
Cackling Goose	U	NP	U	NP
Canada Goose	C	F	C	F
Canvasback	V	NP	V	NP
Cinnamon Teal	A	NP	NP	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	F	NP	F	U
Long-tailed Duck	F	A	F	C
Mallard	C	C	C	C
Northern Pintail	F	R	F	R
Northern Shoveler	F	U	F	V
Red-breasted Merganser	F	U	F	F
Redhead	V	A	A	A
Ring-necked Duck	U	R	U	R
Snow Goose	U	NP	U	NP
Surf Scoter	C	F	C	C
Trumpeter Swan	U	V	U	U
Tundra Swan	V	NP	V	A

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White-winged Scoter	C	F	C	F
Wood Duck	A	NP	A	NP
<i>SWIFTS</i>				
Black Swift	NP	V	NP	NP
Vaux's Swift	U	U	U	NP
<i>TANAGERS</i>				
Western Tanager	V	V	V	NP
<i>THRUSHES</i>				
Northern Wheatear	A	NP	V	NP
American Robin	C	C	C	R
Gray-cheeked Thrush	NP	A	NP	NP
Hermit Thrush	C	C	C	V
Mountain Bluebird	V	NP	V	A
Swainson's Thrush	C	C	C	NP
Townsend's Solitaire	V	NP	V	V
Varied Thrush	C	C	C	U
<i>VIREOS</i>				
Red-eyed Vireo	NP	V	NP	NP
Warbling Vireo	R	R	R	NP
<i>WAGTAILS, PIPITS</i>				
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
<i>WARBLERS</i>				
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	NP	NP	V	NP
Common Yellowthroat	U	U	U	NP
MacGillivray's Warbler	R	R	R	NP
Northern Waterthrush	NP	NP	A	NP

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Orange-crowned Warbler	C	C	C	A
Tennessee Warbler	NP	A	A	NP
Townsend's Warbler	C	C	C	NP
Wilson's Warbler	F	F	U	NP
Yellow Warbler	F	R	C	A
Yellow-rumped Warbler	U	U	U	V
<i>WAXWINGS</i>				
Bohemian Waxwing	U	NP	U	U
Cedar Waxwing	V	U	R	A
<i>WOODPECKERS</i>				
Black-backed Woodpecker	V	V	V	NP
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	NP	NP	NP	A
American Three-toed Woodpecker	V	V	V	V
Downy Woodpecker	R	NP	R	R
Hairy Woodpecker	U	U	U	U
Northern Flicker	U	U	U	R
Red-breasted Sapsucker	C	C	F	R
<i>WRENS</i>				
Pacific Wren	C	C	C	U