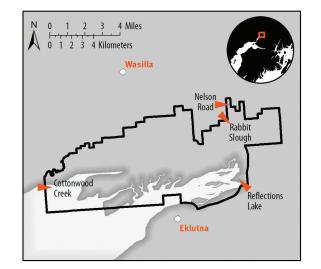


ACCIDENTAL, CASUAL, UNSUBSTANTIATED KEY

- **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



PALMER HAY FLATS REFUGE AND IMPORTANT BIRD AREA ACCESS POINTS

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.



NORTHERN PINTAIL

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For more information on birding in Alaska, visit www.birding.alaska.gov

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FRONT COVER: NORTHERN HAWK OWL

Palmer Hay Flats Audubon Important Bird Area and State Game Refuge **BIRD CHECKLIST**



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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

ATERFOWL	J	F	Μ	Α	M	J	J	Α	S	0	Ν	C
Greater White-fronted Goose w*								-				
Snow Goose										-		
Cackling Goose									_			
Canada Goose N											-	
Trumpeter Swan N			_								-	
Tundra Swan						-						
Gadwall N				-								
Eurasian Wigeon												
American Wigeon N				-							-	
Mallard N												
Northern Shoveler N				-								
Northern Pintail N												
Green-winged Teal N												
Canvasback N												
Redhead N												
Ring-necked Duck N												
Greater Scaup N				-							-	
Lesser Scaup												
Harlequin Duck					_							
Bufflehead					-				-		•	
Common Goldeneye				-								
Barrow's Goldeneye				-								
Hooded Merganser					_				-	_		
Common Merganser	_											
Red-breasted Merganser				-		_			-			
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Ruffed Grouse N												
Spruce Grouse N												
Willow Ptarmigan												
DONS AND GREBES	-											-

Red-throated Loon N W						
Pacific Loon N						
Common Loon						
Horned Grebe N		-				
Red-necked Grebe N		-				

HERONS	J	F	М	Α	Μ	J	J	Α	S	0	Ν	D
Great Blue Heron								-			_	
HAWKS AND EAGLE	S											
Osprey N				-								
Golden Eagle			_		-						_	
Northern Harrier N				-							-	
Sharp-shinned Hawk												
Northern Goshawk			-					-		-		
Bald Eagle N												
Red-tailed Hawk* N			-									
Rough-legged Hawk			-					_				
CRANES												
Sandhill Crane N												
PLOVERS										_		
Black-bellied Plover				•		_						
American Golden-Plover w				•						-		
Semipalmated Plover N												
Killdeer												
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Solitary Sandpiper N W				-					-			
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Boreal Owl													T	HRU
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Hairy Woodpecker N														Europ
American Three-toed Woodpecker N													Ρ	IPITS
Black-backed Woodpecker													L	Ameri
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Peregrine Falcon														North
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Olive-sided Flycatcher N W								-						Yellow
Western Wood-Pewee N														Black
Alder Flycatcher N					-		1		-					Yellow
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Northern Shrike N														Wilson
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Steller's Jay														Savan
Black-billed Magpie N														Fox Sp
Common Raven N														Song S
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Cliff Swallow N								-						Rusty
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Black-capped Chickadee N														White
Boreal Chickadee N														Comm

Arctic Tern N

Parasitic Jaeger

Long-tailed Jaeger

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	Brown Creeper N												
	American Dipper												
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	Ruby-crowned Kinglet N												
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	Townsend's Solitaire						_						
	Gray–cheeked Thrush Swainson's Thrush N												
	Hermit Thrush N									_			
	American Robin N												
	Varied Thrush N W												
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	American Pipit				-		-		-			•	
N	AXWINGS												
	Bohemian Waxwing												
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	Lapland Longspur			-			-						
	Snow Bunting					-					_		
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_	Northern Waterthrush N					-				-			
	Orange-crowned Warbler N												
	Yellow Warbler N					-			-	-			
	Blackpoll Warbler N W					-							
	Yellow-rumped Warbler N										-		
	Townsend's Warbler												
	Wilson's Warbler									-			
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