

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



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

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

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.

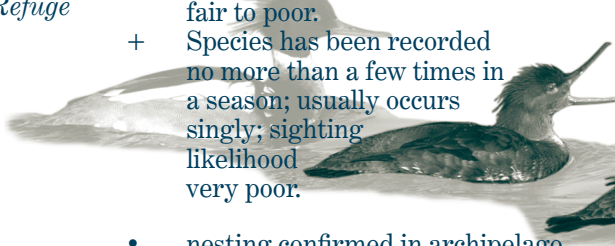
This checklist contains 247 species that have been recorded in the archipelago. Most of these have also been found on the Refuge.



Abundance
Codes

Bird names in
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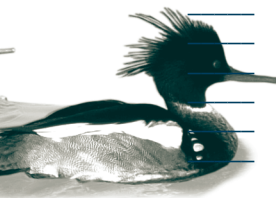
- A Abundant, species is very numerous in all proper habitat; the region regularly hosts great numbers of the species; sighting likelihood excellent.
- C Common, species occurs regularly in most proper habitat; sighting likelihood good.
- U Uncommon, species usually present in relatively small numbers, 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.
- + 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



Seasons

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

Common Name	Sp	S	F	W
Greater White-fronted Goose	U	+	R	
Emperor Goose	C	+	U	C
Snow Goose	+		+	+
Brant	C	R	+	+
Cackling Goose	U	R	R	+
Canada Goose•	U	U	U	U
Trumpeter Swan	R	+	R	+
Tundra Swan•	U	U	U	R
Wood Duck			+	
Gadwall•	C	U	C	C
Eurasian Wigeon	U	+	R	R
American Wigeon•	C	C	C	U
Mallard•	A	C	A	A
Eastern Spot-billed Duck			+	
Blue-winged Teal	+	+		
Cinnamon Teal	+	+		
Northern Shoveler	C	R	R	+
Northern Pintail•	A	C	U	U
Green-winged Teal•	C	C	C	U



Red-breasted
Mergansers

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Common Name	Sp	S	F	W
<i>Canvasback</i>	R		R	R
<i>Redhead</i>	R	+	R	R
<i>Ring-necked Duck</i>	R	+	R	R
Tufted Duck	R	+	+	R
<i>Greater Scaup</i> •	A	C	A	A
<i>Lesser Scaup</i> •	U	R	U	U
<i>Steller's Eider</i>	C	+	U	C
<i>Spectacled Eider</i>	+			+
<i>King Eider</i>	C	R	U	C
<i>Common Eider</i> •	U	U	U	U
<i>Harlequin Duck</i> •	C	C	C	C
<i>Surf Scoter</i>	C	U	C	C
<i>White-winged Scoter</i>	A	C	A	A
<i>Black Scoter</i> •	A	U	A	A
<i>Long-tailed Duck</i>	A	R	A	A
<i>Bufflehead</i>	C	+	C	C
<i>Common Goldeneye</i>	U	R	U	U
<i>Barrow's Goldeneye</i> •	C	U	C	C
<i>Smew</i>	+			+
<i>Hooded Merganser</i>	+	+	+	+
<i>Common Merganser</i> •	C	C	C	C
<i>Red-breasted Merganser</i> •	C	C	C	C
<i>Willow Ptarmigan</i> •	C	C	C	C
<i>Rock Ptarmigan</i> •	C	C	C	C
<i>Red-throated Loon</i> •	U	U	U	R
<i>Pacific Loon</i>	R	+	C	U
<i>Common Loon</i> •	C	C	C	C
<i>Yellow-billed Loon</i>	R	+	R	R
<i>Pied-billed Grebe</i>				+
<i>Horned Grebe</i>	C	R	C	C
<i>Red-necked Grebe</i> •	U	R	U	U
<i>Laysan Albatross</i>	U	U	U	+
<i>Black-footed Albatross</i>	C	C	C	+
<i>Short-tailed Albatross</i>	+	R	R	+
<i>Northern Fulmar</i>	A	A	A	C
<i>Mottled Petrel</i>	U	U	U	
<i>Pink-footed Shearwater</i>	+	+	+	
<i>Flesh-footed Shearwater</i>	+	+		
<i>Buller's Shearwater</i>	+	R	R	
<i>Sooty Shearwater</i>	A	A	C	R
<i>Short-tailed Shearwater</i>	A	A	C	R
<i>Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel</i> •	C	C	C	U
<i>Leach's Storm-Petrel</i> •	U	U	U	
<i>Double-crested Cormorant</i> •	U	U	U	U
<i>Red-faced Cormorant</i> •	U	U	U	R
<i>Pelagic Cormorant</i> •	C	C	C	C
<i>Great Blue Heron</i>	R	+	R	R
<i>Great Egret</i>	+	+		

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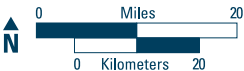
Areas Included

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 marine waters from the middle of Shelikof Strait extending eastward to the continental shelf.

Legend

- Road System
- Refuge Boundary
- Rivers
- Refuge Headquarters
- Refuge Visitor Center

Several areas within the boundaries of Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge are privately owned. You must obtain permission to access private land. For a map detailing these areas please contact the Refuge.



Common Name

Sp S F W

<i>Osprey</i>	+	+	+	
<i>Bald Eagle</i> •	C	C	C	C
<i>Steller's Sea-Eagle</i>		+		
<i>Northern Harrier</i>	U	R	U	R
<i>Sharp-shinned Hawk</i>	R	U	U	R
<i>Northern Goshawk</i> •	U	U	U	U
<i>Red-tailed Hawk</i>	+			
<i>Rough-legged Hawk</i> •	U	U	U	+
<i>Golden Eagle</i> •	U	U	U	U
<i>American Kestrel</i>	+	+	+	+
<i>Merlin</i> •	R	U	U	R
<i>Gyr Falcon</i> •	R	R	R	R
<i>Peregrine Falcon</i> •	U	R	U	U
<i>American Coot</i>			+	+
<i>Sandhill Crane</i>	+	+	+	
<i>Black-bellied Plover</i>	U	U	U	
<i>American Golden-Plover</i>	+		+	
<i>Pacific Golden-Plover</i>	U	R	U	
<i>Lesser Sand-Plover</i>		+		
<i>Semipalmated Plover</i> •	C	C	R	
<i>Killdeer</i>		+		+
<i>Black Oystercatcher</i> •	C	C	C	C
<i>Spotted Sandpiper</i> •	R	U	R	
<i>Solitary Sandpiper</i> •		R		
<i>Gray-tailed Tattler</i>	+			
<i>Wandering Tattler</i>	C	C	U	
<i>Greater Yellowlegs</i> •	U	C	U	
<i>Common Greenshank</i>		+		
<i>Lesser Yellowlegs</i>	R	C	R	
<i>Upland Sandpiper</i>		+		
<i>Whimbrel</i>	U	R	R	
<i>Bristle-thighed Curlew</i>	+	+	+	
<i>Black-tailed Godwit</i>		+		
<i>Hudsonian Godwit</i>	+	+		
<i>Bar-tailed Godwit</i>	R	+	+	+
<i>Marbled Godwit</i>	R	+		
<i>Ruddy Turnstone</i>	R	R	R	
<i>Black Turnstone</i>	U	U	U	U
<i>Surfbird</i> •	U	U	U	U
<i>Red Knot</i>	+	+	+	
<i>Sanderling</i>	R	R	R	+
<i>Semipalmated Sandpiper</i>	+	R	+	
<i>Western Sandpiper</i>	U	C	U	
<i>Temminck's Stint</i>		+		
<i>Least Sandpiper</i> •	C	C	R	
<i>Baird's Sandpiper</i>		U	R	
<i>Pectoral Sandpiper</i>	R	U	U	
<i>Sharp-tailed Sandpiper</i>		+	U	+
<i>Rock Sandpiper</i> •	C	U	C	C

Greater Yellowlegs

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Common Name	Sp	S	F	W
Dunlin	U	R	U	U
Curlew Sandpiper		+		
Stilt Sandpiper		R	+	
Buff-breasted Sandpiper		R	R	
Ruff	+	+	+	
<i>Short-billed Dowitcher</i> •	U	R		
Long-billed Dowitcher	+	+	R	+
<i>Wilson's Snipe</i> •	C	C	C	R
Wilson's Phalarope		+		
<i>Red-necked Phalarope</i> •	U	A	U	
Red Phalarope	U	U	U	
<i>Black-legged Kittiwake</i> •	A	A	A	U
Red-legged Kittiwake	+	+	+	+
Sabine's Gull	U	U	U	
<i>Bonaparte's Gull</i>	U	U	U	+
Black-headed Gull	+	+		
Franklin's Gull	+	+		
Black-tailed Gull			+	
<i>Mew Gull</i> •	C	C	A	A
Ring-billed Gull	+	+	+	
Western Gull	+			
California Gull	+	+	+	
<i>Herring Gull</i>	U	R	U	R
Iceland Gull				
(inc. Thayer's Gull)	R		R	R
Lesser Black-backed Gull	+	+		
Slaty-backed Gull	+	+	R	+
<i>Glaucous-winged Gull</i> •	A	A	A	A
Glaucous Gull	U	+	U	U
Great Black-backed Gull	+			+
<i>Aleutian Tern</i> •	U	U	+	
Caspian Tern		+		
<i>Arctic Tern</i> •	C	C	R	
South Polar Skua		+	+	
Pomarine Jaeger	U	C	C	
<i>Parasitic Jaeger</i> •	U	C	C	
<i>Long-tailed Jaeger</i> •	U	U	U	
Dovekie		+		
<i>Common Murre</i> •	C	C	A	A
Thick-billed Murre•	R	R	R	R
<i>Pigeon Guillemot</i> •	C	C	C	C
Long-billed Murrelet				+
<i>Marbled Murrelet</i> •	C	C	C	C
<i>Kittlitz's Murrelet</i> •	R	U	R	R
Ancient Murrelet•	R	U	U	R
Cassin's Auklet	R	U	U	+
Parakeet Auklet•	R	R	R	+
Least Auklet	+	+	+	+
Crested Auklet	+	+	C	C
Rhinoceros Auklet•	R	U	R	R

*Marbled
Murrelet*

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Winter Wren
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Common Name	Sp	S	F	W
<i>Horned Puffin</i> •	C	C	C	R
<i>Tufted Puffin</i> •	A	A	A	R
<i>Mourning Dove</i>		+	+	
<i>Snowy Owl</i>	+	+	+	+
<i>Northern Hawk Owl</i> •	R	R	R	R
<i>Great Gray Owl</i>				+
<i>Short-eared Owl</i> •	U	U	U	R
<i>Boreal Owl</i> •	U	U	U	U
<i>Northern Saw-whet Owl</i>	+			
<i>Common Nighthawk</i>			+	
<i>Costa's Hummingbird</i>		+	+	
<i>Rufous Hummingbird</i>	+	R	R	
<i>Belted Kingfisher</i> •	C	C	C	C
<i>Yellow-bellied Sapsucker</i>			+	
<i>Red-breasted Sapsucker</i>	+	+	+	+
<i>Downy Woodpecker</i> •	U	U	U	U
<i>Hairy Woodpecker</i>		+	+	+
<i>American Three-toed Woodpecker</i> •	U	U	U	U
<i>Northern Flicker</i>			+	
<i>Olive-sided Flycatcher</i>	+	+		
<i>Say's Phoebe</i>		+		
<i>Eastern Kingbird</i>		+		
<i>Northern Shrike</i> •	U	U	U	U
<i>Black-billed Magpie</i> •	C	C	C	C
<i>Northwestern Crow</i> •	C	C	C	C
<i>Common Raven</i> •	C	C	C	C
<i>Horned Lark</i>	+	+	+	
<i>Tree Swallow</i> •	C	C	R	
<i>Violet-green Swallow</i> •	C	C	R	
<i>Bank Swallow</i> •	U	C	R	
<i>Cliff Swallow</i>	R	+		
<i>Barn Swallow</i>	+	R		
<i>Black-capped Chickadee</i> •	C	C	C	C
<i>Red-breasted Nuthatch</i> •	C	C	C	C
<i>Brown Creeper</i> •	U	U	U	U
<i>Winter Wren</i> •	C	C	C	C
<i>American Dipper</i> •	C	C	C	C
<i>Golden-crowned Kinglet</i> •	C	C	C	C
<i>Ruby-crowned Kinglet</i>	R	+	R	R
<i>Mountain Bluebird</i>				+
<i>Gray-cheeked Thrush</i> •	R	C	+	
<i>Swainson's Thrush</i>		+		
<i>Hermit Thrush</i> •	A	A	C	+



Yellow Warbler

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Golden-crowned Sparrow

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Common Name	Sp	S	F	W
American Robin	R	R	R	R
Varied Thrush•	C	C	C	U
European Starling	R		R	R
Eastern Yellow Wagtail		+		
American Pipit•	C	C	C	R
Bohemian Waxwing	+		R	R
Cedar Waxwing		+	R	+
Orange-crowned Warbler•	C	C	R	+
Yellow Warbler•	U	A	U	
Yellow-rumped Warbler•	C	C	R	+
Townsend's Warbler		+	+	+
Palm Warbler			+	
Blackpoll Warbler		+		
Wilson's Warbler•	C	A	U	+
American Tree Sparrow	U		U	U
Savannah Sparrow•	A	A	C	+
Fox Sparrow•	A	A	C	R
Song Sparrow•	U	U	U	U
Lincoln's Sparrow	+	+	R	R
White-throated Sparrow			+	+
Harris's Sparrow	+		+	+
White-crowned Sparrow	R	+	R	R
Golden-crowned Sparrow•	A	A	C	R
Dark-eyed Junco	U	+	U	U
Lapland Longspur•	A	A	C	+
Rustic Bunting				+
Snow Bunting•	U	U	U	U
McKay's Bunting	+			+
Black-headed Grosbeak			+	
Red-winged Blackbird			+	
Rusty Blackbird	R		R	R
Brambling	+		+	+
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch•	U	U	U	U
Pine Grosbeak•	C	C	C	C
Red Crossbill•	U	U	U	U
White-winged Crossbill•	U	U	U	U
Common Redpoll•	C	C	C	C
Hoary Redpoll	+			+
Pine Siskin•	C	C	C	C

Phylogenetic sequence and English names of species follow *Check-list of North American Birds (AOU 1998)* and supplements.

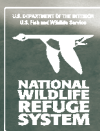
You Can Help

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