

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Kodiak

*National Wildlife
Refuge and the
Kodiak Archipelago*

Birds



Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1941 to preserve and protect the pristine habitat of the brown bear and

other wildlife. The Refuge comprises more than two-thirds of Kodiak Island and a small portion of Afognak Island.



Introduction

Kodiak is the largest island in the Gulf of Alaska. A thirty mile span of notoriously treacherous ocean, Shelikof Strait, separates the island from the Alaska mainland.

Spruce forest blankets lowlands in the eastern third of the archipelago, while to the west, tundra prevails. A backbone of mountains rising to over 4,000 feet runs the length of Kodiak Island. Over 1,000 miles of coastline borders the Kodiak Refuge alone.

In winter the archipelago is important to sea ducks and other aquatic migratory birds whose

combined populations number well over a million birds. A wide variety of upland and marine habitats, and temperatures moderated by the Gulf of Alaska, give Kodiak the greatest diversity of wintering birds in the state.

Summer brings nesting birds from land and sea. Bank Swallows arrive from South America and puffins fly in from deep North Pacific waters. Many nesting species are year-round residents. While Kodiak is not in a major migratory bird pathway, a good variety of migrants can be seen in small numbers.

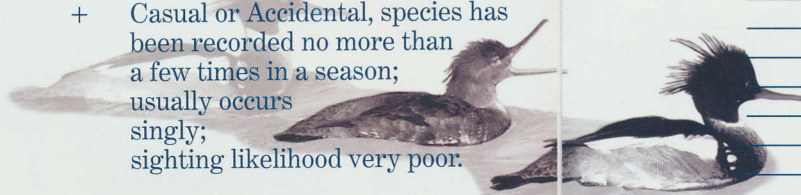
This checklist contains 253 species that have been documented in the archipelago by photograph or specimen. Most of these have also been found on the Refuge.



Abundance Codes

- A Abundant, species is very numerous in all proper habitat; the region regularly hosts great numbers of the species; sighting likelihood excellent.
- C Common, species occurs regularly in most proper habitat; sighting likelihood good.
- U Uncommon, species usually present in relatively small numbers, or higher numbers unevenly distributed; sighting likelihood fair.
- R Rare, species occurs regularly in the region but in very small numbers; sighting likelihood fair to poor.
- + Casual or Accidental, species has been recorded no more than a few times in a season; usually occurs singly; sighting likelihood very poor.
- nesting confirmed in archipelago divides families

BIRD NAMES
IN SMALL CAPS
REPRESENT
BIRDS RECORDED
ON OR FROM THE
KODIAK NATIONAL
WILDLIFE REFUGE.



*Red-
breasted
Mergansers*

Seasons

- Sp Spring, March-May
- S Summer, June-August
- F Fall, September-November
- W Winter, December -February

English Name	Sp	S	F	W
EMPEROR GOOSE	C	+	C	C
SNOW GOOSE	R	+	R	+
GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE	U	+	R	+
BRANT	C	R	+	+
CAKCLING GOOSE	U	+	R	+
CANADA GOOSE •	U	U	U	U
Trumpeter Swan •	R	+	R	R
TUNDRA SWAN •	U	U	U	R
Wood Duck			+	+
BLUE-WINGED TEAL	+	+		
Cinnamon Teal	+	+		
NORTHERN SHOVELER	C	R	U	R
GADWALL •	C	R	C	C
EURASIAN WIGEON	U	+	R	R
AMERICAN WIGEON •	C	U	C	U
Eastern Spot-billed Duck			+	
MALLARD •	A	C	A	A
NORTHERN PINTAIL •	A	U	U	U
GREEN-WINGED TEAL •	C	U	C	U

English Name

English Name	Sp	S	F	W
CANVASBACK	R		R	R
REDHEAD	R	+	R	R
Common Pochard	+		+	
RING-NECKED DUCK	R	+	R	R
Tufted Duck	R	+	+	R
GREATER SCAUP •	A	U	A	A
Lesser Scaup •	U	R	U	U
STELLER'S EIDER	U	+	R	C
Spectacled Eider	+		+	
KING EIDER	U	+	R	U
COMMON EIDER •	U	U	U	U
HARLEQUIN DUCK •	C	C	C	C
SURF SCOTER	C	U	C	C
WHITE-WINGED SCOTER	C	U	C	C
BLACK SCOTER	C	U	A	A
LONG-TAILED DUCK	C	R	C	A
BUFFLEHEAD	C	+	C	C
COMMON GOLDENEYE	C	+	U	C
BARROW'S GOLDENEYE •	C	U	C	C
Smew	+		+	+
HOODED MERGANSER	R	+	R	R
COMMON MERGANSER •	C	C	C	C
RED-BREASTED MERGANSER •	C	C	C	C
WILLOW PTARMIGAN •	C	C	C	C
ROCK PTARMIGAN •	C	C	C	C
Pied-billed Grebe			+	+
HORNED GREBE	C	R	C	C
RED-NECKED GREBE	U	R	U	U
EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE	+			
Anna's Hummingbird	+	+	+	+
Costa's Hummingbird	+	+		
Rufous Hummingbird	+	R	R	+
AMERICAN COOT			+	+
SANDHILL CRANE	+	+	+	
BLACK OYSTERCATCHER •	C	C	C	C
BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER	U	R	R	
American Golden-Plover	+	+		
PACIFIC GOLDEN-PLOVER	U	U	U	
KILLDEER	+			+
SEMIPALMATED PLOVER •	U	C	R	
Bristle-thighed Curlew	+	+	+	
WHIMBREL	U	R	R	
Long-billed Curlew	+			
Bar-tailed Godwit	R	+	+	+
Black-tailed Godwit	+			
Hudsonian Godwit	+	+		
MARBLED GODWIT	R	+		
Ruddy Turnstone	R	R	R	+
BLACK TURNSTONE	C	C	C	C

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Areas Included

Most of the Refuge boundary follows the mean high tide line, largely excluding marine waters and offshore islets, as well as land surrounding the villages of Larsen Bay, Karluk, Akhiok, and Old Harbor. For the purposes of this list, the Kodiak archipelago includes all islands from Tugidak Island to Shuyak Island and surrounding marine waters within 200 nautical miles for which these islands are the nearest point of land.

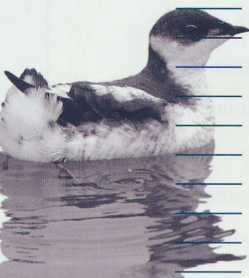


Surfbird

English Name

Sp S F W

Red Knot	++
SURFBIRD•	UUUU
Ruff	+++
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	+R+
Stilt Sandpiper	R+
SANDERLING	RRRR
Dunlin	URUU
ROCK SANDPIPER•	CUCC
BAIRD'S SANDPIPER	UR
LEAST SANDPIPER•	UCR
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	++
Pectoral Sandpiper	RUU
Semipalmated Sandpiper	+R+
WESTERN SANDPIPER	UCU
SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER•	UUR
Long-billed Dowitcher	++R+
WILSON'S SNIFE•	CCCR
SPOTTED SANDPIPER•	RUR
Solitary Sandpiper•	+R+
Gray-tailed Tattler	+
WANDERING TATTLER	UCU
LESSER YELLOWLEGS	RUR
Common Greenshank	+
GREATER YELLOWLEGS•	CCU+
Wilson's Phalarope	+
RED-NECKED PHALAROPE•	UAU
Red Phalarope	UUU
South Polar Skua	++
POMARINE JAEGER	UCU
PARASITIC JAEGER•	UCU
LONG-TAILED JAEGER•	UU
COMMON MURRE•	CCAA
Thick-billed Murre•	RRRR
PIGEON GUILLEMOT•	CCCC
MARbled MURRELET•	CCCC
KITTLITZ'S MURRELET•	+R++
ANCIENT MURRELET	RUUR
Cassin's Auklet	RUU+
PARAKEET AUKLET•	RUR+
Least Auklet	+++
CRESTED AUKLET	+UC
RHINOCEROS AUKLET	RUR+
HORNED PUFFIN•	UCUR
TUFTED PUFFIN•	CACR
BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE•	AAAU
Red-legged Kittiwake	++++
Sabine's Gull	UUR
BONAPARTE'S GULL	UUU+
Black-headed Gull	++
Little Gull	+



Marbled Murrelet

English Name

Sp S F W

Laughing Gull	++
Franklin's Gull	++
Black-tailed Gull	++
MEW GULL•	ACAA
Ring-billed Gull	+++
Western Gull	+
California Gull	+++
HERRING GULL	RRUR
Iceland Gull	R+RR
Lesser Black-backed Gull	++
Slaty-backed Gull	+R+
GLAUCOUS-WINGED GULL•	AAAA
Glaucous Gull	U+UU
Great Black-backed Gull	++
ALEUTIAN TERN•	UU+
Caspian Tern	++
ARCTIC TERN•	CCR
RED-THROATED LOON•	UUUR
PACIFIC LOON	URCU
COMMON LOON•	CUCC
Yellow-billed Loon	R+RR
Laysan Albatross	RUU+
Black-footed Albatross	UCC+
Short-tailed Albatross	+RR+
FORK-TAILED STORM-PETREL•	UCCU
Leach's Storm-Petrel	RRR
NORTHERN FULMAR	AAAC
Mottled Petrel	UUU
Buller's Shearwater	+RR
SHORT-TAILED SHEARWATER	CACR
SOOTY SHEARWATER	CACR
Great Shearwater	+
Pink-footed Shearwater	+RR
Flesh-footed Shearwater	+++
Manx Shearwater	+
Brown Booby	++
DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT•	UUUU
RED-FACED CORMORANT•	RRRR
PELAGIC CORMORANT•	CCCC
GREAT BLUE HERON	R+RR
Great Egret	++++
OSPREY	++R
GOLDEN EAGLE•	RRRR
NORTHERN HARRIER	R+UR
SHARP-SHINNED HAWK	RRUU
NORTHERN GOSHAWK•	UUUU
BALD EAGLE•	CCCC
White-tailed Eagle	++



Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel



Boreal Owl



Tree Swallow

English Name

Sp S F W

STELLER'S SEA-EAGLE	+			
Red-tailed Hawk	+	+		
ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK •	R	R	R	R
Snowy Owl	+	+	+	+
NORTHERN HAWK OWL •	R	R	R	R
SHORT-EARED OWL •	R	R	R	R
BOREAL OWL •	R	R	R	R
Northern Saw-whet Owl	+			
BELTED KINGFISHER •	C	C	C	C
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		+		
RED-BREASTED SAPSUCKER	+	+	R	+
AMERICAN THREE-TOED WOODPECKER •	U	U	U	U
Black-backed Woodpecker		+		
DOWNY WOODPECKER •	U	U	U	U
NORTHERN FLICKER	+	+	+	
American Kestrel	+	+	+	+
MERLIN •	R	U	U	R
GYRFALCON •	R	R	R	R
PEREGRINE FALCON •	U	R	U	U
Eastern Kingbird		+		
Olive-sided Flycatcher	+	+		
Alder Flycatcher		+		
Hammond's Flycatcher		+		
Say's Phoebe		+		
NORTHERN SHRIKE •	U	U	U	U
Warbling Vireo			+	
BLACK-BILLED MAGPIE •	C	C	C	C
NORTHWESTERN CROW •	C	C	C	C
COMMON RAVEN •	C	C	C	C
Horned Lark	+	+	+	+
BANK SWALLOW •	U	C	+	
TREE SWALLOW •	U	U	+	
VIOLET-GREEN SWALLOW •	U	U	+	
Purple Martin		+		
BARN SWALLOW	+	+		
CLIFF SWALLOW	R	+		
BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE •	C	C	C	C
RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH •	U	U	U	U
BROWN CREEPER •	U	U	U	U
PACIFIC WREN •	C	C	C	C
AMERICAN DIPPER •	C	C	C	C
GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET •	C	C	C	C
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	R	+	R	R

English Name

Sp S F W

Mountain Bluebird		+		
Townsend's Solitaire	+	+	+	
GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH •	R	U	+	
Swainson's Thrush		+	+	
HERMIT THRUSH •	C	A	U	+
AMERICAN ROBIN •	R	R	R	R
VARIED THRUSH •	C	C	U	U
European Starling	R		R	R
BOHEMIAN WAXWING	+		R	R
Cedar Waxwing		+	R	+
HOUSE SPARROW		+		
White Wagtail	+			
AMERICAN PIPIT •	U	U	U	R
Brambling	+	+	+	
PINE GROSBEAK •	C	C	C	C
GRAY-CROWNED ROSY-FINCH •	U	U	U	U
COMMON REDPOLL •	U	U	U	U
RED CROSSBILL •	C	C	C	C
WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL •	U	U	U	U
PINE SISKIN •	C	C	C	C
LAPLAND LONGSPUR •	C	A	C	+
SNOW BUNTING •	R	R	U	U
McKay's Bunting	+		+	+
FOX SPARROW •	A	A	U	R
AMERICAN TREE SPARROW	R		U	U
DARK-EYED JUNCO	R	+	U	U
WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW	R	+	R	R
GOLDEN-CROWNED SPARROW •	C	A	U	R
Harris's Sparrow	+	+	+	
White-throated Sparrow	+	+	+	
SAVANNAH SPARROW •	U	A	C	+
SONG SPARROW •	U	U	U	U
LINCOLN'S SPARROW	+	+	R	R
Western Meadowlark		+		
RUSTY BLACKBIRD	R	+	R	R
Northern Waterthrush			+	
ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER •	U	C	R	+
Common Yellowthroat				+
YELLOW WARBLER •	U	A	R	
Blackpoll Warbler			+	
YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER •	U	C	R	+
Townsend's Warbler	+	+	+	+
WILSON'S WARBLER •	U	A	R	+
Black-headed Grosbeak			+	



Yellow Warbler

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Taxonomic sequence and English names of species follow the American Ornithological Society's *Check-list of North American Birds* (AOU 1998 and supplements through 2020).

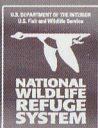
You Can Help

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