

Thorne Bay - Thorne River Estuary Species Checklist



For more information, see <https://ak.audubon.org/>.

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.

+ = Accidental: Only one or two historical records to date.

Guild	Species	Sp	Su	Fa	Wi
Swans, Geese, Ducks	<input type="checkbox"/> Canada Goose*	C	F	C	F
Swans, Geese, Ducks	<input type="checkbox"/> American Wigeon*	C	U	C	U
Swans, Geese, Ducks	<input type="checkbox"/> Barrow's Goldeneye*	C	U	C	C
Swans, Geese, Ducks	<input type="checkbox"/> Blue-winged Teal*	U	U	U	–
Swans, Geese, Ducks	<input type="checkbox"/> Bufflehead	C	V	C	C
Swans, Geese, Ducks	<input type="checkbox"/> Canvasback	R	V	R	V
Swans, Geese, Ducks	<input type="checkbox"/> Cinnamon Teal	R	R	–	–
Swans, Geese, Ducks	<input type="checkbox"/> Common Goldeneye*	F	R	F	F
Swans, Geese, Ducks	<input type="checkbox"/> Common Merganser*	C	F	C	F
Swans, Geese, Ducks	<input type="checkbox"/> Eurasian Wigeon	R	V	V	V
Swans, Geese, Ducks	<input type="checkbox"/> Gadwall*	U	R	U	R
Swans, Geese, Ducks	<input type="checkbox"/> Greater Scaup*	C	R	C	F
Swans, Geese, Ducks	<input type="checkbox"/> Green-winged Teal*	C	U	C	U
Swans, Geese, Ducks	<input type="checkbox"/> Harlequin Duck*	F	F	F	F
Swans, Geese, Ducks	<input type="checkbox"/> Hooded Merganser*	U	R	U	U
Swans, Geese, Ducks	<input type="checkbox"/> Lesser Scaup*	F	R	F	R
Swans, Geese, Ducks	<input type="checkbox"/> Mallard*	C	C	C	C
Swans, Geese, Ducks	<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Pintail*	C	U	C	U
Swans, Geese, Ducks	<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Shoveler*	F	U	F	V
Swans, Geese, Ducks	<input type="checkbox"/> Red-breasted Merganser*	F	U	F	F
Swans, Geese, Ducks	<input type="checkbox"/> Redhead*	R	V	R	V
Swans, Geese, Ducks	<input type="checkbox"/> Ring-necked Duck*	U	R	U	R
Swans, Geese, Ducks	<input type="checkbox"/> Trumpeter Swan*	U	R	U	U
Swans, Geese, Ducks	<input type="checkbox"/> Tundra Swan	U	–	U	V
Swans, Geese, Ducks	<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Duck	V	+	V	V
Swans, Geese, Ducks	<input type="checkbox"/> American Black Duck	+	–	–	+

Swans, Geese, Ducks	<input type="checkbox"/> Brant (Black)	U	R	R	V
Swans, Geese, Ducks	<input type="checkbox"/> Cackling Goose	U	V	U	V
Swans, Geese, Ducks	<input type="checkbox"/> Common Eider*	V	V	V	V
Swans, Geese, Ducks	<input type="checkbox"/> Emperor Goose	V	+	+	+
Swans, Geese, Ducks	<input type="checkbox"/> Greater White-fronted Goose	F	V	U	V
Swans, Geese, Ducks	<input type="checkbox"/> Ross's Goose	+	-	-	-
Swans, Geese, Ducks	<input type="checkbox"/> Snow Goose	U	+	U	+
Grouse, Ptarmigan	<input type="checkbox"/> Sooty Grouse*	C	C	C	C
Grouse, Ptarmigan	<input type="checkbox"/> Spruce Grouse*	R	R	R	R
Loons	<input type="checkbox"/> Common Loon*	F	U	F	U
Loons	<input type="checkbox"/> Red-throated Loon*	F	F	F	R
Grebes	<input type="checkbox"/> Pied-billed Grebe*	V	+	R	V
Cormorants	<input type="checkbox"/> Double-crested Cormorant*	U	R	U	U
Cormorants	<input type="checkbox"/> Brandt's Cormorant*	R	R	R	R
Cormorants	<input type="checkbox"/> Pelagic Cormorant*	C	F	C	C
Cormorants	<input type="checkbox"/> Red-faced Cormorant	-	-	-	+
Hérons, Bitterns	<input type="checkbox"/> Great Blue Heron*	F	F	F	U
Hérons, Bitterns	<input type="checkbox"/> American Bittern*	V	R	V	-
Hérons, Bitterns	<input type="checkbox"/> Black-crowned Night-Heron	+	+	-	-
Hérons, Bitterns	<input type="checkbox"/> Cattle Egret	-	-	V	+
Hérons, Bitterns	<input type="checkbox"/> Great Egret	+	+	+	+
Hérons, Bitterns	<input type="checkbox"/> Tricolored Heron	+	-	-	-
Hawks, Eagles, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/> Bald Eagle*	C	C	C	C
Hawks, Eagles, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Goshawk*	U	U	U	U
Hawks, Eagles, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/> Osprey*	R	R	R	-
Hawks, Eagles, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/> Red-tailed Hawk*	U	U	U	V
Hawks, Eagles, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/> Sharp-shinned Hawk*	F	U	F	R
Hawks, Eagles, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/> Steller's Sea-Eagle	+	+	+	+
Hawks, Eagles, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Harrier*	U	V	U	V
Hawks, Eagles, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/> Rough-legged Hawk	R	+	R	V
Falcons	<input type="checkbox"/> American Kestrel*	U	V	U	V
Falcons	<input type="checkbox"/> Merlin*	U	R	U	R
Falcons	<input type="checkbox"/> Gyrfalcon	V	-	V	V
Falcons	<input type="checkbox"/> Peregrine Falcon*	R	R	R	V
Rails, Coots	<input type="checkbox"/> American Coot	R	+	R	R
Rails, Coots	<input type="checkbox"/> Sora*	R	R	R	+
Cranes	<input type="checkbox"/> Sandhill Crane*	U	R	U	V
Plovers	<input type="checkbox"/> American Golden-Plover	U	R	U	-
Plovers	<input type="checkbox"/> Black-bellied Plover	F	R	F	+
Plovers	<input type="checkbox"/> European Golden-Plover	-	-	-	+

Plovers	<input type="checkbox"/> Killdeer*	U	U	U	R
Plovers	<input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Golden-Plover	U	-	U	-
Plovers	<input type="checkbox"/> Semipalmated Plover*	F	F	F	+
Oystercatchers	<input type="checkbox"/> Black Oystercatcher*	U	U	U	R
Avocets	<input type="checkbox"/> American Avocet	-	+	-	-
Sandpipers	<input type="checkbox"/> Greater Yellowlegs*	C	F	C	V
Sandpipers	<input type="checkbox"/> Lesser Yellowlegs*	U	U	F	-
Sandpipers	<input type="checkbox"/> Red-necked Phalarope*	C	U	C	+
Sandpipers	<input type="checkbox"/> Solitary Sandpiper*	R	R	R	-
Sandpipers	<input type="checkbox"/> Spotted Sandpiper*	F	F	F	+
Sandpipers	<input type="checkbox"/> Wilson's Phalarope	V	V	V	-
Sandpipers	<input type="checkbox"/> Baird's Sandpiper	U	R	U	-
Sandpipers	<input type="checkbox"/> Bar-tailed Godwit	V	+	V	-
Sandpipers	<input type="checkbox"/> Black Turnstone	F	R	F	F
Sandpipers	<input type="checkbox"/> Bristle-thighed Curlew	+	-	-	-
Sandpipers	<input type="checkbox"/> Buff-breasted sandpiper	+	-	V	-
Sandpipers	<input type="checkbox"/> Curlew Sandpiper	+	-	+	-
Sandpipers	<input type="checkbox"/> Dunlin	C	+	U	U
Sandpipers	<input type="checkbox"/> Hudsonian Godwit	R	R	V	-
Sandpipers	<input type="checkbox"/> Least Sandpiper*	C	U	C	-
Sandpipers	<input type="checkbox"/> Long-billed Dowitcher	U	R	U	+
Sandpipers	<input type="checkbox"/> Long-toed Stint	+	-	-	-
Sandpipers	<input type="checkbox"/> Marbled Godwit	R	+	V	-
Sandpipers	<input type="checkbox"/> Pectoral Sandpiper	F	R	F	-
Sandpipers	<input type="checkbox"/> Red Knot	R	+	V	-
Sandpipers	<input type="checkbox"/> Red-necked Stint	-	+	+	-
Sandpipers	<input type="checkbox"/> Rock Sandpiper	F	+	F	F
Sandpipers	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruddy Turnstone	F	U	F	-
Sandpipers	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruff	V	-	V	-
Sandpipers	<input type="checkbox"/> Sanderling	U	R	U	R
Sandpipers	<input type="checkbox"/> Semipalmated Sandpiper	U	R	U	-
Sandpipers	<input type="checkbox"/> Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	V	-	R	-
Sandpipers	<input type="checkbox"/> Short-billed Dowitcher*	F	R	F	-
Sandpipers	<input type="checkbox"/> Stilt Sandpiper	V	V	R	-
Sandpipers	<input type="checkbox"/> Surfbird	U	R	U	R
Sandpipers	<input type="checkbox"/> Wandering Tattler	U	U	U	-
Sandpipers	<input type="checkbox"/> Western Sandpiper	C	U	C	-
Sandpipers	<input type="checkbox"/> Whimbrel	U	R	U	-
Sandpipers	<input type="checkbox"/> White-rumped Sandpiper	+	+	+	-
Sandpipers	<input type="checkbox"/> Wilson's Snipe*	F	F	F	R

Gulls, Terns	<input type="checkbox"/> Aleutian Tern*	R	R	+	-
Gulls, Terns	<input type="checkbox"/> Arctic Tern*	F	F	F	-
Gulls, Terns	<input type="checkbox"/> Bonaparte's Gull*	C	F	C	V
Gulls, Terns	<input type="checkbox"/> Glaucous Gull	R	V	R	R
Gulls, Terns	<input type="checkbox"/> Glaucous-winged Gull*	C	C	C	C
Gulls, Terns	<input type="checkbox"/> Herring Gull*	C	F	C	F
Gulls, Terns	<input type="checkbox"/> Mew Gull*	C	C	C	C
Gulls, Terns	<input type="checkbox"/> Ring-billed Gull	R	R	R	V
Gulls, Terns	<input type="checkbox"/> Black Tern	+	-	+	-
Gulls, Terns	<input type="checkbox"/> Black-headed Gull	-	+	+	-
Gulls, Terns	<input type="checkbox"/> Black-legged Kittiwake*	F	U	F	R
Gulls, Terns	<input type="checkbox"/> Black-tailed Gull	-	+	+	-
Gulls, Terns	<input type="checkbox"/> California Gull	R	R	U	+
Gulls, Terns	<input type="checkbox"/> Caspian Tern*	R	R	R	-
Gulls, Terns	<input type="checkbox"/> Franklin's Gull	+	V	V	-
Gulls, Terns	<input type="checkbox"/> Heermann's Gull	-	-	V	-
Gulls, Terns	<input type="checkbox"/> Ivory Gull	-	+	+	-
Gulls, Terns	<input type="checkbox"/> Lesser Black-backed Gull	+	+	+	+
Gulls, Terns	<input type="checkbox"/> Little Gull	V	-	+	-
Gulls, Terns	<input type="checkbox"/> Sabine's Gull	R	V	R	-
Gulls, Terns	<input type="checkbox"/> Slaty-backed Gull	V	-	V	V
Gulls, Terns	<input type="checkbox"/> Thayer's Gull	F	R	F	U
Gulls, Terns	<input type="checkbox"/> Western Gull	V	+	R	V
Jaegers	<input type="checkbox"/> Parasitic Jaeger*	U	U	U	-
Alcids	<input type="checkbox"/> Marbled Murrelet*	C	C	C	C
Alcids	<input type="checkbox"/> Rhinoceros Auklet*	F	F	F	V
Alcids	<input type="checkbox"/> Ancient Murrelet*	F	F	F	U
Alcids	<input type="checkbox"/> Cassin's Auklet*	U	U	U	U
Alcids	<input type="checkbox"/> Common Murre*	C	F	C	C
Alcids	<input type="checkbox"/> Horned Puffin*	R	R	R	V
Alcids	<input type="checkbox"/> Parakeet Auklet*	R	+	+	+
Alcids	<input type="checkbox"/> Pigeon Guillemot*	C	C	U	U
Alcids	<input type="checkbox"/> Thick-billed Murre*	R	R	R	R
Alcids	<input type="checkbox"/> Tufted Puffin*	U	U	U	V
Pigeons, Doves	<input type="checkbox"/> Band-tailed Pigeon*	R	R	R	-
Pigeons, Doves	<input type="checkbox"/> Mourning Dove	V	V	R	+
Pigeons, Doves	<input type="checkbox"/> Rock Pigeon*	F	F	F	F
Owls	<input type="checkbox"/> Barred Owl*	U	U	U	U
Owls	<input type="checkbox"/> Boreal Owl	V	V	V	R
Owls	<input type="checkbox"/> Great Gray Owl*	V	V	V	V

Owls	<input type="checkbox"/> Great Horned Owl*	U	U	U	U
Owls	<input type="checkbox"/> Long-eared Owl	+	-	+	+
Owls	<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Hawk Owl*	R	V	R	R
Owls	<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Pygmy-Owl*	R	R	R	R
Owls	<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Saw-whet Owl*	R	R	R	R
Owls	<input type="checkbox"/> Western Screech-Owl*	R	R	R	R
Owls	<input type="checkbox"/> Short-eared Owl*	U	V	F	R
Owls	<input type="checkbox"/> Snowy Owl	+	-	V	V
Nighthawks	<input type="checkbox"/> Common Nighthawk*	-	R	R	-
Swifts	<input type="checkbox"/> Black Swift*	+	R	R	-
Swifts	<input type="checkbox"/> Vaux's Swift*	U	U	U	-
Hummingbirds	<input type="checkbox"/> Anna's Hummingbird	V	V	R	R
Hummingbirds	<input type="checkbox"/> Costa's Hummingbird	-	-	+	-
Hummingbirds	<input type="checkbox"/> Rufous Hummingbird*	C	C	U	+
Kingfishers	<input type="checkbox"/> Belted Kingfisher*	F	F	F	F
Woodpeckers	<input type="checkbox"/> American Three-toed Woodpecker*	R	R	R	R
Woodpeckers	<input type="checkbox"/> Black-backed Woodpecker	V	V	V	-
Woodpeckers	<input type="checkbox"/> Downy Woodpecker*	R	R	R	R
Woodpeckers	<input type="checkbox"/> Hairy Woodpecker*	U	U	U	U
Woodpeckers	<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Flicker - Red-shafted*	U	U	U	R
Woodpeckers	<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Flicker - Yellow-shafted*	R	R	R	V
Woodpeckers	<input type="checkbox"/> Red-breasted Sapsucker*	F	F	F	R
Woodpeckers	<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	-	-	-	+
Flycatchers	<input type="checkbox"/> Alder Flycatcher*	R	U	U	-
Flycatchers	<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Kingbird	-	V	V	-
Flycatchers	<input type="checkbox"/> Hammond's Flycatcher*	R	R	R	-
Flycatchers	<input type="checkbox"/> Olive-sided Flycatcher*	U	U	U	-
Flycatchers	<input type="checkbox"/> Pacific-slope Flycatcher*	C	C	C	-
Flycatchers	<input type="checkbox"/> Western Wood-Pewee*	U	U	U	-
Flycatchers	<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	-	V	-	-
Flycatchers	<input type="checkbox"/> Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	-	V	-	-
Flycatchers	<input type="checkbox"/> Western Kingbird	+	V	+	-
Shrikes	<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Shrike	U	-	U	R
Jays, Crows	<input type="checkbox"/> Black-billed Magpie*	U	R	F	F
Jays, Crows	<input type="checkbox"/> Common Raven*	C	C	C	C
Jays, Crows	<input type="checkbox"/> Gray Jay	V	V	R	R
Jays, Crows	<input type="checkbox"/> Northwestern Crow*	C	C	C	C
Jays, Crows	<input type="checkbox"/> Steller's Jay*	C	C	C	C
Jays, Crows	<input type="checkbox"/> American Crow*	R	R	R	R
Larks	<input type="checkbox"/> Horned Lark	R	V	R	V

Swallows	<input type="checkbox"/> Bank Swallow*	U	U	U	-
Swallows	<input type="checkbox"/> Barn Swallow*	F	F	F	-
Swallows	<input type="checkbox"/> Cliff Swallow*	R	R	R	-
Swallows	<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Rough-winged Swallow*	R	R	V	-
Swallows	<input type="checkbox"/> Tree Swallow*	F	F	F	-
Swallows	<input type="checkbox"/> Violet-green Swallow*	F	U	U	-
Chickadees	<input type="checkbox"/> Black-capped Chickadee*	R	R	R	R
Chickadees	<input type="checkbox"/> Boreal Chickadee	+	-	V	V
Chickadees	<input type="checkbox"/> Chestnut-backed Chickadee*	C	C	C	C
Chickadees	<input type="checkbox"/> Mountain Chickadee	V	+	V	V
Nuthatches	<input type="checkbox"/> Red-breasted Nuthatch*	U	U	U	R
Creepers	<input type="checkbox"/> Brown Creeper*	U	U	U	U
Wrens	<input type="checkbox"/> Winter Wren*	C	C	C	U
Dippers	<input type="checkbox"/> American Dipper*	F	F	F	F
Kinglets	<input type="checkbox"/> Golden-crowned Kinglet*	C	C	C	C
Kinglets	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruby-crowned Kinglet*	C	C	C	V
Thrushes	<input type="checkbox"/> American Robin*	C	C	C	R
Thrushes	<input type="checkbox"/> Gray-cheeked Thrush*	R	R	R	-
Thrushes	<input type="checkbox"/> Hermit Thrush*	C	C	C	V
Thrushes	<input type="checkbox"/> Swainson's Thrush*	C	C	C	-
Thrushes	<input type="checkbox"/> Townsend's Solitaire*	R	R	R	+
Thrushes	<input type="checkbox"/> Varied Thrush*	C	C	C	U
Thrushes	<input type="checkbox"/> Mountain Bluebird	R	V	V	V
Thrushes	<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Wheatear	+	-	V	-
Starlings	<input type="checkbox"/> European Starling*	U	U	U	U
Wagtails, Pipits	<input type="checkbox"/> American Pipit*	C	F	C	V
Wagtails, Pipits	<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Yellow Wagtail	-	+	+	-
Wagtails, Pipits	<input type="checkbox"/> Red-throated Pipit	-	-	V	-
Wagtails, Pipits	<input type="checkbox"/> White Wagtail	+	+	+	+
Waxwings	<input type="checkbox"/> Bohemian Waxwing*	U	R	U	U
Warblers	<input type="checkbox"/> Black-throated Green Warbler	-	+	-	-
Warblers	<input type="checkbox"/> Cape May Warbler	+	-	+	-
Warblers	<input type="checkbox"/> Orange-crowned Warbler*	C	C	C	+
Warblers	<input type="checkbox"/> Townsend's Warbler*	C	C	C	-
Warblers	<input type="checkbox"/> Wilson's Warbler*	F	F	F	-
Warblers	<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-rumped Warbler - Audubon's*	U	U	U	-
Warblers	<input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-rumped Warbler - Myrtle*	C	F	C	V
Tanagers	<input type="checkbox"/> Western Tanager*	U	U	U	-
Sparrows	<input type="checkbox"/> Chipping Sparrow*	R	R	R	V
Sparrows	<input type="checkbox"/> Dark-eyed Junco - Oregon*	C	C	C	C

Sparrows	<input type="checkbox"/> Dark-eyed Junco - Slate-colored*	U	V	U	F
Sparrows	<input type="checkbox"/> Fox Sparrow*	C	C	C	R
Sparrows	<input type="checkbox"/> Golden-crowned Sparrow*	F	U	U	R
Sparrows	<input type="checkbox"/> Spotted Towhee	+	-	+	V
Sparrows	<input type="checkbox"/> White-crowned Sparrow	U	V	U	R
Sparrows	<input type="checkbox"/> American Tree Sparrow	U	+	U	R
Sparrows	<input type="checkbox"/> Lapland Longspur	U	-	U	V
Sparrows	<input type="checkbox"/> Lincoln's Sparrow*	C	C	C	R
Sparrows	<input type="checkbox"/> McKay's Bunting	-	-	-	+
Sparrows	<input type="checkbox"/> Savannah Sparrow*	C	C	C	V
Sparrows	<input type="checkbox"/> Smith's Longspur	+	-	V	-
Sparrows	<input type="checkbox"/> Snow Bunting*	U	R	U	U
Sparrows	<input type="checkbox"/> Song Sparrow*	F	F	F	U
Sparrows	<input type="checkbox"/> Vesper Sparrow	-	+	-	-
Blackbirds	<input type="checkbox"/> Brown-headed Cowbird*	R	R	R	+
Blackbirds	<input type="checkbox"/> Red-winged Blackbird*	U	U	U	V
Blackbirds	<input type="checkbox"/> Rusty Blackbird*	U	R	U	R
Finches	<input type="checkbox"/> Common Redpoll*	F	U	F	F
Finches	<input type="checkbox"/> Eurasian Bullfinch	+	-	-	-
Finches	<input type="checkbox"/> Evening Grosbeak	V	+	V	V
Finches	<input type="checkbox"/> Hoary Redpoll	V	-	-	R
Finches	<input type="checkbox"/> Pine Grosbeak*	U	U	F	F
Finches	<input type="checkbox"/> Pine Siskin*	C	C	C	C
Finches	<input type="checkbox"/> Purple Finch	V	+	V	V
Finches	<input type="checkbox"/> Red Crossbill*	F	F	F	F
Finches	<input type="checkbox"/> White-winged Crossbill*	U	U	U	U
Finches	<input type="checkbox"/> Brambling	V	-	V	V
Finches	<input type="checkbox"/> Gray-crowned Rosy Finch*	U	U	U	R

Species information compiled from:

Heinl, Steve. 2010. Birds of Southeast Alaska: An Annotated List
from Icy Bay South to Dixon Entrance. Alaska Geographic. Anchorage, AK.