

# Birds of Skagway, AK



area checklist compiled by the  
**Skagway Bird Club**

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Located at the northern tip of the Lynn Canal, the Skagway and Taiya river valleys contain varied habitats typical of the coastal temperate rainforest of Southeast Alaska. However, the Skagway area also has valleys that lead quickly to mountain passes connecting to the boreal forests of the continental interior. In addition, Skagway receives only 27 inches average annual rainfall - rather dry for a rainforest. Due to this combination of relatively dry climate and proximity to the interior, many plants and animals from both the temperate rainforest and the boreal forests can be found in the Skagway area.

The 192 bird species in this checklist have been recorded in Skagway, with 62 present through the winter. Migrations usually peak during April and September.

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- \_\_\_\_\_ [woodpeckers]
- \_\_\_\_\_ Red-breasted Sapsucker \*\*
- \_\_\_\_\_ Downy Woodpecker
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hairy Woodpecker
- \_\_\_\_\_ American Three-toed Woodpecker
- \_\_\_\_\_ Northern Flicker
- \_\_\_\_\_ .... Yellow-shafted ◇
- \_\_\_\_\_ .... Red-shafted
- \_\_\_\_\_ [tyrant flycatchers]
- \_\_\_\_\_ Olive-sided Flycatcher
- \_\_\_\_\_ Western Wood-Pewee
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pacific-slope Flycatcher
- \_\_\_\_\_ Alder Flycatcher
- \_\_\_\_\_ Least Flycatcher ◇
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hammond's Flycatcher
- \_\_\_\_\_ Says Phoebe
- \_\_\_\_\_ [shrikes & vireos]
- \_\_\_\_\_ Northern Shrike ◇
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cassin's Vireo ◇
- \_\_\_\_\_ Warbling Vireo \*\*
- \_\_\_\_\_ Red-eyed Vireo ◇
- \_\_\_\_\_ [corvids]
- \_\_\_\_\_ Steller's Jay \*\*
- \_\_\_\_\_ Gray Jay ◇
- \_\_\_\_\_ Black-billed Magpie
- \_\_\_\_\_ Common Raven \*\*
- \_\_\_\_\_ Northwestern Crow \*
- \_\_\_\_\_ [larks]
- \_\_\_\_\_ Horned Lark ◇
- \_\_\_\_\_ [swallows]
- \_\_\_\_\_ Northern Rough-winged Swallow ◇
- \_\_\_\_\_ Bank Swallow ◇
- \_\_\_\_\_ Violet-green Swallow \*\*
- \_\_\_\_\_ Tree Swallow
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cliff Swallow ◇
- \_\_\_\_\_ Barn Swallow
- \_\_\_\_\_ [chickadees]
- \_\_\_\_\_ Black-capped Chickadee
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mountain Chickadee ◇
- \_\_\_\_\_ Boreal Chickadee ◇
- \_\_\_\_\_ Chestnut-backed Chickadee
- \_\_\_\_\_ [nuthatches & creeper]
- \_\_\_\_\_ Red-breasted Nuthatch
- \_\_\_\_\_ Brown Creeper
- \_\_\_\_\_ [wrens]
- \_\_\_\_\_ Winter Wren \*
- \_\_\_\_\_ [dipper]
- \_\_\_\_\_ American Dipper \*\*
- \_\_\_\_\_ [kinglets]
- \_\_\_\_\_ Golden-crowned Kinglet
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ruby-crowned Kinglet
- \_\_\_\_\_ [thrushes]
- \_\_\_\_\_ Townsend's Solitaire
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mountain Bluebird ◇
- \_\_\_\_\_ Varied Thrush \*\*
- \_\_\_\_\_ American Robin \*\*
- \_\_\_\_\_ Gray-cheeked Thrush ◇
- \_\_\_\_\_ Swainson's Thrush \*\*
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hermit Thrush \*\*

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- \_\_\_\_\_ [mimids]
- \_\_\_\_\_ Northern Mockingbird ◇
- \_\_\_\_\_ [pipits]
- \_\_\_\_\_ American Pipit \*\*
- \_\_\_\_\_ [starling and waxwings]
- \_\_\_\_\_ European Starling ◇
- \_\_\_\_\_ Bohemian Waxwing
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cedar Waxwing ◇
- \_\_\_\_\_ [warblers]
- \_\_\_\_\_ Orange-crowned Warbler \*
- \_\_\_\_\_ Tennessee Warbler
- \_\_\_\_\_ Yellow Warbler
- \_\_\_\_\_ Yellow-rumped Warbler \*
- \_\_\_\_\_ Townsend's Warbler
- \_\_\_\_\_ Blackpoll Warbler
- \_\_\_\_\_ American Redstart
- \_\_\_\_\_ Northern Waterthrush
- \_\_\_\_\_ MacGillivray's Warbler
- \_\_\_\_\_ Common Yellowthroat
- \_\_\_\_\_ Wilson's Warbler \*
- \_\_\_\_\_ [tanagers]
- \_\_\_\_\_ Western Tanager \*
- \_\_\_\_\_ [sparrows & juncos]
- \_\_\_\_\_ American Tree Sparrow \*
- \_\_\_\_\_ Chipping Sparrow \*
- \_\_\_\_\_ Savannah Sparrow
- \_\_\_\_\_ Golden-crowned Sparrow
- \_\_\_\_\_ White-crowned Sparrow
- \_\_\_\_\_ Fox Sparrow
- \_\_\_\_\_ Song Sparrow
- \_\_\_\_\_ Lincoln's Sparrow
- \_\_\_\_\_ Dark-eyed Junco \*
- \_\_\_\_\_ .... Slate-colored
- \_\_\_\_\_ .... Oregon
- \_\_\_\_\_ [longspurs and buntings]
- \_\_\_\_\_ Lapland Longspur
- \_\_\_\_\_ Snow Bunting
- \_\_\_\_\_ [icterids]
- \_\_\_\_\_ Western Meadowlark ◇
- \_\_\_\_\_ Brown-headed Cowbird
- \_\_\_\_\_ Red-winged Blackbird
- \_\_\_\_\_ Rusty Blackbird ◇
- \_\_\_\_\_ [finches]
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pine Grosbeak
- \_\_\_\_\_ Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch ◇
- \_\_\_\_\_ Purple Finch ◇
- \_\_\_\_\_ Red Crossbill
- \_\_\_\_\_ White-winged Crossbill
- \_\_\_\_\_ Common Redpoll
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hoary Redpoll
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pine Siskin
- \_\_\_\_\_ American Goldfinch ◇

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LOCATIONS: Please refer to the Skagway Trail Map, available for free at many locations. Many species find food and safety around town. Dyea's forests and tidal flats offer diversity and accessibility. Upper Dewey and Lost Lakes provide more remote quiet for freshwater species. Hillside trails, the Chilkoot Trail, Klondike Highway and the WP&YR railway ascend into alpine habitats.

CODES:

Sp = spring S = summer F = fall W = winter  
(Mar, Apr, May) (June, July) (Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov) (Dec, Jan, Feb)

C = common and expected in appropriate habitat  
U = uncommon, occurs in small numbers  
R = rare, expected annually but easily missed  
I = irregular, not seen every year (may be cyclical)  
+ = considered casual or accidental  
- = not expected to be seen  
\* = probable breeder  
\*\* = confirmed breeder

◇ = Please document sightings of these birds, or any sightings that would change the information on this list. Documentation should include species, number seen, date, location and observers. Photographs or detailed descriptions would be appreciated. Bring documentation to the Klondike Gold Rush NHP visitor's center at Second and Broadway Streets in Skagway, or mail to: Klondike Gold Rush NHP; PO Box 517; Skagway, AK 99840.

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[loons]				
Red-throated Loon	U	U	U	I
Pacific Loon ◇	I	-	I	I
Common Loon	R	-	R	I
Yellow-billed Loon ◇	I	-	R	R
[grebes]				
Horned Grebe ◇	I	-	-	-
Red-necked Grebe	R	U	R	-
Western Grebe ◇	-	-	+	-
[petrels]				
Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel ◇	+	-	+	+
[comorants]				
Double-crested Cormorant	+	+	-	-
[herons]				
Great Blue Heron ◇	U	U	U	+
[swans & geese]				
Canada Goose	R	-	R	-
Brant ◇	+	+	-	-
Greater White-fronted Goose ◇	+	-	-	-
Snow Goose	R	-	R	-
Trumpeter Swan	U	I	U	-
Tundra Swan ◇	I	-	-	-

	Sp	S	F	W
[ducks]				
Mallard	C	C	C	C
Gadwall ◇	-	-	-	-
Eurasian Wigeon ◇	+	+	-	-
American Wigeon	C	U	C	-
Blue-winged Teal	C	U	C	-
Northern Shoveler	R	R	R	-
Northern Pintail	U	R	U	-
Green-winged Teal *	C	U	C	-
Canvasback	U	U	U	-
Redhead ◇	R	-	-	-
Ring-necked Duck	R	R	R	-
Greater Scaup	C	R	C	-
Lesser Scaup ◇	R	-	-	-
Long-tailed Duck	U	-	U	R
Harlequin Duck *	C	U	C	U
Surf Scoter	C	C	C	R
Black Scoter ◇	+	-	-	-
White-winged Scoter ◇	R	R	R	-
Common Goldeneye	C	U	C	C
Barrow's Goldeneye	C	U	C	C
Bufflehead	C	U	C	C
Common Merganser **	C	C	C	C
Hooded Merganser ◇	+	-	-	-
Red-breasted Merganser	U	R	R	R
[raptors]				
Northern Harrier	U	U	U	-
Sharp-shinned Hawk	R	R	R	+
Swainson's Hawk ◇	-	-	-	-
Northern Goshawk	U	U	U	U
Red-tailed Hawk ◇	+	-	+	+
.... Harlan's	+	-	+	+
Golden Eagle	U	U	U	-
Bald Eagle **	C	C	C	C
Merlin **	R	R	R	-
American Kestrel	C	R	C	-
Gyr Falcon ◇	-	+	+	+
Peregrine Falcon ◇	+	-	-	-
[grouse & ptarmigan]				
Spruce Grouse **	C	C	C	R
Sooty (Blue) Grouse **	C	C	C	R
White-tailed Ptarmigan *	R	-	-	R
Willow Ptarmigan	U	U	U	U
Rock Ptarmigan	C	C	C	C
[rails & cranes]				
American Coot ◇	+	-	+	-
Sandhill Crane ◇	I	-	I	-
[plovers & oystercatchers]				
American Golden-Plover ◇	+	-	+	-
Semipalmated Plover **	U	U	U	-
Killdeer	R	R	R	-
Black Oystercatcher ◇	I	-	-	-

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[sandpipers]				
Greater Yellowlegs	C	C	C	-
Lesser Yellowlegs	C	U	C	-
Solitary Sandpiper ◇	R	R	R	-
Spotted Sandpiper *	C	C	C	-
Hudsonian Godwit ◇	+	-	-	-
Wandering Tattler **	U	R	U	-
Sanderling	R	-	R	-
Dunlin	R	-	R	-
Western Sandpiper ◇	-	-	-	-
Pectoral Sandpiper ◇	+	-	-	-
Semipalmated Sandpiper	R	-	R	-
Least Sandpiper	U	R	U	-
Long-billed Dowitcher ◇	-	-	+	-
Wilson's (Common) Snipe	U	U	U	-
Red-necked Phalarope	R	R	R	-
[gulls & terns]				
Bonaparte's Gull	C	C	C	+
Mew Gull	C	C	C	C
Herring Gull	C	C	C	U
Thayer's Gull	R	+	U	U
Glaucous-winged Gull	C	C	C	C
Glaucous Gull ◇	R	-	-	R
Ring-billed Gull ◇	+	-	-	-
Black-legged Kittiwake	-	-	I	-
Arctic Tern *	C	C	C	-
[alcids]				
Common Murre	-	-	-	R
Pigeon Guillemot ◇	+	-	-	-
Marbled Murrelet	C	C	C	C
Kittlitz's Murrelet ◇	-	-	-	-
[pigeons]				
Rock Pigeon	I	I	I	I
Band-tailed Pigeon ◇	+	+	-	-
[owls]				
Short-eared Owl ◇	U	-	-	-
Barred Owl	R	-	-	R
Great Horned Owl	C	C	C	C
Snowy Owl ◇	+	-	-	I
Great Gray Owl ◇	-	-	-	-
Northern Saw-whet Owl	C	C	R	R
Western Screech-Owl ◇	-	-	-	-
Northern Pygmy-Owl	I	I	I	-
Northern Hawk Owl	I	I	I	-
[goatsuckers]				
Common Nighthawk ◇	-	-	-	-
[kingfishers]				
Belted Kingfisher *	C	C	C	U
[swifts]				
Vaux's Swift	-	I	-	-
[hummers]				
Anna's Hummingbird ◇	-	-	-	-
Rufous Hummingbird	C	C	C	-