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BOHEMIAN WAXWING

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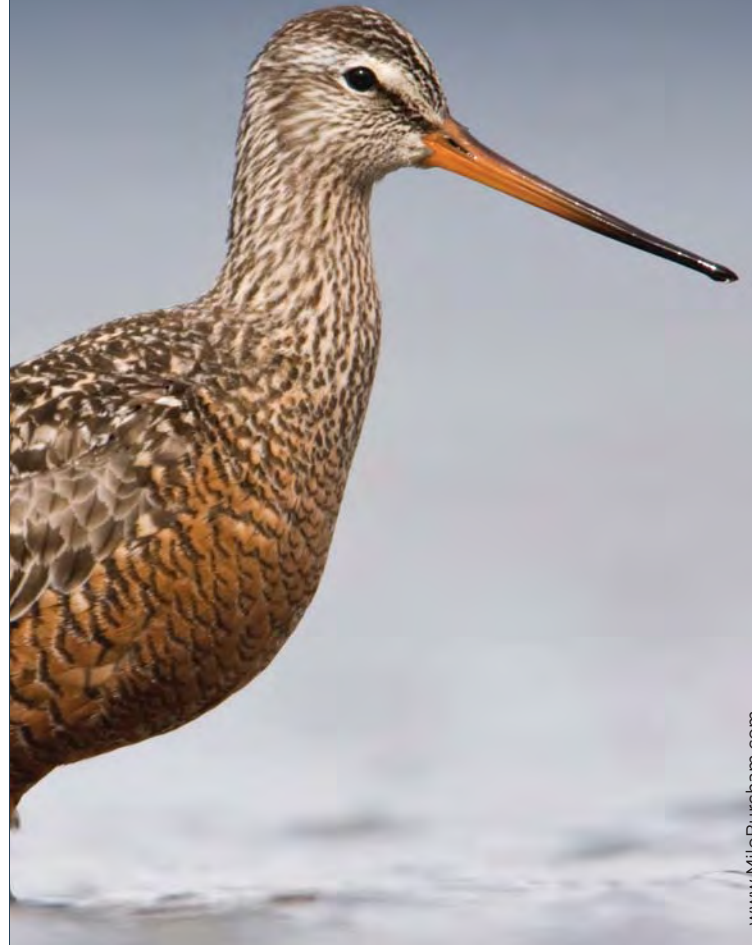
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# Birds of Anchorage, Alaska

## CHECKLIST

The Anchorage area offers a surprising diversity of habitat from tidal mudflats along the coast to alpine habitat in the Chugach Mountains bordering the city.



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# CHECKLIST KEY

- **Very Common:** Easily found in the right habitat and season
- **Common:** Found in the right habitat and season
- **Uncommon:** Found, with persistence, every year in the right habitat and season
- **Rare:** Seen in most years, but in small numbers
- **Casual:** Occasionally seen, but not every year
- N Documented nesting
- W Listed on the Audubon Alaska WatchList of declining or threatened species



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## WATERFOWL

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Greater White-fronted Goose <span style="color: red;">W*</span>												
Snow Goose												
Brant <span style="color: red;">W</span>												
Cackling Goose												
Canada Goose <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Trumpeter Swan <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Tundra Swan												
Gadwall <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Eurasian Wigeon												
American Wigeon <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Mallard <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Blue-winged Teal												
Northern Shoveler <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Northern Pintail <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Green-winged Teal <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Canvasback <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Redhead												
Ring-necked Duck <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Greater Scaup <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Lesser Scaup <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Harlequin Duck <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Surf Scoter												
White-winged Scoter												
Black Scoter												
Long-tailed Duck <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Bufflehead												
Common Goldeneye <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Barrow's Goldeneye <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Hooded Merganser												
Common Merganser <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Red-breasted Merganser												

## GROUSE

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Willow Ptarmigan <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Rock Ptarmigan <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
White-tailed Ptarmigan <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Spruce Grouse <span style="color: green;">N</span>												

\*Tule subspecies is on the WatchList, other subspecies are not.

## LOONS AND GREBES

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Red-throated Loon <span style="color: green;">N</span> <span style="color: red;">W</span>												
Pacific Loon <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Common Loon <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Horned Grebe <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Red-necked Grebe <span style="color: green;">N</span>												

## CORMORANTS

Double-crested Cormorant												
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## HERONS

Great Blue Heron												
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## HAWKS AND EAGLES

Osprey <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Golden Eagle <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Northern Harrier <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Sharp-shinned Hawk <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Northern Goshawk <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Bald Eagle <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Red-tailed Hawk* <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Rough-legged Hawk												

## CRANES

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Sandhill Crane <span style="color: green;">N</span>												

## PLOVERS

Black-bellied Plover												
American Golden-Plover <span style="color: red;">W</span>												
Pacific Golden-Plover												
Semipalmated Plover <span style="color: green;">N</span>												

## SANDPIPERS

Spotted Sandpiper <span style="color: green;">N</span>													
Solitary Sandpiper <span style="color: green;">N</span> <span style="color: red;">W</span>													
Wandering Tattler <span style="color: red;">N</span> <span style="color: red;">W</span>													
Greater Yellowlegs <span style="color: green;">N</span>													
Lesser Yellowlegs <span style="color: red;">N</span> <span style="color: red;">W</span>													
Whimbrel <span style="color: red;">W</span>													
Hudsonian Godwit <span style="color: red;">N</span> <span style="color: red;">W</span>													
Ruddy Turnstone													
Black Turnstone <span style="color: red;">W</span>													

\*Most Red-tailed Hawks are Harlan's subspecies in this range.

### SANDPIPERS CONTINUED

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Surfbird <small>N W</small>						■	■	■	■			
Sanderling						■	■	■	■			
Semipalmated Sandpiper						■	■	■	■			
Western Sandpiper						■	■	■	■			
Least Sandpiper <small>N</small>						■	■	■	■			
Baird's Sandpiper						■	■	■	■			
Pectoral Sandpiper						■	■	■	■			
Rock Sandpiper <small>W</small>	■	■	■								■	■
Dunlin <small>W</small>						■	■	■	■			
Short-billed Dowitcher <small>N W</small>						■	■	■	■			
Long-billed Dowitcher						■	■	■	■			
Wilson's Snipe <small>N</small>						■	■	■	■			
Red-necked Phalarope <small>N</small>						■	■	■	■			

### GULLS, TERNS, JAEGER

Black-legged Kittiwake						■	■	■	■			
Bonaparte's Gull <small>N</small>						■	■	■	■			
Mew Gull <small>N</small>						■	■	■	■			
California Gull						■	■	■	■			
Herring Gull* <small>N</small>						■	■	■	■			
Thayer's Gull						■	■	■	■			
Glaucous-winged Gull* <small>N</small>						■	■	■	■			
Glaucous Gull						■	■	■	■			
Arctic Tern <small>N</small>						■	■	■	■			
Long-tailed Jaeger						■	■	■	■			

### PIGEONS

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Rock Pigeon (Introduced) <small>N</small>	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■

### OWLS

Great Horned Owl <small>N</small>	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Northern Hawk Owl <small>N</small>	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Great Gray Owl	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Short-eared Owl <small>N</small>	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Boreal Owl <small>N</small>	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Northern Saw-whet Owl <small>N</small>	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■

### HUMMINGBIRDS

Rufous Hummingbird <small>N</small>						■	■					
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### KINGFISHERS

Belted Kingfisher <small>N</small>						■	■	■	■	■	■	■
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### WOODPECKERS

Downy Woodpecker <small>N</small>	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Hairy Woodpecker <small>N</small>	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
American Three-toed Woodpecker <small>N</small>	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Black-backed Woodpecker <small>N</small>	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Northern Flicker <small>N</small>	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■

### FALCONS

American Kestrel <small>N</small>						■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Merlin <small>N</small>	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■

\*Most Glaucous-winged and Herring Gulls are hybrids in this range.

### FALCONS CONTINUED

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Gyrfalcon <small>N</small>	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Peregrine Falcon						■	■	■	■	■	■	■

### FLYCATCHERS

Olive-sided Flycatcher <small>N W</small>								■	■	■	■	■
Western Wood-Pewee <small>N</small>								■	■	■	■	■
Alder Flycatcher <small>N</small>								■	■	■	■	■
Say's Phoebe <small>N</small>								■	■	■	■	■

### SHRIKES

Northern Shrike <small>N</small>	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
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### JAYS, CROWS, RAVENS

Gray Jay <small>N</small>	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Steller's Jay <small>N</small>	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Black-billed Magpie <small>N</small>	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Northwestern Crow	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Common Raven <small>N</small>	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■

### SWALLOWS

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Tree Swallow <small>N</small>						■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Violet-green Swallow <small>N</small>						■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Bank Swallow <small>N</small>						■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Barn Swallow <small>N</small>						■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Cliff Swallow <small>N</small>						■	■	■	■	■	■	■

### CHICKADEES

Black-capped Chickadee <small>N</small>	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Chestnut-backed Chickadee <small>N</small>	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Boreal Chickadee <small>N</small>	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■

### NUTHATCHES, CREEPERS, DIPPERS

Red-breasted Nuthatch <small>N</small>	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Brown Creeper <small>N</small>	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
American Dipper <small>N</small>	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■

### KINGLETS

Golden-crowned Kinglet <small>N</small>	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Ruby-crowned Kinglet <small>N</small>	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■



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STELLER'S JAY

### THRUSHES

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Northern Wheatear <b>N</b>												
Townsend's Solitaire <b>N</b>												
Gray-cheeked Thrush <b>N</b>												
Swainson's Thrush <b>N</b>												
Hermit Thrush <b>N</b>												
American Robin <b>N</b>												
Varied Thrush <b>N W</b>												

### STARLINGS

European Starling <b>N</b>												
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### PIPITS

American Pipit <b>N</b>												
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### WAXWINGS

Bohemian Waxwing <b>N</b>												
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### BUNTINGS

Lapland Longspur												
Snow Bunting <b>N</b>												

### WARBLERS

Northern Waterthrush <b>N</b>												
Orange-crowned Warbler <b>N</b>												
Yellow Warbler <b>N</b>												
Blackpoll Warbler <b>N W</b>												
Yellow-rumped Warbler <b>N</b>												
Townsend's Warbler <b>N</b>												
Wilson's Warbler <b>N</b>												

### SPARROWS

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
American Tree Sparrow <b>N</b>												
Savannah Sparrow <b>N</b>												
Fox Sparrow <b>N</b>												
Song Sparrow <b>N</b>												
Lincoln's Sparrow <b>N</b>												
White-crowned Sparrow <b>N</b>												
Golden-crowned Sparrow <b>N</b>												
Dark-eyed Junco <b>N</b>												

### BLACKBIRDS

Red-winged Blackbird <b>N</b>												
Rusty Blackbird <b>N W</b>												

### FINCHES

Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch <b>N</b>												
Pine Grosbeak <b>N</b>												
Red Crossbill												
White-winged Crossbill <b>N</b>												
Common Redpoll <b>N</b>												
Hoary Redpoll												
Pine Siskin <b>N</b>												

## ACCIDENTAL, CASUAL, UNSUBSTANTIATED KEY

- Casual: Occasionally seen, but not every year
- Accidental: Only one or two ever seen here
- x Unsubstantiated: no photographic or sample evidence to support sighting
- w Listed on the Audubon Alaska WatchList of declining or threatened species

Spring: March 16–May 31, Summer: June 1–July 31,

Fall: August 1–November 30, Winter: December 1–March 15

SPECIES	SPRING	SUMMER	FALL	WINTER
Ross's Goose	■			
Emperor Goose <b>w</b>	■			
Cinnamon Teal	■			
Tufted Duck	■			
Steller's Eider <b>w</b>	■	■	■	
Common Eider <b>w</b>	■			
Ruddy Duck	■			
Pied-billed Grebe	■	■		
Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel			■	
Leach's Storm-Petrel			■	
Pelagic Cormorant			■	
Red-faced Cormorant <b>w</b>				■
Great Egret	■			
Swainson's Hawk	■			
American Coot	■	■	■	
Sora		■		
Black Oystercatcher		■		
Killdeer	■		■	
Terek Sandpiper			■	
Upland Sandpiper			■	
Bristle-thighed Curlew <b>w</b>	■			
Bar-tailed Godwit <b>w</b>	■	■	■	
Marbled Godwit <b>w</b>	■			
Red Knot		■		
Red-necked Stint	■			
White-rumped Sandpiper	■			
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper			■	
Stilt Sandpiper	■		■	
Buff-breasted Sandpiper <b>w</b>	■			
Ruff		■		
Wilson's Phalarope	■	■		
Red Phalarope	■	■		
Ivory Gull <b>w</b>	■			
Sabine's Gull		■	■	
Black-headed Gull		■	■	
Little Gull		■		
Franklin's Gull	■	■	■	
Ring-billed Gull	■	■	■	
Slaty-backed Gull	■	■	■	
Caspian Tern		■		
Pomarine Jaeger		■		
Parasitic Jaeger	■	■		
Common Murre		■	■	
Marbled Murrelet <b>w</b>	■	■		
Mourning Dove	■	■		
Common Cuckoo		■		
Snowy Owl	■	■	■	

SPECIES	SPRING	SUMMER	FALL	WINTER
Vaux's Swift		■		
Anna's Hummingbird			■	
Costa's Hummingbird			■	
Red-breasted Sapsucker	■			
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		■		
Willow Flycatcher		■		
Least Flycatcher		■		
Hammond's Flycatcher	■			
Eastern Kingbird			■	
Western Kingbird			■	
Brown Shrike			■	
Cassin's Vireo			■	
Warbling Vireo		■		
Red-eyed Vireo		■		
Purple Martin		■		
Pacific Wren			■	
Arctic Warbler			■	
Siberian Stonechat			■	
Dusky Thrush			■	
Northern Mockingbird	■			
Siberian Accentor	■			
Yellow Wagtail			■	
White Wagtail			■	
Cedar Waxwing	■	■	■	
MacGillivray's Warbler			■	
Tennessee Warbler			■	
Common Yellowthroat			■	
Magnolia Warbler			■	
American Redstart			■	
Palm Warbler			■	
Spotted Towhee			■	
Chipping Sparrow	■	■	■	
Swamp Sparrow			■	
White-throated Sparrow			■	
Harris's Sparrow	■	■	■	
Western Tanager			■	
Black-headed Grosbeak			■	
Lazuli Bunting			■	
Indigo Bunting			■	
Yellow-headed Blackbird			■	
Brown-headed Cowbird			■	
Brambling	■	■	■	
Eurasian Bullfinch			■	
Evening Grosbeak	■			
Garganey				x
Turkey Vulture		x		
Red-throated Pipit				x