

# ***BIRDS OF THE KETCHIKAN AREA, ALASKA***



## ***CHECKLIST***

This is a checklist of the 264 species of birds, representing 52 families, documented to have occurred in the Ketchikan Gateway Borough and on Annette Island as of 20 July 2009. The Ketchikan Gateway Borough encompasses all of Revillagigedo and Gravina islands and adjacent bodies of water.

Please document and report sightings of any casual or accidental species, or species not on this list, to Steve Heintz, Box 23101, Ketchikan, AK 99901, (907) 225-7628, or Andy Piston, Box 1116, Ward Cove, AK 99928, (907)-247-6553.

### **Seasons**

**Winter:** December-15 March  
**Spring:** 16 March-May  
**Summer:** June-July  
**Fall:** August-November  
**Breeding:** Nesting status

### **Abundance**

**C** - Common: occurs in nearly all proper habitats, and/or the area regularly hosts large numbers of the species.

**FC** - Fairly Common: occurs regularly but not in all of the suitable habitat and/or the area hosts fair numbers of the species.

**U** - Uncommon: occurs regularly but uses little of the suitable habitat and/or the area hosts relatively small numbers of the species.

**R** - Rare: recorded annually, or nearly so, but only in very small numbers.

**Ca** - Casual: a species beyond its normal range and/or not recorded annually.

**B** or **b** - Breeds or probably breeds in the area. Nesting status of probable breeders indicated in lower-case type.



SPECIES	Sp	Su	F	W	Br
___ Gr. White-fronted Goose	C	Ca	U		
___ Snow Goose	U		U		
___ Ross's Goose	Ca				
___ Brant	U				
___ Cackling Goose	FC		Ca		
___ Canada Goose B	C	FC	FC	C	FC
___ Trumpeter Swan B	U	Ca	U	U	Ca
___ Tundra Swan			Ca	Ca	
___ Wood Duck	Ca		Ca	Ca	
___ Gadwall	R	Ca	U	U	
___ Eurasian Wigeon	R			Ca	
___ American Wigeon	FC		FC	R	
___ Mallard B	C	U	C	C	U
___ Blue-winged Teal	U		R		
___ Cinnamon Teal	Ca				
___ Northern Shoveler	FC	Ca	FC	Ca	
___ Northern Pintail	FC		FC	R	
___ Green-winged Teal	FC	R	FC	U	
___ Canvasback	Ca		Ca		
___ Redhead	Ca	Ca	Ca		
___ Ring-necked Duck	U	R	U	R	
___ Greater Scaup	FC		FC	U	
___ Lesser Scaup	U		U	U	
___ Steller's Eider	Ca			Ca	
___ Harlequin Duck	FC	U	FC	FC	
___ Surf Scoter	C	FC	C	C	
___ White-winged Scoter	C	U	C	C	
___ Black Scoter	U	Ca	U	U	
___ Long-tailed Duck	C	Ca	C	C	
___ Bufflehead	C	Ca	C	C	
___ Common Goldeneye	FC	Ca	FC	FC	
___ Barrow's Goldeneye	C	R	C	C	
___ Hooded Merganser	U	Ca	U	U	
___ Common Merganser B	C	FC	C	C	FC
___ Red-breasted Merganser	FC	Ca	FC	FC	
___ Ruddy Duck			Ca		



Black Turnstone

SPECIES	Sp	Su	F	W	Br
Willow Ptarmigan B	FC	FC	FC	FC	FC
Rock Ptarmigan B	U	U	U	U	U
Sooty Grouse B	FC	FC	FC	FC	FC
Red-throated Loon B	FC	FC	FC	R	U
Pacific Loon	FC	U	FC	C	
Common Loon B	U	U	U	U	U
Yellow-billed Loon	R	Ca	R	R	
Pied-billed Grebe B	Ca	Ca	R	R	Ca
Horned Grebe	U		U	U	
Red-necked Grebe	FC	Ca	FC	FC	
Western Grebe	U	Ca	U	FC	
Northern Fulmar			Ca	Ca	
Sooty Shearwater			Ca		
Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel	Ca	Ca	R	Ca	
Leach's Storm-Petrel			Ca		
American White Pelican		Ca			
Brown Pelican	Ca			Ca	
Brandt's Cormorant	R		R	U	
Double-cr. Cormorant	FC	Ca	FC	FC	
Pelagic Cormorant	FC	R	FC	FC	
Great Blue Heron b	U	U	U	U	r
Cattle Egret			Ca		
Turkey Vulture	Ca				
Osprey	U	R	U		
Bald Eagle B	C	C	C	C	C
Northern Harrier	U		U		
Sharp-shinned Hawk B	U	R	U	R	R
Northern Goshawk B	R	R	R	R	R
Red-tailed Hawk b	U	R	U	R	r
Rough-legged Hawk			Ca		

SPECIES	Sp	Su	F	W	Br
American Kestrel	R		R		
Merlin B	U	R	U	R	R
Peregrine Falcon	R	Ca	R	Ca	
Virginia Rail			Ca		
American Coot	R		R	R	
Sandhill Crane	R	R	R		
Black-bellied Plover	FC		R	Ca	
European Golden-Plover				Ca	
American Golden-Plover			Ca		
Pacific Golden-Plover	R		R		
Semipalmated Plover	FC	U	FC		
Killdeer B	U	U	U	U	U
Black Oystercatcher	R	R	R		
Spotted Sandpiper B	FC	FC	FC		FC
Solitary Sandpiper b		R	R		r
Wandering Tattler	U	U	U		
Greater Yellowlegs B	FC	U	U		U
Lesser Yellowlegs	R		U		
Upland Sandpiper			Ca		
Whimbrel	U		R		
Marbled Godwit	R	Ca			
Ruddy Turnstone	R		R		
Black Turnstone	C	U	C	C	
Surfbird	FC	R	FC	U	
Red Knot	R		Ca		
Sanderling	U		U	Ca	
Semipalmated Sandpiper	R	Ca	R		
Western Sandpiper	C	U	FC		
Least Sandpiper	FC	U	FC		
Baird's Sandpiper			R		
Pectoral Sandpiper	U		U		
Rock Sandpiper	U		U	U	
Dunlin	C		R	U	
Stilt Sandpiper			Ca		
Buff-Breasted Sandpiper			Ca		
Ruff	Ca				
Short-billed Dowitcher	FC		R		
Long-billed Dowitcher	U		R		
Wilson's Snipe	FC		FC	R	
Red-necked Phalarope	C	FC	C		
Red Phalarope			Ca	Ca	
Black-legged Kittiwake	FC	R	FC	Ca	
Sabine's Gull	Ca		Ca		
Bonaparte's Gull	C	U	C	R	
Little Gull	Ca				
Franklin's Gull		Ca	R		
Black-tailed Gull		Ca	Ca		
Heermann's Gull			Ca		
Mew Gull B	C	FC	C	C	U
Ring-billed Gull	R	R	U	Ca	
Western Gull	Ca		R	Ca	

SPECIES	Sp	Su	F	W	Br
California Gull	U	U	C	Ca	
Herring Gull	C	U	C	R	
Thayer's Gull	C		C	FC	
Slaty-backed Gull	Ca		Ca	Ca	
Glaucous-winged Gull	C	R	C	C	
Glaucous Gull	R		R	R	
Caspian Tern	R	R	R		
Arctic Tern	Ca	Ca	Ca		
Pomarine Jaeger	Ca	Ca	Ca		
Parasitic Jaeger	R	R	R		
Long-tailed Jaeger			Ca		



California Gull

Common Murre	C	R	C	C	
Pigeon Guillemot B	FC	FC	FC	R	u
Marbled Murrelet b	C	C	C	C	c
Ancient Murrelet	Ca	R	R	Ca	
Cassin's Auklet	Ca		Ca	Ca	
Rhinoceros Auklet	U	U	U	Ca	
Rock Pigeon B	C	C	C	C	C
Band-tailed Pigeon b	U	U	U		u
Eurasian Collared-Dove		Ca		Ca	
Mourning Dove	Ca	Ca	R	Ca	
Yellow-billed Cuckoo			Ca		
Western Screech-Owl B	R	R	R	R	R
Great Horned Owl	Ca	Ca	Ca	Ca	
Snowy Owl			Ca		
Northern Hawk Owl			Ca		
Northern Pygmy-Owl	R	R	R	R	
Barred Owl B	U	U	U	U	U
Short-eared Owl	Ca		R	Ca	
Boreal Owl	Ca		Ca	Ca	
Northern Saw-whet Owl b	U	U	U	U	u
Common Nighthawk		Ca	Ca		
Black Swift		Ca			
Vaux's Swift b	U	U	U		u

SPECIES	Sp	Su	F	W	Br
__Anna's Hummingbird	Ca	Ca	R	R	
__Rufous Hummingbird B	FC	FC	R		FC
__Belted Kingfisher B	U	U	U	U	U
__Red-breasted Sapsucker B	FC	FC	FC	U	FC
__Downy Woodpecker	R		R	R	
__Hairy Woodpecker B	U	U	U	U	U
__Am. Thr.-toed Woodpecker B	R	R	R	R	R
__Black-backed Woodpecker			Ca		
__Northern Flicker B	U	U	U	U	U
__Olive-sided Flycatcher b	U	U	U		u
__Western Wood-Pewee	R		R		
__Alder Flycatcher		R	R		
__Least Flycatcher		Ca			
__Hammond's Flycatcher	Ca		Ca		
__Pacific-slope Flycatcher B	FC	C	FC		C
__Say's Phoebe			Ca		
__Tropical Kingbird			Ca		
__Western Kingbird			Ca		
__Eastern Kingbird		Ca	Ca		
__Northern Shrike	R		R	R	
__Warbling Vireo B	R	R	R		R
__Red-eyed Vireo		Ca			
__Steller's Jay B	C	C	C	C	C
__Clark's Nutcracker	Ca		Ca	Ca	
__Black-billed Magpie	R		R	R	
__Northwestern Crow B	C	C	C	C	C
__Common Raven B	C	C	C	C	C
__Horned Lark	Ca		Ca	Ca	
__Tree Swallow B	FC	FC	U		FC
__Violet-green Swallow B	U	U	U		U
__N. Rough-winged Swallow B	R	R	R		R
__Bank Swallow	Ca		Ca		
__Cliff Swallow	Ca	Ca	Ca		
__Barn Swallow B	FC	FC	FC		FC
__Chestnut-b. Chickadee B	C	C	C	C	C
__Red-breasted Nuthatch	Ca	Ca	R	Ca	
__Brown Creeper B	U	U	U	U	U
__Winter Wren B	C	C	C	C	C
__American Dipper B	FC	FC	FC	FC	FC
__Golden-crowned Kinglet B	C	C	C	C	C
__Ruby-crowned Kinglet B	FC	FC	FC	Ca	FC
__Mountain Bluebird	Ca				
__Townsend's Solitaire	R		R		
__Gray-cheeked Thrush		Ca			

SPECIES	Sp	Su	F	W	Br
__Swainson's Thrush B	C	C	FC		C
__Hermit Thrush B	C	C	FC	Ca	C
__American Robin B	C	C	C	R	C
__Varied Thrush B	C	C	C	FC	C
__Northern Mockingbird	Ca			Ca	
__European Starling B	U	U	U	U	U
__Eastern Yellow Wagtail				Ca	
__White Wagtail				Ca	
__Red-throated Pipit				Ca	
__American Pipit B	FC	FC	FC	Ca	FC
__Bohemian Waxwing	R		U	U	
__Cedar Waxwing B	Ca	U	U	Ca	U
__Tennessee Warbler				Ca	
__Orange-crowned Warbler B	C	C	C		C
__Nashville Warbler				Ca	
__Yellow Warbler	FC	R	C		
__Chestnut-sided Warbler			Ca		
__Yellow-rumped Warbler B	U	U	U	Ca	U
__Townsend's Warbler B	C	C	C		C
__Prairie Warbler				Ca	
__Palm Warbler				Ca	
__Black-and-white Warbler	Ca				
__American Redstart				Ca	
__MacGillivray's Warbler B	R	R	R		R
__Common Yellowthroat B	U	FC	U		FC
__Wilson's Warbler B	FC	FC	U		FC



Golden-crowned Sparrow

__Western Tanager	Ca	Ca	Ca		
__American Tree Sparrow	R		R	R	
__Chipping Sparrow	Ca		Ca	Ca	
__Clay-colored Sparrow				Ca	
__Brewer's Sparrow				Ca	

SPECIES	Sp	Su	F	W	Br
__Savannah Sparrow	C	R	C	Ca	
__Fox Sparrow B	C	FC	C	U	FC
__Song Sparrow B	FC	FC	FC	FC	FC
__Lincoln's Sparrow B	FC	FC	FC	R	FC
__Swamp Sparrow	Ca		Ca	Ca	
__White-throated Sparrow	Ca		R	R	
__Harris's Sparrow	Ca		Ca	Ca	
__White-crowned Sparrow	U	Ca	U	R	
__Golden-crowned Sparrow	C	Ca	FC	R	
__Dark-eyed Junco B	FC	FC	FC	FC	FC
__Lapland Longspur	U		U		
__Snow Bunting	Ca		Ca	Ca	
__Rose-Breasted Grosbeak				Ca	
__Black-Headed Grosbeak				Ca	
__Lazuli Bunting				Ca	
__Bobolink				Ca	
__Red-winged Blackbird	R		U		
__Western Meadowlark	Ca		Ca	Ca	
__Yellow-headed Blackbird	Ca				
__Rusty Blackbird	R		R		
__Brewer's Blackbird	Ca		Ca	Ca	
__Common Grackle	Ca		Ca	Ca	
__Brown-headed Cowbird	R	Ca	R		
__Orchard Oriole				Ca	
__Bullock's Oriole	Ca		Ca		
__Brambling				Ca	Ca
__Gray-crowned Rosy Finch		R	Ca	Ca	
__Pine Grosbeak B	U	U	U	U	U
__Purple Finch	Ca		Ca	Ca	
__Cassin's Finch				Ca	
__House Finch	Ca	Ca			
__Red Crossbill B	C	C	C	C	C
__White-winged Crossbill	R	R	R	R	
__Common Redpoll	R		R	R	
__Pine Siskin B	C	C	C	C	C
__American Goldfinch			Ca		
__Evening Grosbeak	Ca		Ca	Ca	
__House Sparrow B	Ca	Ca	Ca	Ca	Ca

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