

Birds of Skagway, AK



area checklist compiled by the
Skagway Bird Club

OBSERVERS _____

DATE _____ TIME _____

LOCATION _____

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.

Sp	S	F	W
----	---	---	---

- _____ [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 **

C	C	U	-
C	C	C	U
C	C	C	U
C	C	C	R
R	R	R	-
+	-	-	-
R	R	R	-

R	R	R	-
R	R	R	-
U	U	U	-
R	R	R	-
-	-	-	-
U	U	U	-
R	R	R	-

R	-	R	-
-	R	-	-
U	U	U	-
-	-	-	-

C	C	C	C
-	-	-	-
C	+	C	C
C	C	C	C
C	C	C	R

+	-	-	-
---	---	---	---

-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-
C	C	U	-
C	C	U	-
-	-	-	-
U	U	U	-

U	U	U	C
-	-	-	+
-	-	R	R
C	C	C	C

R	R	R	R
U	U	U	U

U	U	U	R
---	---	---	---

C	C	C	C
---	---	---	---

C	C	C	C
C	C	C	-

U	U	U	-
I	I	-	-
C	C	C	-
C	C	C	+
-	-	-	-
C	C	C	-
C	C	C	-

- _____ [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 ◇

Sp	S	F	W
----	---	---	---

-	+	-	-
---	---	---	---

C	C	C	-
---	---	---	---

+	-	-	+
-	-	-	C
-	R	R	+

C	C	C	-
+	+	-	-
C	C	C	-
C	C	C	-
C	C	C	-
R	+	R	-
R	R	R	-
R	R	R	-
R	R	R	-
R	R	R	-
C	C	C	-

R	R	+	-
---	---	---	---

R	R	R	-
U	U	U	-
C	C	C	-
C	C	C	-
C	C	C	-
C	C	C	R
U	U	U	-
C	C	C	-
C	C	C	C
C	C	C	C
U	U	U	R

U	-	R	-
I	-	I	I

-	-	-	-
I	I	I	-
R	R	+	-
+	-	-	-

R	-	C	C
I	I	I	-
+	-	-	-
R	R	R	R
R	R	R	R
I	-	I	I
I	-	-	I
C	C	C	C
+	-	-	-

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.

	Sp	S	F	W
[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	-
Gyrfalcon ◇	-	+	+	+
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	-	-	-

	Sp	S	F	W
[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	-