



NORTHERN PINTAIL

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FRONT COVER: NORTHERN HAWK OWL

Palmer Hay Flats

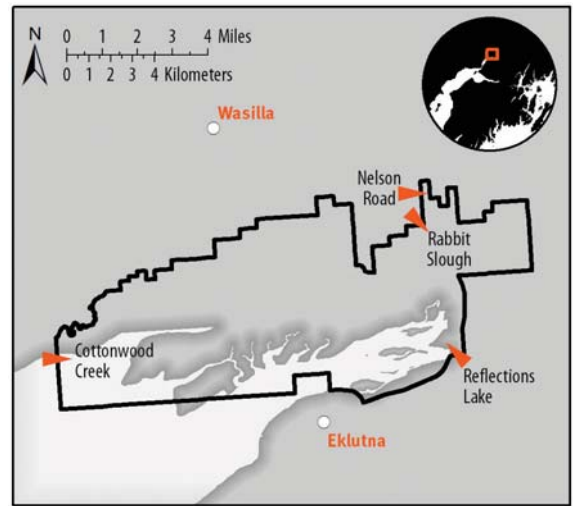
Audubon Important Bird Area and State Game Refuge

BIRD CHECKLIST





GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE



PALMER HAY FLATS REFUGE AND IMPORTANT BIRD AREA ACCESS POINTS

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

SPECIES	SPRING	SUMMER	FALL	WINTER
Brant w				
Blue-winged Teal				
Cinnamon Teal				
Surf Scoter				
White-winged Scoter				
Black Scoter				
Long-tailed Duck				
Rock Ptarmigan				
Sora				
American Coot				
Pacific Golden-Plover				
Upland Sandpiper				
Red Phalarope				
Black-legged Kittiwake				
Mourning Dove				
Snowy Owl				
Red-eyed Vireo				
Marsh Wren				
Brown-headed Cowbird				
Red Crossbill				

Spring: March 16–May 31
 Summer: June 1–July 31
 Fall: August 1–November 30
 Winter: December 1–March 15

The Palmer Hay Flats encompass a rich estuary of about 45,000 acres. This mosaic of freshwater streams, silty glacial rivers, saltwater, lakes, ponds, marshes, bogs, mudflats exposed by forty-foot tides, and upland birch forests draws tens of thousands of ducks, geese, swans, shorebirds, and other birds when they stop to refuel during migration to and from northern nesting grounds. Many species of birds also stay to nest and raise young here.

About two-thirds of this area is protected within the Palmer Hay Flats State Game Refuge. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game manages the refuge, created in 1975, to protect wildlife habitat and allows compatible public uses. Palmer Hay Flats is one of Southcentral Alaska’s most popular birding locations. The fall waterfowl hunting season is open from September through mid-December, so take note if you are birding then. Visit www.refuges.adfg.alaska.gov for more information on the refuge.

The refuge is designated an Important Bird Area for the thousands of Canada Geese, Snow Geese, and Tundra Swans that rely on these wetlands during migration. Visit www.AudubonAlaska.org for more information about Important Bird Areas. Audubon Alaska uses science to identify and conserve important habitat for birds across Alaska, emphasizing public lands and waters.

PIGEONS

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Rock Pigeon (Introduced)	[Red bar]											

OWLS

Great Horned Owl ^N	[Orange bar]											
Northern Hawk Owl	[Orange bar]											
Great Gray Owl ^N	[Yellow bar]											
Short-eared Owl ^N	[Orange bar]											
Boreal Owl	[Yellow bar]											
Northern Saw-whet Owl	[Yellow bar]											

HUMMINGBIRDS

Rufous Hummingbird	[Yellow bar]											
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KINGFISHERS

Belted Kingfisher ^N	[Orange bar]											
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WOODPECKERS

Downy Woodpecker ^N	[Red bar]											
Hairy Woodpecker ^N	[Orange bar]											
American Three-toed Woodpecker ^N	[Yellow bar]											
Black-backed Woodpecker	[Yellow bar]											
Northern Flicker	[Orange bar]											

FALCONS

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
American Kestrel	[Yellow bar]											
Merlin	[Orange bar]											
Gyr Falcon	[Yellow bar]											
Peregrine Falcon	[Orange bar]											

FLYCATCHERS

Olive-sided Flycatcher ^{N W}	[Orange bar]											
Western Wood-Pewee ^N	[Orange bar]											
Alder Flycatcher ^N	[Red bar]											

SHRIKES

Northern Shrike ^N	[Orange bar]											
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JAYS, CROWS, RAVENS

Gray Jay	[Orange bar]											
Steller's Jay	[Yellow bar]											
Black-billed Magpie ^N	[Red bar]											
Common Raven ^N	[Red bar]											

LARKS

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Horned Lark	[Yellow bar]											

SWALLOWS

Tree Swallow ^N	[Red bar]											
Violet-green Swallow ^N	[Red bar]											
Bank Swallow ^N	[Red bar]											
Cliff Swallow ^N	[Orange bar]											

CHICKADEES

Black-capped Chickadee ^N	[Red bar]											
Boreal Chickadee ^N	[Orange bar]											

NUTHATCHES, CREEPERS, DIPPERS

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Red-breasted Nuthatch ^N	[Red bar]											
Brown Creeper ^N	[Orange bar]											
American Dipper	[Orange bar]											

KINGLETS

Ruby-crowned Kinglet ^N	[Red bar]											
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THRUSHES

Townsend's Solitaire	[Yellow bar]											
Gray-cheeked Thrush	[Orange bar]											
Swainson's Thrush ^N	[Red bar]											
Hermit Thrush ^N	[Red bar]											
American Robin ^N	[Red bar]											
Varied Thrush ^{N W}	[Orange bar]											

STARLINGS

European Starling	[Orange bar]											
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PIPITS

American Pipit	[Red bar]											
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WAXWINGS

Bohemian Waxwing	[Orange bar]											
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BUNTINGS

Lapland Longspur	[Red bar]											
Snow Bunting	[Orange bar]											

WARBLERS

Northern Waterthrush ^N	[Red bar]											
Orange-crowned Warbler ^N	[Red bar]											
Yellow Warbler ^N	[Red bar]											
Blackpoll Warbler ^{N W}	[Orange bar]											
Yellow-rumped Warbler ^N	[Red bar]											
Townsend's Warbler	[Orange bar]											
Wilson's Warbler	[Red bar]											

SPARROWS

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
American Tree Sparrow	[Yellow bar]											
Savannah Sparrow ^N	[Red bar]											
Fox Sparrow ^N	[Red bar]											
Song Sparrow	[Yellow bar]											
Lincoln's Sparrow ^N	[Red bar]											
White-crowned Sparrow ^N	[Red bar]											
Golden-crowned Sparrow	[Yellow bar]											
Dark-eyed Junco ^N	[Red bar]											

BLACKBIRDS

Red-winged Blackbird ^N	[Orange bar]											
Rusty Blackbird ^{N W}	[Orange bar]											

FINCHES

Pine Grosbeak	[Orange bar]											
White-winged Crossbill	[Yellow bar]											
Common Redpoll ^N	[Red bar]											
Hoary Redpoll	[Yellow bar]											
Pine Siskin	[Orange bar]											