



# Klukwan Species Checklist



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## Location Description

Located in the Chilkat River valley near the junction of the Chilkat, Tsirku and Klehini Rivers is the Tlingit Village of Klukwan, a federally recognized tribe known as the Chilkat Indian Village. During your visit to Klukwan, you can learn about the culture of this tribe and the nearby Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve at the Jilkaat Kwaan Cultural Heritage and Bald Eagle Preserve Visitor Center. This area, known as the “Valley of Eagles,” hosts the highest concentration of American Bald Eagles in the United States as they congregate in October and November for a late season chum salmon run.

## 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
<i>ACCENTORS</i>				
Siberian Accentor	NP	NP	A	NP
<i>ALCIDS</i>				
Marbled Murrelet	C	C	U	C
<i>BLACKBIRDS</i>				
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

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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
<i>CHICKADEES</i>				
Boreal Chickadee	A	NP	V	V
Mountain Chickadee	V	A	V	V
Black-capped Chickadee	R	U	R	R
Chestnut-backed Chickadee	C	C	C	C
<i>CRANES</i>				
Sandhill Crane	R	R	U	V
<i>CREEPERS</i>				
Brown Creeper	U	U	U	U
<i>CUCKOOS</i>				
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	NP	A	A	NP
<i>DIPPERS</i>				
American Dipper	F	F	F	F
<i>FALCONS</i>				
Gyr Falcon	V	NP	V	V
American Kestrel	U	V	U	V
Merlin	U	U	U	R
Peregrine Falcon	R	R	R	V
<i>FINCHES</i>				
Brambling	V	NP	V	V
Cassin's Finch	NP	NP	A	NP
Eurasian Bullfinch	A	NP	NP	NP
Hoary Redpoll	NP	NP	NP	V
House Finch	V	V	NP	NP
Common Redpoll	F	R	F	F
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
<i>FLYCATCHERS</i>				
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

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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	F	U	NP
Olive-sided Flycatcher	R	R	R	NP
Pacific-slope Flycatcher	C	C	C	NP
Western Wood-Pewee	R	R	R	NP
<b>GREBES</b>				
Pied-billed Grebe	NP	A	NP	NP
<b>GROSBEAKS</b>				
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
<b>GROUSE, PTARMIGAN</b>				
Sooty Grouse	C	C	F	V
Spruce Grouse - Interior Subspcies (Canada)	U	U	U	R
Willow Ptarmigan	U	U	U	U
<b>GULLS, TERNS</b>				
Arctic Tern	F	F	U	NP
Bonaparte's Gull	C	F	C	V
Glaucous Gull	R	V	R	R
Glaucous-winged Gull	C	C	C	C
Herring Gull	C	F	C	U
Short-billed Gull	C	C	C	C
<b>HAWKS, EAGLES, HARRIERS, OSPREY</b>				
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	U	U	U	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

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<i>HERONS, BITTERNs</i>				
American Bittern	NP	V	NP	NP
Black-crowned Night-Heron	A	A	NP	NP
Green Heron	NP	A	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	R
Rufous Hummingbird	C	C	U	A
<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	U	R	F	F
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	F	F	F	R
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C	C	C	V
<i>LOONS</i>				
Common Loon	F	U	F	U
<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
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	V	V	A
Great Horned Owl	U	U	U	U

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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	V
Western Screech-Owl	V	V	V	NP
<i>PIGEONS, DOVES</i>				
White-winged Dove	NP	NP	A	NP
Eurasian Collared-Dove	U	U	U	R
Mourning Dove	NP	NP	V	NP
<i>RAILS, COOTS</i>				
Virginia Rail	V	V	A	A
Sora	V	V	V	NP
<i>SANDPIPERS</i>				
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	V	NP	R	NP
Wilson's Phalarope	V	V	V	NP
Greater Yellowlegs	C	F	C	V
Least Sandpiper	C	U	C	NP
Lesser Yellowlegs	U	U	F	NP
Red-necked Phalarope	A	A	A	NP
Short-billed Dowitcher	F	R	F	NP
Solitary Sandpiper	R	R	R	NP
Spotted Sandpiper	F	F	F	A
Whimbrel	A	NP	A	NP
Wilson's Snipe	F	F	F	A
<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
Rustic Bunting	NP	NP	A	NP
Spotted Towhee	A	NP	A	V
Swamp Sparrow	A	A	V	V
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

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Golden-crowned Sparrow	F	U	U	R
Lincoln's Sparrow	C	C	C	R
Savannah Sparrow	F	F	F	V
Song Sparrow	F	F	F	U
White-crowned Sparrow	U	V	U	R
White-throated Sparrow	NP	V	NP	NP
<b>STARLINGS</b>				
European Starling	R	R	R	R
<b>SWALLOWS</b>				
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
<b>SWANS, GEESE, DUCKS</b>				
American Wigeon	C	U	C	U
Barrow's Goldeneye	C	U	C	C
Blue-winged Teal	U	U	U	NP
Bufflehead	C	V	C	C
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
Green-winged Teal	C	U	C	U
Harlequin Duck	F	F	F	F
Hooded Merganser	U	R	U	U
Lesser Scaup	F	R	F	R
Mallard	C	C	C	C
Northern Pintail	F	U	F	NP
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
Trumpeter Swan	U	U	U	V
Tundra Swan	U	V	R	V
White-winged Scoter	NP	R	R	NP

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Wood Duck	A	NP	NP	NP
<i>SWIFTS</i>				
Vaux's Swift	U	U	U	NP
<i>TANAGERS</i>				
Western Tanager	U	U	U	NP
<i>THRUSHES</i>				
American Robin	C	C	C	R
Gray-cheeked Thrush	R	R	R	NP
Hermit Thrush	C	C	C	V
Mountain Bluebird	R	NP	V	NP
Swainson's Thrush	C	C	C	NP
Townsend's Solitaire	NP	A	NP	NP
Varied Thrush	C	C	C	U
<i>VIREOS</i>				
Cassin's Vireo	V	V	A	NP
Red-eyed Vireo	A	V	A	NP
Warbling Vireo	U	U	U	NP
<i>WAGTAILS, PIPITS</i>				
Red-throated Pipit	NP	NP	V	NP
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	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

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Yellow Warbler	F	F	F	NP
Yellow-rumped Warbler	C	F	C	V
<i>WAXWINGS</i>				
Bohemian Waxwing	U	NP	U	U
Cedar Waxwing	V	U	R	NP
<i>WOODPECKERS</i>				
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
<i>WRENS</i>				
Pacific Wren	C	C	C	U