

**SPECIES TALLY LIST  
FOR KACHEMAK BAY SHOREBIRD FESTIVAL  
May 11-15, 2016**

This list has been compiled from the Checklist of Birds of Kachemak Bay (April 2002) with some revisions (April 2005). Like the original checklist, it covers the Anchor River drainage, the watersheds draining into Kachemak Bay including Kachemak Bay State Park and the Bay itself between Anchor Point and Point Pogibshi. It features species and their historical likelihood of occurrence **in the spring only**, *i.e.*, those birds likely to be seen during the Kachemak Bay Shorebird Festival, which has taken place on the first or second weekend of May since 1993.

Phylogenetic sequence, limits of orders and families, and English and scientific names follow *The A.O.U. Check-list of North American Birds* (7th ed., 1998) and supplements. Jacqueline McDonough would like to thank Daniel Gibson, Carmen Field, Karl Stoltzfus, Martin Renner, Willy Dunne, Ed Bailey, and Vernon Byrd for their help in refining this list.

Key to symbols:

- ✓ RARE: OCCURS IN VERY SMALL NUMBERS OR IN LIMITED SITES IN KACHEMAK BAY IN THE SPRING AND MAY NOT BE FOUND EVERY YEAR
- ★ ACCIDENTAL: REPRESENTS AN EXCEPTIONAL OCCURRENCE OF INDIVIDUAL BIRDS IN THE SPRING IN KACHEMAK BAY, OUTSIDE THEIR NORMAL RANGE

**Order ANSERIFORMES--Family Anatidae: Ducks, Geese, and Swans**

- Greater White-fronted Goose *Anser albifrons*
- Emperor Goose *Chen canagica* ✓
- Snow Goose *Chen caerulescens* ✓
- Ross's Goose *Chen rossii* ★
- Brant *Branta bernicla*
- Cackling Goose *Branta hutchinsii*
- Canada Goose *Branta canadensis*
- Trumpeter Swan *Cygnus buccinator*
- Tundra Swan *Cygnus columbianus*
- Gadwall *Anas strepera*
- Eurasian Wigeon *Anas penelope*
- American Wigeon *Anas americana*
- Mallard *Anas platyrhynchos*
- Blue-winged Teal *Anas discors* ★

- Northern Shoveler *Anas clypeata*
- Northern Pintail *Anas acuta*
- Green-winged Teal *Anas crecca*
- Canvasback *Aythya valisineria*
- Redhead *Aythya americana*
- Common Pochard *Aythya ferina* ★
- Ring-necked Duck *Aythya collaris* ✓
- Tufted Duck *Aythya fuligula* ★
- Greater Scaup *Aythya marila*
- Lesser Scaup *Aythya affinis* ✓
- Steller's Eider *Polysticta stelleri*
- King Eider *Somateria spectabilis*
- Common Eider *Somateria mollissima*
- Harlequin Duck *Histrionicus histrionicus*
- Surf Scoter *Melanitta perspicillata*
- White-winged Scoter *Melanitta fusca*
- Black Scoter *Melanitta nigra*
- Long-tailed Duck *Clangula hyemalis*
- Bufflehead *Bucephala albeola*
- Common Goldeneye *Bucephala clangula*
- Barrow's Goldeneye *Bucephala islandica*
- Hooded Merganser *Lophodytes cucullatus* ★
- Common Merganser *Mergus merganser*
- Red-breasted Merganser *Mergus serrator*

**Order GALLIFORMES--Family Phasianidae: Grouse**

- Ring-necked Pheasant *Phasianus colchicus*
- Spruce Grouse *Falci pennis canadensis*
- Willow Ptarmigan *Lagopus lagopus*
- Rock Ptarmigan *Lagopus muta*
- White-tailed Ptarmigan *Lagopus leucura* ✓

**Order GAVIIFORMES--Family Gaviidae: Loons**

- Red-throated Loon *Gavia stellata*
- Pacific Loon *Gavia pacifica*
- Common Loon *Gavia immer*
- Yellow-billed Loon *Gavia adamsii* ✓

**Order PODICIPEDIFORMES--Family Podicipedidae: Grebes**

- Horned Grebe *Podiceps auritus*
- Red-necked Grebe *Podiceps grisegena*

**Order PROCELLARIIFORMES**

**--Family Procellariidae: Shearwaters and Petrels**

- Northern Fulmar *Fulmarus glacialis*
- Sooty Shearwater *Puffinus griseus* ✓
- Short-tailed Shearwater *Puffinus tenuirostris* ✓

**--Family Hydrobatidae: Storm-Petrels**

- Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel *Oceanodroma furcata*

**Order PELECANIFORMES--Family Phalacrocoracidae: Cormorants**

- Double-crested Cormorant *Phalacrocorax auritus*
- Red-faced Cormorant *Phalacrocorax urile*
- Pelagic Cormorant *Phalacrocorax pelagicus*

**Order CICONIIFORMES--Family Ardeidae: Herons and Bitterns**

- Great Blue Heron *Ardea herodias* ✓

**Order FALCONIFORMES**

**--Family Accipitridae: Hawks, Eagles, and Allies**

- Osprey *Pandion haliaetus* ✓
- Bald Eagle *Haliaeetus leucocephalus*
- Northern Harrier *Circus cyaneus*
- Sharp-shinned Hawk *Accipiter striatus*
- Northern Goshawk *Accipiter gentilis*
- Swainson's Hawk *Buteo swainsoni* ✓
- Red-tailed Hawk *Buteo jamaicensis*
- Rough-legged Hawk *Buteo lagopus*
- Golden Eagle *Aquila chrysaetos* ✓

**--Family Falconidae: Falcons**

- American Kestrel *Falco sparverius* ✓
- Merlin *Falco columbarius*
- Gyrfalcon *Falco rusticolus* ✓
- Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus*

**--Family Cathartidae: Vultures**

- Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura* ✓

**Order GRUIFORMES--Family Gruidae: Cranes**

- Sandhill Crane *Grus canadensis*

**Order CHARADRIIFORMES**

**--Family Charadriidae: Plovers**

- Black-bellied Plover *Pluvialis squatarola*
- American Golden-Plover *Pluvialis dominica*
- Pacific Golden-Plover *Pluvialis fulva*
- Semipalmated Plover *Charadrius semipalmatus*
- Killdeer *Charadrius vociferus* ✓

**--Family Haematopodidae: Oystercatchers**

- Black Oystercatcher *Haematopus bachmani*

**--Family Scolopacidae: Sandpipers, Phalaropes, and Allies**

- Greater Yellowlegs *Tringa melanoleuca*
- Lesser Yellowlegs *Tringa flavipes*
- Solitary Sandpiper *Tringa solitaria* ✓
- Wandering Tattler *Heteroscelus incanus*
- Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularius* |
- Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus*
- Bristle-thighed Curlew *Numenius tahitiensis* ★
- Hudsonian Godwit *Limosa haemastica*

- Bar-tailed Godwit *Limosa lapponica*
- Marbled Godwit *Limosa fedoa*
- Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres*
- Black Turnstone *Arenaria melanocephala*
- Surfbird *Aphriza virgata*
- Red Knot *Calidris canutus* ✓
- Sanderling *Calidris alba*
- Semipalmated Sandpiper *Calidris pusilla*
- Western Sandpiper *Calidris mauri*
- Red-necked Stint *Calidris ruficollis* ★
- Temminck's Stint *Calidris temminckii* ★
- Least Sandpiper *Calidris minutilla*
- Baird's Sandpiper *Calidris bairdii* ✓
- Pectoral Sandpiper *Calidris melanotos*
- Rock Sandpiper *Calidris ptilocnemis*
- Dunlin *Calidris alpina*
- Ruff *Philomachus pugnax* ★
- Short-billed Dowitcher *Limnodromus griseus*
- Long-billed Dowitcher *Limnodromus scolopaceus* ✓
- Wilson's Snipe *Gallinago delicata*
- Red-necked Phalarope *Phalaropus lobatus*
- Red Phalarope *Phalaropus fulicarius* ✓

**--Family Laridae: Skuas, Gulls, and Terns**

- Pomarine Jaeger *Stercorarius pomarinus*
- Parasitic Jaeger *Stercorarius parasiticus*
- Long-tailed Jaeger *Stercorarius longicaudus* ✓
- Bonaparte's Gull *Larus philadelphia*
- Mew Gull *Larus canus*
- Ring-billed Gull *Larus delawarensis* ★
- Herring Gull *Larus argentatus*
- Slaty-backed Gull *Larus schistisagus* ★
- Glaucous-winged Gull *Larus glaucescens*
- Glaucous Gull *Larus hyperboreus*
- Sabine's Gull *Xema sabini* ✓
- Black-legged Kittiwake *Rissa tridactyla*
- Caspian Tern *Sterna caspia* ✓
- Arctic Tern *Sterna paradisaea*
- Aleutian Tern *Sterna aleutica*

**--Family Alcidae: Auks, Murres, and Puffins**

- Common Murre *Uria aalge*
- Thick-billed Murre *Uria lomvia* ★
- Pigeon Guillemot *Cephus columba*
- Marbled Murrelet *Brachyramphus marmoratus*
- Kittlitz's Murrelet *Brachyramphus brevirostris*
- Ancient Murrelet *Synthliboramphus antiquus* ✓

- Parakeet Auklet *Aethia psittacula* ★
- Crested Auklet *Aethia cristatella* ★
- Rhinoceros Auklet *Cerorhinca monocerata* ★
- Horned Puffin *Fratercula corniculata*
- Tufted Puffin *Fratercula cirrhata*

**Order COLUMBIFORMES--Family Columbidae: Pigeons and Doves**

- Rock Pigeon *Columba livia*

**Order STRIGIFORMES--Family Strigidae: Typical Owls**

- Great Horned Owl *Bubo virginianus*
- Snowy Owl *Bubo scandiacus* ✓
- Northern Hawk Owl *Surnia ulula* ✓
- Great Gray Owl *Strix nebulosa* ✓
- Short-eared Owl *Asio flammeus*
- Boreal Owl *Aegolius funereus*
- Northern Saw-whet Owl *Aegolius acadicus*

**Order CAPRIMULGIFORMES--Family Caprimulgidae: Goatsuckers**

- Common Nighthawk *Chordeiles minor* ★

**Order APODIFORMES--Family Trochilidae: Hummingbirds**

- Rufous Hummingbird *Selasphorus rufus*

**Order CORACIIFORMES--Family Alcedinidae: Kingfishers**

- Belted Kingfisher *Ceryle alcyon*

**Order PICIFORMES--Family Picidae: Woodpeckers and Allies**

- Downy Woodpecker *Picoides pubescens*
- Hairy Woodpecker *Picoides villosus*
- American Three-toed Woodpecker *Picoides dorsalis*
- Black-backed Woodpecker *Picoides arcticus* ✓
- Northern Flicker *Colaptes auratus* ✓

**Order PASSERIFORMES**

**--Family Tyrannidae: Tyrant Flycatchers**

- Olive-sided Flycatcher *Contopus cooperi* ✓
- Alder Flycatcher *Empidonax alnorum* ✓
- Say's Phoebe *Sayornis saya* ✓

**--Family Laniidae: Shrikes**

- Northern Shrike *Lanius excubitor*

**--Family Corvidae: Crows and Jays**

- Gray Jay *Perisoreus canadensis*
- Steller's Jay *Cyanocitta stelleri*
- Black-billed Magpie *Pica hudsonia*
- Northwestern Crow *Corvus caurinus*
- Common Raven *Corvus corax*

**--Family Alaudidae: Larks**

- Horned Lark *Eremophila alpestris* ✓

**--Family Hirundinidae: Swallows**

- Tree Swallow *Tachycineta bicolor*
- Violet-green Swallow *Tachycineta thalassina*
- Bank Swallow *Riparia riparia*
- Cliff Swallow *Petrochelidon pyrrhonota*
- Family Paridae: Chickadees**
- Black-capped Chickadee *Poecile atricapillus*
- Chestnut-backed Chickadee *Poecile rufescens* ✓
- Boreal Chickadee *Poecile hudsonica*
- Family Sittidae: Nuthatches**
- Red-breasted Nuthatch *Sitta canadensis*
- Family Certhiidae: Creepers**
- Brown Creeper *Certhia americana*
- Family Troglodytidae: Wrens**
- Pacific Wren *Troglodytes pacificus*
- Family Cinclidae: Dippers**
- American Dipper *Cinclus mexicanus*
- Family Regulidae: Kinglets**
- Golden-crowned Kinglet *Regulus satrapa*
- Ruby-crowned Kinglet *Regulus calendula*
- Family Turdidae: Thrushes**
- Northern Wheatear *Oenanthe oenanthe* ✓
- Gray-cheeked Thrush *Catharus minimus*
- Swainson's Thrush *Catharus ustulatus*
- Hermit Thrush *Catharus guttatus*
- American Robin *Turdus migratorius*
- Varied Thrush *Ixoreus naevius*
- Family Motacillidae: Wagtails and Pipits**
- American Pipit *Anthus rubescens*
- Family Parulidae: Wood-Warblers**
- Orange-crowned Warbler *Vermivora celata*
- Yellow Warbler *Dendroica petechia*
- Yellow-rumped Warbler *Dendroica coronata*
- Townsend's Warbler *Dendroica townsendi*
- Blackpoll Warbler *Dendroica striata*
- Northern Waterthrush *Seiurus noveboracensis*
- Wilson's Warbler *Wilsonia pusilla*
- Family Thraupidae: Tanagers**
- Western Tanager *Piranga ludoviciana* ★
- Family Emberizidae: Emberizids**
- American Tree Sparrow *Spizella arborea*
- Savannah Sparrow *Passerculus sandwichensis*
- Fox Sparrow *Passerella iliaca*
- Song Sparrow *Melospiza melodia*
- Lincoln's Sparrow *Melospiza lincolnii*
- White-throated Sparrow *Zonotrichia albicollis* ★
- White-crowned Sparrow *Zonotrichia leucophrys*

- Golden-crowned Sparrow *Zonotrichia atricapilla*
- Dark-eyed Junco *Junco hyemalis*
- Lapland Longspur *Calcarius lapponicus*
- Rustic Bunting *Emberiza rustica* ★
- Snow Bunting *Plectrophenax nivalis*

**--Family Icteridae: Blackbirds**

- Red-winged Blackbird *Agelaius phoeniceus* ✓
- Rusty Blackbird *Euphagus carolinus*

**--Family Fringillidae: Fringilline and Cardueline Finches**

- Brambling *Fringilla montifringilla* ★
- Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch *Leucosticte tephrocotis*
- Pine Grosbeak *Pinicola enucleator*
- Purple Finch *Carpodacus purpureus* ★
- Cassin's Finch *Carpodacus cassinii* ★
- Red Crossbill *Loxia curvirostra* ✓
- White-winged Crossbill *Loxia leucoptera*
- Common Redpoll *Carduelis flammea*
- Hoary Redpoll *Carduelis hornemanni* ✓
- Pine Siskin *Carduelis pinus*