



Yakutat Species Checklist



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Location Description

Yakutat is a scenic coastal village with a rich Alaska Native culture. The village is surrounded by beautiful beaches and stunning scenery, including the Gulf of Alaska, Wrangell-St. Elias National Park, Tongass National Forest, Mount St. Elias, and the Hubbard Glacier. Yakutat hosts one of the largest and southern-most known nesting colonies of Aleutian Terns as well as Arctic Terns (celebrated by the village's annual Tern Festival) and up to 200 other bird species that nest in or migrate through the area each spring.

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	A	U	A	A
Laysan Albatross	NP	NP	V	NP
ALCIDS				
Ancient Murrelet	R	U	R	V
Cassin's Auklet	A	R	R	V
Common Murre	C	F	C	C

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Horned Puffin	NP	A	NP	NP
Kittlitz's Murrelet	U	U	U	U
Marbled Murrelet	C	C	U	C
Pigeon Guillemot	C	C	U	U
Rhinoceros Auklet	NP	R	R	NP
Thick-billed Murre	NP	A	NP	NP
Tufted Puffin	U	U	R	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	NP	V	V	NP
Red-winged Blackbird	U	U	U	NP
Rusty Blackbird	U	R	U	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
Brandt's Cormorant	A	NP	NP	NP
Double-crested Cormorant	F	R	F	U
Pelagic Cormorant	C	U	C	U
CRANES				
Sandhill Crane	U	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	R	NP

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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
House Finch	V	V	NP	NP
Common Redpoll	F	U	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
<i>FLYCATCHERS</i>				
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	R	U	U	NP
Hammond's Flycatcher	NP	A	NP	NP
Least Flycatcher	NP	A	NP	NP
Olive-sided Flycatcher	U	U	U	NP
Pacific-slope Flycatcher	C	C	C	NP
Western Wood-Pewee	A	A	A	NP
<i>FRIGATEBIRDS</i>				
Magnificent Frigatebird	NP	NP	A	NP
<i>GREBES</i>				
Eared Grebe	A	NP	NP	NP
Horned Grebe	F	V	F	F
Red-necked Grebe	F	R	F	F
<i>GROSBEAKS</i>				
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

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<i>GROUSE, PTARMIGAN</i>				
Rock Ptarmigan	R	R	R	R
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
Aleutian Tern	C	C	C	NP
Arctic Tern	F	F	U	NP
Black-legged Kittiwake	F	U	F	R
Bonaparte's Gull	C	F	C	V
California Gull	R	R	R	A
Caspian Tern	R	U	R	NP
Glaucous Gull	U	U	U	R
Glaucous-winged Gull	C	C	C	C
Herring Gull	C	F	C	U
Iceland Gull (Thayer's)	F	R	F	U
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	R	R	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	R	A	R	NP
Sharp-shinned Hawk	U	U	U	R
<i>HERONS, BITTERNES</i>				
Black-crowned Night-Heron	A	A	NP	NP
Cattle Egret	NP	NP	V	A

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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	R
Rufous Hummingbird	C	C	U	A
<i>JAEGERS</i>				
South Polar Skua	NP	A	A	NP
Long-tailed Jaeger	R	U	R	NP
Parasitic Jaeger	U	U	U	NP
Pomarine Jaeger	U	A	U	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	U	R	U	U
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	C	F	U
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C	C	C	V
<i>LARKS</i>				
Horned Lark	A	NP	A	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	U	R	U	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	A	NP	NP
<i>NUTHATCHES</i>				
Red-breasted Nuthatch	U	R	U	R

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<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	V	R	V	V
Boreal Owl	V	R	V	V
Great Horned Owl	U	U	U	U
Northern Hawk Owl	V	V	V	V
Northern Pygmy-Owl	NP	R	R	A
Northern Saw-whet Owl	U	F	U	NP
Short-eared Owl	U	R	U	NP
Western Screech-Owl	A	R	A	NP
<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
Eurasian Collared-Dove	U	U	U	R
Mourning Dove	NP	NP	V	NP
Rock Pigeon	NP	NP	A	NP
<i>PLOVERS</i>				
European Golden-Plover	NP	NP	NP	A
American Golden-Plover	R	V	R	NP
Black-bellied Plover	F	R	F	A
Killdeer	R	R	NP	NP
Pacific Golden-Plover	U	NP	U	NP
Semipalmated Plover	F	F	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
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

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Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	V	NP	R	NP
White-rumped Sandpiper	A	A	A	NP
Wilson's Phalarope	V	V	V	NP
Baird's Sandpiper	U	NP	U	NP
Bar-tailed Godwit	V	V	NP	NP
Black Turnstone	F	R	F	F
Dunlin	C	A	C	R
Greater Yellowlegs	C	F	C	V
Hudsonian Godwit	U	R	U	NP
Least Sandpiper	C	U	C	NP
Lesser Yellowlegs	U	R	U	NP
Long-billed Dowitcher	U	R	U	A
Marbled Godwit	F	A	V	NP
Pectoral Sandpiper	C	V	C	NP
Red Knot	R	A	V	NP
Red Phalarope	NP	NP	R	NP
Red-necked Phalarope	U	U	U	A
Rock Sandpiper	U	A	U	A
Ruddy Turnstone	U	A	U	NP
Sanderling	F	V	C	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
Surfbird	U	V	U	V
Wandering Tattler	U	U	U	NP
Western Sandpiper	C	U	C	NP
Whimbrel	F	R	U	NP
Wilson's Snipe	F	F	F	A
<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	F	F	F	F
Short-tailed Shearwater	NP	R	R	NP
Sooty Shearwater	C	R	C	NP
<i>SHRIKES</i>				
Brown Shrike	NP	NP	A	NP
Northern Shrike	A	NP	R	R

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SPARROWS				
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	NP	NP	R	NP
Chipping Sparrow	NP	NP	A	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	R	U	R
Lapland Longspur	R	NP	R	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	NP	A	NP
STARLINGS				
European Starling	NP	NP	NP	A
STORM-PETRELS				
Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel	C	R	C	A
Leach's Storm-Petrel	R	V	V	NP
SWALLOWS				
Purple Martin	A	NP	A	NP
Bank Swallow	R	U	R	NP
Barn Swallow	F	F	F	NP
Cliff Swallow	R	R	R	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

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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	R	R	R	NP
Brant (Black)	U	NP	U	NP
Bufflehead	C	V	C	C
Cackling Goose	R	V	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	V	NP	NP	NP
Long-tailed Duck	C	R	C	F
Mallard	C	C	C	C
Northern Pintail	C	U	C	U
Northern Shoveler	F	U	F	V
Red-breasted Merganser	F	U	F	F
Redhead	V	NP	V	NP
Ring-necked Duck	F	F	F	R
Snow Goose	F	NP	F	NP
Surf Scoter	C	F	C	C
Trumpeter Swan	U	U	U	V
Tundra Swan	U	NP	U	V
White-winged Scoter	C	F	C	F
TANAGERS				
Western Tanager	A	A	A	NP
THRUSHES				
Northern Wheatear	A	NP	V	NP
American Robin	C	C	C	R

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Gray-cheeked Thrush	R	R	R	NP
Hermit Thrush	C	C	C	V
Swainson's Thrush	V	R	R	NP
Townsend's Solitaire	NP	A	A	NP
Varied Thrush	C	C	C	U
VIREOS				
Warbling Vireo	NP	NP	V	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	V	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
Blackpoll Warbler	NP	NP	A	NP
Common Yellowthroat	U	U	U	NP
MacGillivray's Warbler	A	A	A	NP
Northern Waterthrush	R	R	R	NP
Orange-crowned Warbler	C	C	C	A
Tennessee Warbler	NP	A	NP	NP
Townsend's Warbler	R	V	R	NP
Wilson's Warbler	F	F	F	NP
Yellow Warbler	F	U	F	NP
Yellow-rumped Warbler	C	F	C	V
WAXWINGS				
Bohemian Waxwing	NP	V	V	V
Cedar Waxwing	V	NP	NP	NP
WOODPECKERS				
Black-backed Woodpecker	V	V	V	NP
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	NP	NP	NP	A

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Downy Woodpecker	R	R	R	R
Hairy Woodpecker	U	U	U	U
Northern Flicker	R	R	R	A
Red-breasted Sapsucker	U	U	U	A
<i>WRENS</i>				
Pacific Wren	C	C	C	U