Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve National Park Service U.S. Department of the Interior



# The Birds of Glacier Bay

# **CHECKLIST**

February, 2016



Kittlitz's Murrelet in breeding plumage

This bird checklist includes the 281 bird species found in Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve through February, 2016. This is the short version of the list; a longer version that includes habitat, maps and natural history information is available at the Glacier Bay National Park Visitor Center or online at www.nps.gov/glba.

#### Introduction

Glacier Bay National Park is a 5,220 square mile wilderness, comparable in size to the state of Connecticut. It contains both inshore and offshore marine waters, mountain ranges to 15,000 feet, ice fields and glaciers, rivers and lakes, alpine meadows, mature coniferous forests, cottonwood/alder/willow thickets, and glacial barrens. The park ecosystem is rapidly changing after the Little Ice Age that covered much of it with ice 250 years ago. As glaciers flux and vegetation evolves, bird composition also changes and those changes are expected to continue.

Most of the park is roadless and remote, and even the most popular areas, such as Glacier Bay and the Gustavus Foreland (included in the checklist) are lightly visited. The park boundary extends three miles into the Pacific Ocean and about one mile into Icy Strait and Cross Sound. Bird records for those areas are included. Bird observations are important. Please leave any bird records from your visit at the park visitor center or enter them into the eBird database (www.ebird.org).

Common names and taxonomic order in this checklist follow those established by the American Ornithologist's Union through 2015.

## **Key to Bird Status**

**C** – **Common.** Can expect to observe on 90%+ of field days in appropriate habitat.

F - Fairly Common. Can observe on 50-89% of field days.

**U** – **Uncommon.** Can expect to observe on less than half of field days.

**R** – **Rare.** 1–5 records are expected each year.

**V** – **Very Rare.** More than 2 records exist, but many years may go by without observations.

+ – **Accidental.** No more than 2 documented records exist for the species.

\* - **Nesting.** Record(s) exist or nesting is suspected.

(I) – Irruptive. Populations fluctuate substantially from year to year.

#### **Seasons**

**Spring (Sp)** – March through May.

**Summer (Su)** – June through July.

Fall (F) - August through November.

Winter (W) - December through February.

## **Acknowledgments**

This edition of the Birds of Glacier Bay Checklist was updated by Nat Drumheller and was previously revised and updated in 2013 by Bruce Paige and Nat Drumheller. We acknowledge the contributions of earlier editions upon which this checklist is based by Dennis Wik 1967, Wik and Greg Streveler 1968, and Bruce Paige 1973, 1979 and 1998. The format used is that of the Birds of Southeast Alaska checklist by Steve Heinl, Bob Armstrong and Rich Gordon. The authors would also like to thank Steve Heinl, Paul Suchanek and Gus van Vliet for their excellent suggestions in 2013 after reviewing the manuscript.

	Sp	Su	F	W		Sp	Su	F	W
GEESE, SWANS, AND DUCKS					Red-necked Grebe	F	R	F	F
Greater White-fronted Goose	F	v	F	V	Western Grebe	+	+	V	V
Emperor Goose	v	-	_	+	ALBATROSSES, SHEARWATERS, I	ULMAR	S & PE	TRELS	5
Snow Goose	F	V	F	+	Black-footed Albatross	F	F	F	- 2
Ross's Goose	+	+	-	-	Northern Fulmar	U	Ü	Ü	_
Brant	F	Ü	U	v	Pink-footed Shearwater	R	R	R	-
Cackling Goose	U	V	U	-	Sooty Shearwater	C	C	C	
Canada Goose	C	F*	C	С	Short-tailed Shearwater	R	R	R	-
Trumpeter Swan	U	V	U	F	Manx Shearwater	(2)	<del></del>	-	-
Tundra Swan	U	+	U	V	Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel	С	C*	C	R
Wood Duck	+	- 12	12	+	Leach's Storm-Petrel	U	F	F	-
Gadwall	U	R	U	Ü	CORMORANTS				
Eurasian Wigeon	R	+	v	V			U*		_
American Wigeon	C	Ü	Ċ	F	Double-crested Cormorant	U C	C*	C	R C
American Black Duck	22-2			+	Pelagic Cormorant		<u> </u>		
Mallard	С	C*	C	c	HERONS, BITTERNS				
Blue-winged Teal	U	U*	R	19-2	American Bittern	+	+	-	-
Cinnamon Teal	R	v	+	-	Great Blue Heron	F	F*	F	U
Northern Shoveler		U*	Ė	R	Great Egret	+	+		+
Northern Pintail		U*	Ċ	Ü	Cattle Egret	+	-	+	-
Green-winged Teal	c	U*	c	F	HAWKS, EAGLES				
Canvasback	R	+	R	V	Osprey	R	V	R	-
Redhead	V	v	V		Bald Eagle	С	C*	С	С
	F	R	F	+ R	Northern Harrier	F	R*	F	R
Ring-necked Duck Tufted Duck					Sharp-shinned Hawk	U	U*	U	R
	F	R	F	+	Northern Goshawk	R	R*	U	U
Greater Scaup	<u></u>	R*	U		Swainson's Hawk	+	(m)	V	+
Lesser Scaup Steller's Eider				R	Red-tailed Hawk	U	U*	U	V
	+	-7-	- 14		Rough-legged Hawk	R	V*	R	+
King Eider	+	+ V*	+	+ -	Golden Eagle	R	R	R	+
Common Eider	V		+	-	RAILS, CRANES				
Harlequin Duck	<u>F</u>	F*	F	С	Virginia Rail	+	+	-	+
Surf Scoter	C	С	С	С	Sora	V	V	+	- 2
White-winged Scoter		c	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	American Coot	V	+	R	V
Black Scoter	F	R	F	F	Sandhill Crane	F	R*	F	V
Long-tailed Duck	C	R*	C	С	SHOREBIRDS				
Bufflehead	<u>c</u>	R	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	Black Oystercatcher	F	C*	F	R
Common Goldeneye	F	R*	F	F	Black-bellied Plover	C	R	c	V
Barrow's Goldeneye	<u> </u>	F*	<u>C</u>	C	American Golden-Plover	Ū	+	U	_
Hooded Merganser	R	R*	R	R	Pacific Golden-Plover	U	+	U	-
Common Merganser	F	F*	F	F	Semipalmated Plover	F	U*	F	_
Red-breasted Merganser	С	U*	С	С	Killdeer	R	R*	R	V
Ruddy Duck	+	-	+		Spotted Sandpiper	U	F*	U	
GROUSE, PTARMIGAN					Solitary Sandpiper	R	R*	R	-
Willow Ptarmigan	U	U*	U	U	Wandering Tattler	U	R	Ü	-
Rock Ptarmigan	U	U*	U	U	Greater Yellowlegs	C	F*	c	V
White-tailed Ptarmigan	U	U*	U	U	Lesser Yellowlegs	F	F*	c	_
Sooty Grouse	С	C*	F	U	Upland Sandpiper	==	+	v	_
LOONS, GREBES					Whimbrel	F	R	Ū	-
Red-throated Loon	F	F*	F	U	Bristle-thighed Curlew	+	(4)	-	-
Pacific Loon	C	F	Ċ	F	Hudsonian Godwit	R	V	V	-
Common Loon	c	C*	c	Ė	Bar-tailed Godwit	V	+	v	-
Yellow-billed Loon	U	R	R	R	Marbled Godwit	R	+	v	-
Pied-billed Grebe			V	+ 1	Ruddy Turnstone	U.	v	Ū	+
Horned Grebe	С	R	Ċ	c	Black Turnstone	Ü	R	Ü	R
Hornica diebe			_	_	Didek Tallistoffe				

	Sp	Su	F	W		Sp	Su	F	W
Red Knot	R	+	V		Iceland Gull		+		*
Surfbird	U	U	U		Glaucous-winged Gull	С	C*	С	С
Ruff	- 8	+	+	+	Glaucous Gull	V	V	R	V
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	-	+	R	7.1	Aleutian Tern	R	R*	V	2
Stilt Sandpiper	7.	-	V	-	Caspian Tern	U	F*	U	+
Curlew Sandpiper	- 6	-	+	-	Black Tern	-	+		-
Red-necked Stint		+	-	-	Arctic Tern	С	C*	F	
Sanderling	U	U	F	F	PIGEONS, DOVES				
Dunlin	С	V	С	F	Band-tailed Pigeon	-	+	-	-
Rock Sandpiper	U	+	U	F	Eurasian Collared-Dove	R	U*	R	R
Baird's Sandpiper	R	٧	U	-	Mourning Dove	-	+	V	-
Least Sandpiper	С	U*	С		OWLS				
White-rumped Sandpiper	2.	+	+	-	Western Screech-Owl	R	R	R	R
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	-	-	v	-	Great Horned Owl	U	U*	U	U
Pectoral Sandpiper	U	R	F	-	Snowy Owl	+	340	V	R
Semipalmated Sandpiper	U	U	U	-	Northern Hawk Owl	V	*	V	V
Western Sandpiper	С	U	С	+	Northern Pygmy-Owl	U	V	U	U
Short-billed Dowitcher	С	R	С	-	Barred Owl	R	R*	R	R
Long-billed Dowitcher	C	U	C	+	Long-eared Owl	-	-	-	+
Wilson's Snipe	F	F*	F	R	Short-eared Owl	U	R*	Ü	R
Wilson's Phalarope	V	V	+	-	Boreal Owl	+	+	+	V
Red-necked Phalarope	c	C	C	-	Northern Saw-whet Owl	U	U*	U	U
Red Phalarope	+	+	+	_	NIGHTHAWKS, SWIFTS				
JAEGERS					Common Nighthawk	177	+	V	77
South Polar Skua		-	+		Black Swift	- 12	-	+	- 23
Pomarine Jaeger	V	R	Ū		Vaux's Swift	R	R	R	-
Parasitic Jaeger	F	U*	F		HUMMINGBIRDS				
Long-tailed Jaeger	R	v	R		Anna's Hummingbird	+	+	R	V
ALCIDS	N N	v			Rufous Hummingbird	С	C*	U	-
		<b>-</b>			KINGFISHERS				
Common Murre	С	F*	С	<u> </u>	Belted Kingfisher	U	U*	U	U
Thick-billed Murre	+	+	-	+	WOODPECKERS				
Pigeon Guillemot	c	C*	C	<u>c</u>	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	+	-	-	_
Marbled Murrelet	<u>C</u>	C*	<u>C</u>	С	Red-breasted Sapsucker	F	F*	U	V
Kittlitz's Murrelet	U	C*	U	-	Downy Woodpecker	R	R*	R	Ū
Ancient Murrelet	U	<u>U</u>	U	+	Hairy Woodpecker	F	F*	F	F
Cassin's Auklet	U	R	U	-	American Three-toed Woodpecker	U	U*	U	U
Parakeet Auklet	+		+	-	Northern Flicker	R	V*	R	R
Rhinoceros Auklet	U	U	U	-	FALCONS				
Horned Puffin	R	U*	R	-	American Kestrel	R	V	R	+
Tufted Puffin	F	F*	F		Merlin	Ü	U*	Ü	R
GULLS, TERNS					Gyrfalcon	+	-	v	V
Black-legged Kittiwake	С	C*	С	R	Peregrine Falcon	Ū	U*	Ū	R
lvory Gull	7.0	+	-	-	FLYCATCHERS				
Sabine's Gull	R	R	R	-	Olive-sided Flycatcher	R	R*	R	-
Bonaparte's Gull	С	F	С	+	Western Wood-Pewee	R	R	R	-2
Ross's Gull	2	-	+	_	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	1.00	<del></del>	1141	-
Franklin's Gull	÷	V	+	-	Alder Flycatcher	R	U*	U	-
Heermann's Gull	53	+	-5		Willow Flycatcher	34	<del>-</del>	74	-2
Mew Gull	С	C*	С	С	Hammond's Flycatcher		v	+	-
Ring-billed Gull	+	+	V	÷.	Pacific-slope Flycatcher	U	<u>-</u>	Ū	<u> </u>
Western Gull	+	1-1	-	+	Say's Phoebe	+	+	v	
California Gull	+	R	R	941	Western Kingbird	- 1	+	+	
Herring Gull	F	F*	F	F	Eastern Kingbird		V	+	-
Thayer's Gull	U	R	U	R	Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	- 12	+	-	- 2
					7.5 <del></del>				

	Sp	Su	F	W		Sp	Su	F	W
SHRIKES					WARBLERS				
Northern Shrike	U		U	U	Northern Waterthrush		+	+	=
VIREOS					Tennessee Warbler	2	V	+	2
Warbling Vireo	v	v	12	-	Orange-crowned Warbler	С	C*	С	-
JAYS, CROWS					MacGillivray's Warbler	-	V	V	-
Gray Jay	+		V	+	Common Yellowthroat	R	U*	R	-
Steller's Jay	Ċ	C*	Ċ	F	American Redstart		V	+	573
Clark's Nutcracker	-	+	+		Yellow Warbler	F	F*	F	23
Black-billed Magpie	F	v	F	C	Blackpoll Warbler	+	+	+	-
Northwestern Crow	С	C*	С	С	Palm Warbler	-	-	+	+
Common Raven	C	C*	С	C	Yellow-rumped Warbler	C	C*	C	V
LARKS				_	Yellow-throated Warbler		0 <del>10</del> 20	+	7.0
Horned Lark	R	-	R	R	Townsend's Warbler	С	C*	C	23
SWALLOWS					Wilson's Warbler	C	C*	C	÷
					SPARROWS				
Tree Swallow	<u>c</u>	C*	<u>C</u>	-	American Tree Sparrow	R		U	U
Violet-green Swallow	U	U*	U	-	Chipping Sparrow	+	V	+	-
Northern Rough-winged Swallow Bank Swallow	V F	+ F*	V F	-	Savannah Sparrow	С	C*	С	V
Cliff Swallow	R	R*	R	_	Fox Sparrow	С	C*	С	V
Barn Swallow	C	C*	C		Song Sparrow	F	F*	F	U
CHICKADEES, NUTHATCHES, CREEPI				_	Lincoln's Sparrow	С	C*	C	+
					Swamp Sparrow	: 12	-	V	V
Black-capped Chickadee Chestnut-backed Chickadee	+ C		V C	<del>_</del>	White-throated Sparrow	1.77	57.5	V	V
Red-breasted Nuthatch (I)	U	U*	Ü	Ü	Harris's Sparrow		3 <b>4</b> 4	+	+
Brown Creeper	U	U*	U	Ü	White-crowned Sparrow	U	V	U	R
WRENS, DIPPERS, KINGLETS					Golden-crowned Sparrow	С	C*	С	V
Pacific Wren	F	F*	F	-	Dark-eyed Junco	С	C*	С	C
American Dipper	Ū	U*	Ū	U	Rustic Bunting	1.77	.72	+	+
Golden-crowned Kinglet	C	C*	C		TANAGERS, GROSBEAKS				
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	c	C*	C	v	Western Tanager	V	V	+	#
THRUSHES, MOCKINGBIRDS				_	Black-headed Grosbeak	-	+	+	-
Mountain Bluebird	v		v	v	BLACKBIRDS				
Townsend's Solitaire	v	7,17		_	Red-winged Blackbird	U	U*	U	v
Gray-cheeked Thrush	U	+ F*	U U		Yellow-headed Blackbird		+		-
Swainson's Thrush	Ü	- F*	Ü		Rusty Blackbird	R	R*	R	R
Hermit Thrush	c		c	V	Brewer's Blackbird	+	+	-	+
American Robin	C	C*	C	R	Brown-headed Cowbird	R	V	R	-
Varied Thrush	C	C*	C	U	FINCHES				
Gray Catbird	+	#1	-	-	Brambling	+	343	240	+
Northern Mockingbird	_	+	+	-	Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch (I)	U	F*	U	R
STARLINGS					Pine Grosbeak	U	U*	U	U
European Starling	R	V	R	R	Red Crossbill (I)	F	F*	F	F
WAGTAILS, PIPITS					White-winged Crossbill (I)	F	F*	F	F
White Wagtail	-	+	2	_	Common Redpoll (I)	F	F*	F	F
Red-throated Pipit	-	**:	v	-	Hoary Redpoll (I)	-	N#2		+
American Pipit	С	U*	c	R	Pine Siskin (I)	С	C*	С	C
WAXWINGS					Evening Grosbeak		+	(+)	÷
Bohemian Waxwing	R	V	R	U	UNSUBSTANTIATED SPECIES				
Cedar Waxwing	-	R*	R		Buller's Shearwater				
LONGSPURS, BUNTINGS					Red-shouldered Hawk				
Lapland Longspur	С		С	R	Little Curlew				
Smith's Longspur	- 4	-2	+	-	Long-billed Murrelet				
Snow Bunting	U	U*	Ū	Ū	Great Gray Owl				
McKay's Bunting					Great Gray Ovvi				