

**NUTHATCHES,  
CREEPERS, DIPPERS**

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Red-breasted Nuthatch N												
Brown Creeper N												
American Dipper N												

**THRUSHES**

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Townsend's Solitaire N												
Gray-cheeked Thrush N												
Swainson's Thrush N												
Hermit Thrush N												
American Robin N												
Varied Thrush N												
Northern Wheatear N												

**PIPITS**

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
American Pipit N												

**FINCHES**

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Pine Grosbeak N												
Gray-crowned Rosy Finch N												
Redpoll N												
Red Crossbill												
White-winged Crossbill N												
Pine Siskin N												

**BUNTINGS**

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Lapland Longspur												
Snow Bunting N												

**SPARROWS**

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

**BLACKBIRDS**

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Red-winged Blackbird N												
Rusty Blackbird N												

**WARBLERS**

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Northern Waterthrush N												
Orange-crowned Warbler N												
Yellow Warbler N												
Blackpoll Warbler N												
Yellow-rumped Warbler N												
Townsend's Warbler N												
Wilson's Warbler N												

**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

Spring: Mar 16–May 31, Summer: June 1–July 31  
 Fall: Aug 1–Nov 30, Winter: Dec 1–Mar 15

SPECIES	SPRING	SUMMER	FALL	WINTER
Emperor Goose				
Ross's Goose				
Bean-Goose				
Baikal Teal				
Cinnamon Teal				
Falcated Duck				
Tufted Duck				
Steller's Eider				
Common Eider				
Ruddy Duck				
Sharp-tailed Grouse				
Pied-billed Grebe				
Eurasian Collared-Dove				
Mourning Dove				
Common Cuckoo				
Yellow-billed Cuckoo				
Vaux's Swift				
Anna's Hummingbird				
Costa's Hummingbird				
Sora				
American Coot				
Black Oystercatcher				
Killdeer				
Upland Sandpiper				
Bristle-thighed Curlew				
Bar-tailed Godwit				
Marbled Godwit				
Red Knot				
Ruff				
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper				
Stilt Sandpiper				
Red-necked Stint				
White-rumped Sandpiper				
Buff-breasted Sandpiper				
Terek Sandpiper				
Wilson's Phalarope				
Red Phalarope				
Pomarine Jaeger				
Parasitic Jaeger				
Common Murre				
Marbled Murrelet				
Kittlitz's Murrelet				
Rhinoceros Auklet				
Ivory Gull				
Sabine's Gull				
Black-headed Gull				
Little Gull				
Franklin's Gull				

SPECIES	SPRING	SUMMER	FALL	WINTER
Ring-billed Gull				
Slaty-backed Gull				
Aleutian Tern				
Least Tern				
Caspian Tern				
Black Tern				
Yellow-billed Loon				
Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel				
Leach's Storm-Petrel				
Shearwaters ( <i>Ardenna</i> sp.)				
Red-faced Cormorant				
Pelagic Cormorant				
Great Egret				
Great Blue Heron				
Turkey Vulture				
Swainson's Hawk				
Western Screech-Owl				
Snowy Owl				
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker				
Red-breasted Sapsucker				
Western Kingbird				
Eastern Kingbird				
Least Flycatcher				
Willow Flycatcher				
Hammond's Flycatcher				
Eastern Phoebe				
Cassin's Vireo				
Warbling Vireo				
Red-eyed Vireo				
Brown Shrike				
Northern Rough-winged Swallow				
Purple Martin				
Pacific Wren				
Northern Mockingbird				
Gray Catbird				
Mountain Bluebird				
Dusky Thrush				
Asian Stonechat				
Siberian Accentor				
Eastern Yellow Wagtail				
White Wagtail				
Red-throated Pipit				
Siberian Pipit				
Brambling				
Evening Grosbeak				
Hawfinch				
Eurasian Bullfinch				

**SPECIES**

	SPRING	SUMMER	FALL	WINTER
House Finch				
Purple Finch				
Cassin's Finch				
McKay's Bunting				
Rustic Bunting				
Chipping Sparrow				
Harris's Sparrow				
White-throated Sparrow				
Swamp Sparrow				
Spotted Towhee				
Yellow-headed Blackbird				
Western Meadowlark				
Brown-headed Cowbird				
Black-and-white Warbler				

**SPECIES**

	SPRING	SUMMER	FALL	WINTER
Tennessee Warbler				
Nashville Warbler				
MacGillivray's Warbler				
Common Yellowthroat				
American Redstart				
Magnolia Warbler				
Palm Warbler				
Arctic Warbler				
Cedar Waxwing				
Western Tanager				
Black-headed Grosbeak				
Lazuli Bunting				
Indigo Bunting				

This 2026 checklist is a revised edition of the 2014 Birds of Anchorage, Alaska, updated with additional species and current seasonal abundance information. This checklist compiles all verified records in the Municipality of Anchorage. Commonly occurring species have weekly estimates of abundance, and accidental and casual species have seasonal estimates of occurrence. We used the following references for phylogenetic order and nomenclature:

- **Checklist of Alaska Birds:** University of Alaska Museum and the Alaska Checklist Committee (D. D. Gibson, J. J. Withrow, S. C. Heinl, T. G. Tobish Jr., A. J. Lang, N. R. Hajdukovich, R. L. Scher, and Z. M. Pohlen). 2025. Checklist of Alaska Birds 31st edition. University of Alaska Museum, Fairbanks 99775-6960. <https://www.universityofalaskamuseumbirds.org/products/checklist.pdf>
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# Birds of Anchorage, Alaska

## CHECKLIST

The Anchorage area offers an incredible diversity of habitat from tidal mudflats along the coast to forested parks and alpine areas in the Chugach Mountains.



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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

### WATERFOWL

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Snow Goose												
Greater White-fronted Goose												
Brant												
Cackling Goose												
Canada Goose <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Trumpeter Swan <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Tundra Swan												
Blue-winged Teal												
Northern Shoveler <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Gadwall <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Eurasian Wigeon												
American Wigeon <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Mallard <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Northern Pintail <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Green-winged Teal <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Canvasback <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Redhead												
Ring-necked Duck <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Greater Scaup <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Lesser Scaup <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Harlequin Duck <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Surf Scoter												
White-winged Scoter												
Black Scoter												
Long-tailed Duck <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Bufflehead												
Common Goldeneye <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Barrow's Goldeneye <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Hooded Merganser												
Common Merganser <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Red-breasted Merganser												

### GROUSE

Ruffed Grouse												
Spruce Grouse <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Willow Ptarmigan <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Rock Ptarmigan <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
White-tailed Ptarmigan <span style="color: green;">N</span>												

### GREBES

Horned Grebe <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Red-necked Grebe <span style="color: green;">N</span>												



Photo: Milo Burcham

WILLOW PTARMIGAN

### PIGEONS

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Rock Pigeon (Introduced) <span style="color: green;">N</span>												

### HUMMINGBIRDS

Rufous Hummingbird <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
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### CRANES

Sandhill Crane <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
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### PLOVERS

Black-bellied Plover												
American Golden-Plover												
Pacific Golden-Plover												
Semipalmated Plover <span style="color: green;">N</span>												

### SANDPIPERS

Hudsonian Whimbrel												
Hudsonian Godwit <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Ruddy Turnstone												
Black Turnstone												
Surfbird <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Sanderling												
Dunlin												
Rock Sandpiper												
Baird's Sandpiper												
Least Sandpiper <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Pectoral Sandpiper												
Semipalmated Sandpiper												
Western Sandpiper												
Short-billed Dowitcher <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Long-billed Dowitcher												
Wilson's Snipe <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Spotted Sandpiper <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Solitary Sandpiper <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Wandering Tattler <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Lesser Yellowlegs <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Greater Yellowlegs <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Red-necked Phalarope <span style="color: green;">N</span>												

### GULLS, TERNS, JAEGER

Long-tailed Jaeger												
Arctic Tern <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Black-legged Kittiwake												
Bonaparte's Gull <span style="color: green;">N</span>												

### Gulls, Terns, Jaegers continued

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Short-billed Gull <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
California Gull												
American Herring Gull* <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Iceland Gull												
Glaucous-winged Gull* <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Glaucous Gull												

### LOONS

Red-throated Loon <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Pacific Loon <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Common Loon <span style="color: green;">N</span>												

### CORMORANTS

Double-crested Cormorant												
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### HAWKS AND EAGLES

Osprey <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Golden Eagle <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Sharp-shinned Hawk <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
American Goshawk <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Northern Harrier <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Bald Eagle <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Red-tailed Hawk <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Rough-legged Hawk <span style="color: green;">N</span>												

### OWLS

Great Horned Owl <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Northern Hawk Owl <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Great Gray Owl												
Short-eared Owl <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Boreal Owl <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Northern Saw-whet Owl <span style="color: green;">N</span>												

### KINGFISHERS

Belted Kingfisher <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
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### WOODPECKERS

Downy Woodpecker <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Hairy Woodpecker <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
American Three-toed Woodpecker <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Black-backed Woodpecker <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Northern Flicker <span style="color: green;">N</span>												

### FALCONS

American Kestrel <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Merlin <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Gyr Falcon <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Peregrine Falcon												

### FLYCATCHERS

Olive-sided Flycatcher <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Western Wood-Pewee <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Alder Flycatcher <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Say's Phoebe <span style="color: green;">N</span>												

\*Most Glaucous-winged and American Herring Gulls are hybrids in this range.

### SHRIKES

Northern Shrike <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
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### JAYS, CROWS, RAVENS

Canada Jay <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Steller's Jay <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Black-billed Magpie <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
American Crow												
Common Raven <span style="color: green;">N</span>												

### CHICKADEES

Black-capped Chickadee <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Chestnut-backed Chickadee <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Boreal Chickadee <span style="color: green;">N</span>												

### LARKS

Horned Lark												
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### SWALLOWS

Bank Swallow <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Tree Swallow <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Violet-green Swallow <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Barn Swallow <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Cliff Swallow <span style="color: green;">N</span>												

### KINGLETS

Golden-crowned Kinglet <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
Ruby-crowned Kinglet <span style="color: green;">N</span>												

### WAXWINGS

Bohemian Waxwing <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
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### STARLINGS

European Starling <span style="color: green;">N</span>												
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HUDSONIAN GODWIT

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