

**BOHEMIAN WAXWING** 

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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

WATERFOWL	J	F	М	Α	М	J	J	Α	S	0	Ν	D
Greater White-fronted Goose w*						-				-		
Snow Goose											-	
Brant w					-	_						
Cackling Goose				-		-					_	
Canada Goose N			-								-	
Trumpeter Swan N											-	
Tundra Swan					-							
Gadwall N			-									
Eurasian Wigeon				_								
American Wigeon N						 	l Į	]				
Mallard N												
Blue-winged Teal					_					_		
Northern Shoveler N											_	
Northern Pintail N			-									
Green-winged Teal N												
Canvasback N												
Redhead										-		
Ring-necked Duck N				-								
Greater Scaup N												
Lesser Scaup N											-	
Harlequin Duck N					_							
Surf Scoter					_							
White-winged Scoter					_							
Black Scoter					_							
Long-tailed Duck N					_						-	
Bufflehead											-	
Common Goldeneye N												
Barrow's Goldeneye N												
Hooded Merganser					—			-				
Common Merganser N												
<b>Red-breasted Merganser</b>			-								-	
GROUSE	J	F	М	Α	М	J	J	Α	S	0	Ν	D
Willow Ptarmigan N												
Rock Ptarmigan N												
White-tailed Ptarmigan N			_									

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



WILLOW PTARMIGAN

LOONS AND GREBES	J	F	М	Α	М	J	J	Α	s	0	Ν	D
Red-throated Loon N W				•								
Pacific Loon N									-			
Common Loon N												
Horned Grebe N												
Red-necked Grebe N				-						-		
CORMORANTS					-							
Double-crested Cormorant					_				_	-		
HERONS												
Great Blue Heron				-		_				-		
HAWKS AND EAGLES												
Osprey N				-				_				
Golden Eagle N			_									_
Northern Harrier N										-		
Sharp-shinned Hawk N												
Northern Goshawk N												
Bald Eagle N												
Red-tailed Hawk* N										-		
Rough-legged Hawk				-							-	
CRANES	J	F	М	Α	М	J	J	Α	S	0	Ν	D
Sandhill Crane N			-									
PLOVERS												
Black-bellied Plover				-	-	•						
American Golden-Plover w				-				-				
Pacific Golden-Plover				-	-	-		-				
Semipalmated Plover N			-					-				
SANDPIPERS												
Spotted Sandpiper N					-							
Solitary Sandpiper N W				•	-							
Wandering Tattler N W					-			-				
Greater Yellowlegs N										-		
Lesser Yellowlegs N W				-								
Whimbrel w					-				-			
Hudsonian Godwit 🛚 w				•				-	-			
Ruddy Turnstone												
Black Turnstone w						_						

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

SANDPIPERS CONTINUED	J	F	Μ	Α	Μ	J	J	Α	S	0	Ν	D
Surfbird N W					-							
Sanderling					-				-			
Semipalmated Sandpiper					-							
Western Sandpiper					-			-				
Least Sandpiper N									-			
Baird's Sandpiper									-			
Pectoral Sandpiper					-	-				_		

Γ	Rock Sandpiper w		_				
F	Dunlin w						 <u> </u>
	Short-billed Dowitcher N W		•				
	Long-billed Dowitcher			•		_	
	Wilson's Snipe N						-
	Red-necked Phalarope N		•				

## **GULLS, TERNS, JAEGERS**

Black-legged Kittiwake								-			-	
Bonaparte's Gull N				-						-		
Mew Gull N			-		1		1	1				
California Gull				-	-					-	-	
Herring Gull* N			-									
Thayer's Gull				-							—	
Glaucous-winged Gull* N			-								-	
Glaucous Gull												
Arctic Tern N												
Long-tailed Jaeger							_					
PIGEONS	J	F	М	Α	М	J	J	Α	s	0	Ν	D
Rock Pigeon (Introduced) N												

Rock Pigeon (Introduced) N

#### OWLS

Great Horned Owl N							
Northern Hawk Owl N							
Great Gray Owl		_					
Short-eared Owl N			_				
Boreal Owl N							
Northern Saw-whet Owl N							

## HUMMINGBIRDS

Rufous Hummingbird N

## KINGFISHERS

Belted Kingfisher N

## WOODPECKERS

Merlin N

Downy Woodpecker N							
Hairy Woodpecker N							
American Three-toed Woodpecker N							
Black-backed Woodpecker N							
Northern Flicker N					-		
FALCONS							
American Kestrel N					-		

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

FA	LCONS CONTINUED	J	F	Μ	Α	М	J	J	Α	S	0	Ν	D
	Gyrfalcon N												
	Peregrine Falcon												

## FLYCATCHERS

Olive-sided Flycatcher N w						
Western Wood-Pewee N		-		-		
Alder Flycatcher N		-				
Say's Phoebe N		_				

#### SHRIKES

Northern Shrike N		_			_		_	

## JAYS, CROWS, RAVENS

Gray Jay N												
Steller's Jay N												
Black-billed Magpie N												
Northwestern Crow			-					_				
Common Raven N												
SWALLOWS	J	F	М	Α	М	J	J	Α	S	0	Ν	D
Tree Swallow N								_				
Violet-green Swallow N				-								
Bank Swallow N								-				
Barn Swallow N					_							
Cliff Swallow N					_			-				

#### CHICKADEES

Black-capped Chickadee N						
Chestnut-backed Chickadee N						
Boreal Chickadee N						

#### NUTHATCHES, CREEPERS, DIPPERS

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Red-breasted Nuthatch N									
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Brown Creeper N									
Diowii Cieepei N									
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Amorican Dinner I									
American Dipper N		-						_	
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KINGLETS									
RINGLEIS									
C 11 11/2 1 1.									
Golden-crowned Kinglet N								_	
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Ruby-crowned Kinglet N								_	



STELLER'S JAY

Northern Wheatear N					_			_				
Townsend's Solitaire N							-					
Gray-cheeked Thrush N					-							-
Swainson's Thrush N	_											
Hermit Thrush N										•		
American Robin N												
Varied Thrush N W												
TARLINGS												
European Starling N					l			1				
IPITS												
American Pipit N						1	î.	1				
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AXWINGS									_			
Bohemian Waxwing N												
UNTINGS												1
Lapland Longspur								-				
Snow Bunting N												
/ARBLERS												
Northern Waterthrush N					-				-			
Orange-crowned Warbler N				-	-					-		
Yellow Warbler N					-				-			
Blackpoll Warbler N W					-				-			
Yellow-rumped Warbler N				-						-		-
Townsend's Warbler N					-				-			
Wilson's Warbler N					-					-		
PARROWS	J	F	М	Α	М	J	J	Α	S	0	Ν	D
American Tree Sparrow N												
Savannah Sparrow N										-		
Fox Sparrow N				-								
Song Sparrow N												
Lincoln's Sparrow N				-								_
White-crowned Sparrow N												-
Golden-crowned Sparrow N				_						_		
Dark-eyed Junco N												
LACKBIRDS												
Red-winged Blackbird N				-					_			
Rusty Blackbird N W												
INCHES												
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch N				-								
Pine Grosbeak N									-			
Red Crossbill		-										
White-winged Crossbill N												
Common Redpoll N												
Hoary Redpoll												
Pine Siskin N												

## ACCIDENTAL, CASUAL, UNSUBSTANTIATED KEY

- Casual: Occasionally seen, but not every year
- Accidental: Only one or two ever seen here
- Unsubstantiated: no photographic or sample evidence to support sighting Х
- 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

	RING	SUMMER	T	INTER	SPECIES SPECIES	=	INTER
SPECIES	S	S	F	$\geq$	0.100	Æ	3
Ross's Goose					Vaux's Swift		
Emperor Goose W					Anna's Hummingbird		
Cinnamon Teal					Costa's Hummingbird		
Tufted Duck					Red-breasted Sapsucker		
Steller's Eider W					Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		
Common Eider w					Willow Flycatcher		
Ruddy Duck					Least Flycatcher		
Pied-billed Grebe					Hammond's Flycatcher		
Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel					Eastern Kingbird		
Leach's Storm-Petrel					Western Kingbird		
Pelagic Cormorant					Brown Shrike		
Red-faced Cormorant w					Cassin's Vireo		
Great Egret					Warbling Vireo		
Swainson's Hawk					Red-eyed Vireo		_
American Coot					Purple Martin		
Sora					Pacific Wren		_
Black Oystercatcher					Arctic Warbler		
Killdeer					Siberian Stonechat		
Terek Sandpiper					Dusky Thrush		
Upland Sandpiper					Northern Mockingbird		
Bristle-thighed Curlew W					Siberian Accentor		
Bar-tailed Godwit w					Yellow Wagtail		_
Marbled Godwit w					White Wagtail		
Red Knot					Cedar Waxwing		
Red-necked Stint					MacGillivray's Warbler		_
White-rumped Sandpiper					Tennessee Warbler		
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper					Common Yellowthroat		
Stilt Sandpiper					Magnolia Warbler		-
Buff-breasted Sandpiper W					American Redstart		
Ruff					Palm Warbler		
Wilson's Phalarope					Spotted Towhee		-
Red Phalarope					Chipping Sparrow		_
Ivory Gull W					Swamp Sparrow		_
Sabine's Gull					White-throated Sparrow		
Black-headed Gull					Harris's Sparrow		
Little Gull					Western Tanager		
Franklin's Gull					Black-headed Grosbeak		-
Ring-billed Gull					Lazuli Bunting		
Slaty-backed Gull					Indigo Bunting		
					Yellow-headed Blackbird		_
Caspian Tern					Brown-headed Cowbird		_
Pomarine Jaeger							_
Parasitic Jaeger					Brambling		
Common Murre	$\vdash$				Eurasian Bullfinch		
Marbled Murrelet w					Evening Grosbeak	v	
Mourning Dove					Garganey Turkau Valture	X	
Common Cuckoo					Turkey Vulture X	<b>_</b>	
Snowy Owl					Red-throated Pipit	X	