



HOMER AND GULL ISLAND (Homer) – Red-faced Cormorants, Puffins, Aleutian Terns, Murrelets

HOPE – Palmer Creek Road for access to alpine species

SEWARD AND GATEWAY TO CHISWELL ISLANDS (Seward) – Puffins, Auklets and pelagic species

The Kenai Peninsula Wildlife Viewing Trail offers 65 additional viewing hotspots. Visit www.kenaipeninsula.org/kenai_guide for more information

TERN LAKE (Junction of Seward and Sterling Highways) – Arctic Tern nesting grounds

KENAI NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE HEADQUARTERS (Soldotna) – Access to boreal and wetland species

KENAI RIVER ESTUARY (Kenai) – Over 120 species of birds, large gull colony, waterfowl migration stop-over

KASILOF RIVER ESTUARY (Kasilof) – Great waterfowl and shorebird migration stopover, plovers, sandpipers and godwits abound, Rock Sandpipers in winter.

HOT SPOTS ON THE KENAI PENINSULA



Everyone who enjoys birds and birding must always respect wildlife, its environment, and the rights of others. In any conflict of interest between birds and birders, the welfare of the birds and their environment comes first.

1. Promote the welfare of birds and their environment.
2. Respect the law, and the rights of others.
3. Ensure that feeders, nest structures, and their artificial bird environments are safe.
4. Group birding, whether organized or impromptu, requires special care.

Please follow this code and teach it to others. Full text of the ABA Code of Birding Ethics may be found at www.aba.org.

AMERICAN BIRDING ASSOCIATIONS - PRINCIPLES OF BIRDING ETHICS



Kenai National Wildlife Refuge

Often called “Alaska in Miniature”, the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge is home to a wide variety of wildlife including moose, brown bears, lynx, wolves, eagles and salmon. First established in 1941, the Refuge exists to protect the variety of wildlife and the habitats they need to survive in a state of natural diversity.



Over 150 bird species call the Refuge home as year-round residents or during their seasonal migrations. Refuge trails, scenic drives and campgrounds are great places for wildlife viewing. Popular “lifers” for

determined birders found on the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge include Aleutian Tern, Pacific Loon, Boreal Chickadee and Three-toed Woodpecker.

To learn more about the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge, plan your visit and find maps and more, <http://kenai.fws.gov>, call 907-262-7021 or stop by the Visitor Center on Ski Hill Road in Soldotna.

Kenai Watershed Forum

The Kenai Watershed Forum (KWF) is a local non-profit organization dedicated to maintaining the health of the watersheds on the Kenai Peninsula, Alaska. KWF is recognized as the regional watershed organization of the Kenai Peninsula, successfully identifying and addressing the needs of the region by providing high quality EDUCATION, RESTORATION, and RESEARCH programs.



Our mission is “working together for healthy watersheds on the Kenai Peninsula”. KWF is a dynamic and maturing organization

that is poised to serve the Kenai Peninsula and the State of Alaska with increasing effectiveness in the near and distant future.

To learn more about the Kenai Watershed Forum visit www.KenaiWatershed.org or call 907-260-5449 or stop our office in Soldotna Creek Park in Soldotna.

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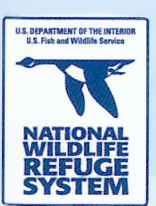
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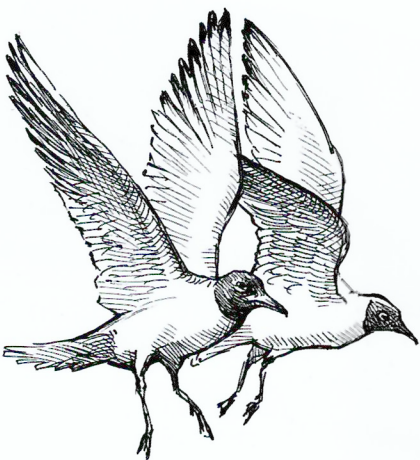


**over the
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BIRD CHECKLIST



**KENAI
WATERSHED
FORUM**



The Kenai Peninsula is a wonderful place to visit and bird. The list below is provided for general reference and one must realize that the geographic size of the Peninsula combined with seasonal migration patterns make birds common at some times and areas and uncommon at others. Please use the references at the end of this list for more detailed information on timing and geographic availability.

ANATIDAE - SWANS, GEESE, AND DUCKS

- __C Greater White-fronted Goose
- __R Emperor Goose
- __C Snow Goose
- __CA Ross's Goose
- __U Brant
- __C Cackling Goose
- __C Canada Goose
- __U Trumpeter Swan
- __R Tundra Swan
- __U Gadwall
- __U Eurasian Wigeon
- __C American Wigeon
- __C Mallard
- __CA Blue-winged Teal
- __A Cinnamon Teal
- __C Northern Shoveler
- __C Northern Pintail
- __C Green-winged Teal
- __R Canvasback
- __CA Redhead
- __A Common Pochard
- __U Ring-necked Duck
- __A Tufted Duck
- __C Greater Scaup
- __R Lesser Scaup
- __U Steller's Eider
- __A Spectacled Eider
- __R King Eider
- __U Common Eider
- __C Harlequin Duck
- __C Surf Scoter
- __C White-winged Scoter
- __C Black Scoter
- __C Long-tailed Duck
- __C Bufflehead
- __C Common Goldeneye
- __C Barrow's Goldeneye
- __R Hooded Merganser
- __C Common Merganser
- __C Red-breasted Merganser
- __A Ruddy Duck

PHASIANIDAE - GROUSE

- __U Ring-necked Pheasant
- __R Ruffed Grouse
- __C Spruce Grouse
- __C Willow Ptarmigan
- __C Rock Ptarmigan
- __U White-tailed Ptarmigan

GAVIIDAE - LOONS

- __U Red-throated Loon
- __C Pacific Loon
- __C Common Loon
- __R Yellow-billed Loon

PODICIPEDIDAE - GREBES

- __A Pied-billed Grebe
- __C Horned Grebe
- __C Red-necked Grebe
- __A Eared Grebe

DIOMEDEIDAE - ALBATROSSES

- __U Laysan Albatross
- __C Black-footed Albatross
- __R Short-tailed Albatross

PROCELLARIIDAE - SHEARWATERS AND PETRELS

- __C Northern Fulmar
- __R Mottled Petrel
- __CA Pink-footed Shearwater
- __CA Flesh-footed Shearwater
- __A Great Shearwater
- __U Buller's Shearwater
- __C Sooty Shearwater
- __U Short-tailed Shearwater
- __CA Manx Shearwater

HYROBATIDAE - STORM-PETRELS

- __C Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel
- __R Leach's Storm-Petrel

PHALACROCORCAIDAE - CORMORANTS

- __A Brandt's Cormorant
- __C Double-crested Cormorant
- __U Red-faced Cormorant
- __C Pelagic Cormorant

ARDEIDAE - HERONS AND EGRETS

- __R Great Blue Heron
- __A Great Egret

CATHARTIDAE - NEW WORLD VULTURES

- __A Turkey Vulture

PANDIONIDAE - OSPREYS

- __R Osprey

ACCIPITRIDAE - EAGLES AND HAWKS

- __C Bald Eagle
- __U Northern Harrier
- __U Sharp-shinned Hawk
- __U Northern Goshawk
- __A Swainson's Hawk
- __U Red-tailed Hawk
- __R Rough-legged Hawk
- __U Golden Eagle

RALLIDAE - RAILS AND COOTS

- __A Sora
- __CA American Coot

GRUIDAE - CRANES

- __C Sandhill Crane

HAEMATOPODIDAE - OYSTERCATCHERS

- __U Black Oystercatcher

CHARADRIIDAE - PLOVERS

- __C Black-bellied Plover
- __U American Golden-Plover
- __C Pacific Golden-Plover
- __C Semipalmated Plover
- __R Killdeer

SCOLOPACIDAE - SANDPIPERS

- __C Spotted Sandpiper
- __U Solitary Sandpiper
- __A Gray-tailed Tattler
- __U Wandering Tattler
- __C Greater Yellowlegs
- __A Willet
- __C Lesser Yellowlegs
- __A Upland Sandpiper
- __U Whimbrel
- __CA Bristle-thighed Curlew
- __U Hudsonian Godwit
- __R Bar-tailed Godwit
- __R Marbled Godwit
- __R Ruddy Turnstone
- __C Black Turnstone
- __R Red Knot
- __C Surfbird
- __CA Ruff
- __R Sharp-tailed Sandpiper
- __R Stilt Sandpiper
- __A Temminck's Stint
- __A Red-necked Stint
- __U Sanderling
- __C Dunlin
- __C Rock Sandpiper
- __R Baird's Sandpiper
- __C Least Sandpiper
- __A White-rumped Sandpiper
- __CA Buff-breasted Sandpiper
- __C Pectoral Sandpiper
- __U Semipalmated Sandpiper
- __C Western Sandpiper
- __C Short-billed Dowitcher
- __U Long-billed Dowitcher
- __A Jack Snipe
- __C Wilson's Snipe
- __A Wilson's Phalarope
- __C Red-necked Phalarope
- __R Red Phalarope

STERCORARIIDAE - JAEGERs

- __R South Polar Skua
- __U Pomarine Jaeger
- __U Parasitic Jaeger
- __R Long-tailed Jaeger

ALCIDAE - AUKS, MURRES, AND PUFFINS

- __C Common Murre
- __R Thick-billed Murre
- __C Pigeon Guillemot
- __CA Long-billed Murrelet
- __C Marbled Murrelet
- __U Kittlitz's Murrelet
- __U Ancient Murrelet
- __U Cassin's Auklet
- __U Parakeet Auklet
- __A Least Auklet
- __A Whiskered Auklet
- __CA Crested Auklet
- __U Rhinoceros Auklet
- __C Horned Puffin
- __C Tufted Puffin

LARIDAE - GULLS AND TERNS

- __C Black-legged Kittiwake
- __A Ivory Gull
- __R Sabine's Gull
- __C Bonaparte's Gull
- __A Black-headed Gull
- __A Ross's Gull
- __CA Franklin's Gull
- __A Black-tailed Gull
- __A Heermann's Gull
- __C Mew Gull
- __A Ring-billed Gull
- __A Western Gull
- __CA California Gull
- __U Herring Gull
- __R Thayer's Gull

LARIDAE - Gulls and Terns cont.

- __CA Iceland Gull
- __A Lesser Black-backed Gull
- __R Slaty-backed Gull
- __C Glaucous-winged Gull
- __U Glaucous Gull
- __U Aleutian Tern
- __R Caspian Tern
- __A White-winged Tern
- __C Arctic Tern

COLUMBIDAE - PIGEONS AND DOVES

- __U Rock Pigeon
- __CA Eurasian Collared-Dove
- __CA Mourning Dove

STRIGIDAE - OWLS

- __R Western Screech-Owl
- __C Great Horned Owl
- __R Snowy Owl
- __R Northern Hawk Owl
- __R Great Gray Owl
- __U Short-eared Owl
- __C Boreal Owl
- __C Northern Saw-whet Owl

CAPRIMULGIDAE - GOATSUCKERS

- __A Common Nighthawk

TROCHILIDAE - HUMMINGBIRDS

- __R Anna's Hummingbird
- __A Costa's Hummingbird
- __U Rufous Hummingbird

ALCEDINIDAE - KINGFISHERS

- __U Belted Kingfisher

PICIDAE - WOODPECKERS

- __A Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
- __CA Red-breasted Sapsucker
- __C Downy Woodpecker
- __C Hairy Woodpecker
- __U American Three-toed Woodpecker
- __CA Black-backed Woodpecker
- __R Northern Flicker

FALCONIDAE - FALCONS

- __CA American Kestrel
- __U Merlin
- __A Eurabian Hobby
- __R Gyrfalcon
- __U Peregrine Falcon

TYRANNIDAE - FLYCATCHERS

- __U Olive-sided Flycatcher
- __U Western Wood-Pewee
- __C Alder Flycatcher
- __A Willow Flycatcher
- __CA Hammond's Flycatcher
- __CA Say's Phoebe
- __A Western Kingbird
- __A Eastern Kingbird

LANIIDAE - SHRIKES

- __U Northern Shrike

VIREONIDAE - VIREOS

- __A Warbling Vireo

CORVIDAE - CROWS AND JAYS

- __C Gray Jay
- __C Steller's Jay
- __C Black-billed Magpie
- __C Northwestern Crow
- __C Common Raven

ALAUDIDAE - LARKS

- __A Sky Lark
- __U Horned Lark

HIRUNDINIDAE - SWALLOWS

- __A Purple Martin
- __C Tree Swallow
- __C Violet-green Swallow
- __C Bank Swallow
- __U Cliff Swallow
- __CA Barn Swallow
- __A Common House-Martin

PARIDAE - CHICKADEES

- __C Black-capped Chickadee
- __U Chestnut-backed Chickadee
- __C Boreal Chickadee

SITTIDAE - NUTHATCHES

- __C Red-breasted Nuthatch

CERTHIIDAE - CREEPERS

- __U Brown Creeper

TROGLODYTIDAE - WRENS

- __U Pacific Wren

CINCLIDAE - DIPPERS

- __U American Dipper

REGULIDAE - KINGLETS

- __C Golden-crowned Kinglet
- __C Ruby-crowned Kinglet

MUSCICAPIDAE - OLD WORLD FLYCATCHERS

- __CA Northern Wheatear

TURDIDAE - THRUSHES

- __CA Mountain Bluebird
- __R Townsend's Solitaire
- __U Gray-cheeked Thrush
- __C Swainson's Thrush
- __C Hermit Thrush
- __A Redwing
- __C American Robin
- __C Varied Thrush

MIMIDAE - MOCKINGBIRDS

- __A Northern Mockingbird

STURNIDAE - STARLINGS

- __CA European Starling

PRUNELLIDAE - ACCENTORS

- __A Siberian Accentor

MOTACILLIDAE - WAGTAILS AND PIPITS

- __CA Eastern Yellow Wagtail
- __A White Wagtail
- __U American Pipit

BOMBYCILLIDAE - WAXWINGS

- __C Bohemian Waxwing
- __R Cedar Waxwing

CALCARIIDAE - LONGSPURS AND SNOW BUNTINGS

- __U Lapland Longspur
- __U Snow Bunting
- __R McKay's Bunting

PARULIDAE - WOOD-WARBLEDERS

- __U Northern Waterthrush
- __A Tennessee Warbler
- __C Orange-crowned Warbler
- __CA Common Yellowthroat
- __A American Redstart
- __A Cape May Warbler
- __C Yellow Warbler
- __U Blackpoll Warbler
- __A Palm Warbler
- __C Yellow-rumped Warbler
- __C Townsend's Warbler
- __C Wilson's Warbler

EMBERIZIDAE - SPARROWS

- __A Spotted Towhee
- __R American Tree Sparrow
- __A Chipping Sparrow
- __C Savannah Sparrow
- __C Fox Sparrow
- __C Song Sparrow
- __C Lincoln's Sparrow
- __A Swamp Sparrow
- __R White-throated Sparrow
- __CA Harris's Sparrow
- __C White-crowned Sparrow
- __C Golden-crowned Sparrow
- __C Dark-eyed Junco
- __A Rustic Bunting

CARDINALIDAE - TANAGERS

- __CA Western Tanager

ICTERIDAE - BLACKBIRDS

- __R Red-winged Blackbird
- __A Western Meadowlark
- __A Yellow-headed Blackbird
- __U Rusty Blackbird
- __A Brown-headed Cowbird

FRINGILLIDAE - FINCHES

- __CA Brambling
- __U Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch
- __U Pine Grosbeak
- __R Purple Finch
- __CA Cassin's Finch
- __R Red Crossbill
- __C White-winged Crossbill
- __C Common Redpoll
- __CA Hoary Redpoll
- __C Pine Siskin
- __A American Goldfinch

C	=	common
U	=	uncommon
R	=	rare
CA	=	casual
A	=	accidental

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