

LEGEND

C Common - Easily found in small to large numbers in appropriate habitat.

U Uncommon - Occasionally, but not always, found in small numbers with some effort in appropriate habitat.

R Rare - occurs in very small numbers or in a very limited number of sites and may not be found every year or even with concentrated effort. There are more than a few records of these species in appropriate habitats.

A - Accidental - Represents an exceptional occurrence of birds outside their normal range that might not be repeated again for decades.

STATUS

- r** - resident
- b** - confirmed breeder
- s** - summer resident
- w** - winter resident
- m** - migrant - passing through on way to summer or winter grounds, may only be found in narrow periods of time
- v** - visitor; not on normal migration route
- i** - introduced species

Sp - spring: March - May **F** - fall: Sept. - Nov.
Su - summer: June - Aug. **W** - winter: Dec. - Feb.

SPECIES

Anatidae - Swans, Geese & Ducks

	Sp	Su	F	W	Status
___ Greater White-fronted Goose	C	C	U	A	m
___ Emperor Goose	R	A	-	R	v
___ Snow Goose	R	-	U	-	m
___ Ross's Goose	A	-	-	-	v
___ Cackling Goose	C	U	C	-	m
___ Brant	C	C	R	A	m
___ Trumpeter Swan	C	U	C	R	smb
___ Tundra Swan	U	U	U	-	m
___ Gadwall	U	R	R	-	m
___ Eurasian Wigeon	U	R	R	R	m
___ American Wigeon	C	C	C	U	smb
___ Mallard	C	C	C	C	rmb
___ Blue-winged Teal	A	-	A	-	m
___ Northern Shoveler	C	U	U	R	m
___ Northern Pintail	C	U	C	R	smb
___ Green-winged Teal	C	C	C	R	s
___ Canvasback	U	-	R	-	m
___ Redhead	U	-	R	-	m
___ Common Pochard	A	-	-	-	v
___ Ring-necked Duck	U	R	U	-	mb

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___ Greater Scaup	C	C	C	C	rmb
___ Lesser Scaup	U	-	U	-	m
___ Steller's Eider	C	R	C	C	w
___ Spectacled Eider	-	-	-	A	v
___ King Eider	R	R	R	R	w
___ Common Eider	C	C	C	U	rb
___ Harlequin Duck	C	C	C	C	rb
___ Surf Scoter	C	C	C	C	rm
___ White-winged Scoter	C	C	C	C	rm
___ Black Scoter	C	C	C	C	rmb
___ Long-tailed Duck	C	R	C	C	w
___ Bufflehead	C	R	C	C	rmb
___ Common Goldeneye	C	C	C	C	rb
___ Barrow's Goldeneye	C	C	C	C	rmb
___ Hooded Merganser	A	-	A	-	v
___ Common Merganser	C	C	C	C	rb
___ Red-breasted Merganser	C	C	C	C	rb
___ Ruddy Duck	-	-	A	-	v
<i>Phasianidae - Pheasants & Grouse</i>					
___ Ring-necked Pheasant	C	C	C	C	rbi
___ Spruce Grouse	C	C	C	C	rb
___ Willow Ptarmigan	U	U	U	U	rb
___ Rock Ptarmigan	U	U	U	U	rb
___ White-tailed Ptarmigan	R	R	R	R	rb
<i>Gaviidae - Loons</i>					
___ Red-throated Loon	C	U	C	U	rm
___ Pacific Loon	C	U	C	C	rb
___ Common Loon	C	C	C	C	rb
___ Yellow-billed Loon	U	U	R	U	wr
<i>Podicipedidae - Grebes</i>					
___ Horned Grebe	C	U	C	C	rm
___ Red-necked Grebe	C	C	C	C	rmb
___ Eared Grebe	-	-	A	-	v
<i>Procellariidae - Shearwaters</i>					
___ Northern Fulmar	R	R	R	-	sr
___ Sooty Shearwater	U	C	C	-	v
___ Short-tailed Shearwater	U	U	U	-	v
<i>Hydrobatidae - Storm-Petrels</i>					
___ Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel	C	C	C	-	sr
___ Leach's Storm-Petrel	-	R	R	-	v
<i>Phalacrocoracidae - Cormorants</i>					
___ Brandt's Cormorant	-	A	-	-	v
___ Double-crested Cormorant	U	U	U	R	r
___ Red-faced Cormorant	C	C	C	R	rb
___ Pelagic Cormorant	C	C	C	C	rb
<i>Ardeidae - Herons</i>					
___ Great Blue Heron	R	R	R	R	v
<i>Cathartidae - New World Vultures</i>					
___ Turkey Vulture	-	-	A	-	v
<i>Accipitridae - Eagles & Hawks</i>					
___ Osprey	R	R	R	-	m
___ Bald Eagle	C	C	C	C	rb
___ Northern Harrier	C	U	U	R	sb
___ Sharp-shinned Hawk	C	C	C	U	rb
___ Northern Goshawk	C	C	C	C	rb

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___ Red-tailed Hawk	C	C	C	-	sb
___ Rough-legged Hawk	C	U	U	-	sb
___ Golden Eagle	R	R	R	A	s
<i>Falconidae - Falcons</i>					
___ American Kestrel	R	R	R	-	m
___ Merlin	U	C	R	R	sb
___ Gyrfalcon	R	R	R	R	w
___ Peregrine Falcon	U	U	R	R	sb
<i>Rallidae - Rails, Coots & Gallinules</i>					
___ American Coot	-	-	A	-	v
<i>Gruidae - Cranes</i>					
___ Sandhill Crane	C	C	C	-	smb
<i>Charadriidae - Plovers</i>					
___ Black-bellied Plover	C	U	U	A	m
___ American Golden-Plover	U	R	U	-	m
___ Pacific Golden-Plover	C	R	U	-	m
___ Semipalmated Plover	C	C	C	-	smb
___ Killdeer	R	R	-	-	v
<i>Haematopodidae - Oystercatchers</i>					
___ Black Oystercatcher	C	C	U	U	sb
<i>Scolopacidae - Sandpipers & Phalaropes</i>					
___ Greater Yellowlegs	C	C	C	-	sb
___ Lesser Yellowlegs	U	U	U	-	sb
___ Solitary Sandpiper	R	U	R	-	sb
___ Wandering Tattler	C	C	C	-	s
___ Spotted Sandpiper	C	C	C	-	sb
___ Whimbrel	C	C	C	-	sm
___ Bristle-thighed Curlew	A	-	-	-	m
___ Hudsonian Godwit	U	R	-	-	m
___ Bar-tailed Godwit	U	A	R	-	m
___ Marbled Godwit	U	R	A	-	m
___ Ruddy Turnstone	U	R	R	-	m
___ Black Turnstone	C	U	U	-	m
___ Surf-bird	C	C	C	-	sm
___ Red Knot	U	R	R	-	m
___ Sanderling	U	U	U	R	m
___ Semipalmated Sandpiper	U	R	U	-	m
___ Western Sandpiper	C	C	C	-	m
___ Red-necked Stint	A	A	-	-	v
___ Temminck's Stint	A	-	-	-	v
___ Least Sandpiper	C	U	U	-	smb
___ Baird's Sandpiper	R	R	U	-	m
___ Pectoral Sandpiper	C	U	C	-	m
___ Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	-	-	U	-	m
___ Rock Sandpiper	C	R	U	C	w
___ Dunlin	C	U	U	R	m
___ Stilt Sandpiper	-	-	R	-	m
___ Ruff	A	-	-	-	v
___ Short-billed Dowitcher	C	C	U	-	m
___ Long-billed Dowitcher	U	U	U	-	sm
___ Jack Snipe	-	-	A	-	v
___ Wilson's Snipe	C	C	C	R	sb
___ Red-necked Phalarope	C	C	C	-	sb
___ Red Phalarope	A	A	A	-	v

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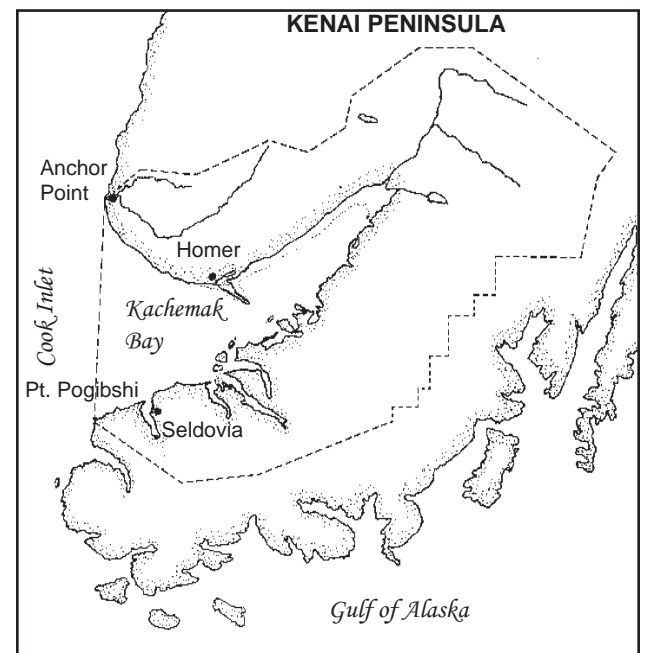
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<i>Laridae - Gulls & Terns</i>					
___ Franklin's Gull	-	A	-	-	v
___ Black-headed Gull	-	A	-	-	v
___ Bonaparte's Gull	C	C	C	R	sb
___ Black-tailed Gull	-	A	-	-	v
___ Mew Gull	C	C	C	C	rb
___ Ring-billed Gull	A	-	-	A	v
___ California Gull	-	-	A	-	v
___ Herring Gull	C	C	C	C	r
___ Heermann's Gull	-	A	-	-	v
___ Thayer's Gull	R	A	R	R	v
___ Lesser Black-backed Gull	-	A	-	-	v
___ Slaty-backed Gull	R	A	A	R	v
___ Western Gull	-	A	-	-	v
___ Glaucous-winged Gull	C	C	C	C	rb
___ Glaucous Gull	U	R	U	U	w
___ Sabine's Gull	R	R	R	-	v
___ Black-legged Kittiwake	C	C	R	U	sb
___ Ross's Gull	-	A	-	-	v
___ Caspian Tern	R	R	-	-	v
___ Arctic Tern	C	C	R	-	sb
___ Aleutian Tern	C	C	-	-	sb
___ White-winged Tern	-	A	-	-	v
<i>Stercorariidae - Jaegers</i>					
___ Pomarine Jaeger	U	U	R	-	m
___ Parasitic Jaeger	U	U	R	-	sb
___ Long-tailed Jaeger	R	R	R	-	v
<i>Alcidae - Auks, Murres & Puffins</i>					
___ Common Murre	C	C	C	C	rb
___ Thick-billed Murre	A	A	A	R	w
___ Pigeon Guillemot	C	C	C	C	rb
___ Marbled Murrelet	C	C	C	C	rb
___ Kittlitz's Murrelet	C	C	C	U	rb
___ Ancient Murrelet	R	U	U	R	s
___ Cassin's Auklet	-	R	R	-	v
___ Parakeet Auklet	A	A	A	-	v
___ Crested Auklet	R	A	A	R	v
___ Rhinoceros Auklet	A	R	R	-	v
___ Horned Puffin	C	C	C	R	sb
___ Tufted Puffin	C	C	C	-	sb
<i>Columbidae - Pigeons & Doves</i>					
___ Rock Pigeon	C	C	C	C	ri
___ Eurasian Collared-Dove	-	A	-	-	vi
___ Mourning Dove	-	-	A	A	v
<i>Strigidae - Owls</i>					
___ Western Screech-Owl	-	A	-	-	v
___ Great Horned Owl	C	C	C	C	rb
___ Snowy Owl	R	-	-	R	w
___ Northern Hawk-Owl	R	R	R	R	ir
___ Great Gray Owl	R	R	R	R	v
___ Short-eared Owl	U	U	R	R	sb
___ Boreal Owl	U	U	U	U	r
___ Northern Saw-whet Owl	U	U	U	U	rb

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<i>Caprimulgidae - Goatsuckers</i>					
___ Common Nighthawk	A	A	-	-	v
<i>Trochilidae - Hummingbirds</i>					
___ Anna's Hummingbird	-	-	R	A	v
___ Rufous Hummingbird	U	U	U	-	smb
<i>Alcedinidae - Kingfishers</i>					
___ Belted Kingfisher	C	C	C	U	rb
<i>Picidae - Woodpeckers</i>					
___ Red-breasted Sapsucker	-	-	R	R	v
___ Downy Woodpecker	C	C	C	C	rb
___ Hairy Woodpecker	U	U	U	U	rb
___ American Three-toed Woodpecker	U	U	U	U	rb
___ Black-backed Woodpecker	R	R	R	R	rb
___ Northern Flicker	R	R	R	R	r
<i>Tyrannidae - Flycatchers</i>					
___ Olive-sided Flycatcher	R	U	U	-	sb
___ Western Wood-Pewee	R	R	-	-	sb
___ Alder Flycatcher	R	C	C	-	sb
___ Say's Phoebe	R	R	R	-	m
<i>Laniidae - Shrikes</i>					
___ Northern Shrike	U	U	U	U	rb
<i>Corvidae - Crows, Magpies & Jays</i>					
___ Gray Jay	C	C	C	C	rb
___ Steller's Jay	C	C	C	C	rb
___ Black-billed Magpie	C	C	C	C	rb
___ Northwestern Crow	C	C	C	C	rb
___ Common Raven	C	C	C	C	rb
<i>Alaudidae - Larks</i>					
___ Horned Lark	R	U	U	A	sb
<i>Hirundinidae - Swallows</i>					
___ Tree Swallow	C	C	C	-	sb
___ Violet-green Swallow	C	C	C	-	sb
___ Bank Swallow	C	C	C	-	sb
___ Cliff Swallow	C	C	C	-	sb
___ Barn Swallow	-	A	-	-	v
<i>Paridae - Chickadees</i>					
___ Black-capped Chickadee	C	C	C	C	rb
___ Boreal Chickadee	C	C	C	C	rb
___ Chestnut-backed Chickadee	U	U	U	U	rb
<i>Sittidae - Nuthatches</i>					
___ Red-breasted Nuthatch	C	C	C	C	rb
<i>Certhiidae - Creepers</i>					
___ Brown Creeper	C	C	C	C	r
<i>Troglodytidae - Wrens</i>					
___ Pacific Wren	C	C	C	C	rb
<i>Cinclidae - Dippers</i>					
___ American Dipper	C	C	C	C	rb
<i>Regulidae - Kinglets</i>					
___ Golden-crowned Kinglet	C	C	C	C	rb
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C	C	C	R	sb
<i>Turdidae - Thrushes</i>					
___ Northern Wheatear	R	R	R	-	m
___ Mountain Bluebird	-	-	A	A	v
___ Townsend's Solitaire	-	A	R	R	v

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___ Gray-cheeked Thrush	U	U	U	-	sb
___ Swainson's Thrush	C	C	U	-	sb
___ Hermit Thrush	C	C	C	A	sb
___ American Robin	C	C	C	U	sb
___ Varied Thrush	C	C	C	U	sb
<i>Sturnidae - Starlings</i>					
___ European Starling	-	-	R	R	vi
<i>Motacillidae - Pipits and Wagtails</i>					
___ Eastern Yellow Wagtail	-	A	-	-	v
___ White Wagtail	-	A	-	-	v
___ American Pipit	C	C	C	R	s
<i>Bombycillidae - Waxwings</i>					
___ Bohemian Waxwing	-	R	C	C	m
___ Cedar Waxwing	R	R	R	R	rb
<i>Calcariidae - Longspurs and Snow Buntings</i>					
___ Lapland Longspur	C	R	C	R	m
___ Smith's Longspur	A	-	-	-	v
___ Snow Bunting	U	-	-	U	w
___ McKay's Bunting	-	-	-	A	v
<i>Parulidae - Wood Warblers</i>					
___ Orange-crowned Warbler	C	C	C	A	sb
___ Yellow Warbler	C	C	C	-	sb
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler	C	C	C	-	sb
___ Townsend's Warbler	C	C	C	-	sb
___ Blackpoll Warbler	U	U	U	-	s
___ American Redstart	-	A	-	-	v
___ Northern Waterthrush	U	U	-	-	s
___ Common Yellowthroat	-	A	-	-	vb
___ Wilson's Warbler	C	C	U	R	sb
<i>Emberizidae - Sparrows</i>					
___ Spotted Towhee	A	-	-	-	v
___ American Tree Sparrow	U	U	U	U	w
___ Savannah Sparrow	C	C	C	-	sb
___ Fox Sparrow	C	C	C	R	sb
___ Song Sparrow	C	C	C	C	rb
___ Lincoln's Sparrow	C	C	C	R	sb
___ White-throated Sparrow	A	-	R	R	v
___ Harris's Sparrow	-	-	A	A	v
___ White-crowned Sparrow	C	C	C	U	rmb
___ Golden-crowned Sparrow	C	C	C	U	rmb
___ Dark-eyed Junco	C	C	C	C	rmb
___ Rustic Bunting	A	-	-	-	v
<i>Cardinalidae - Tanagers</i>					
___ Western Tanager	A	-	-	-	v
<i>Icteridae - Blackbirds</i>					
___ Red-winged Blackbird	R	R	R	-	v
___ Yellow-headed Blackbird	-	A	-	-	v
___ Western Meadowlark	A	-	-	-	v
___ Rusty Blackbird	U	U	U	R	sb
___ Brown-headed Cowbird	-	-	A	A	v
<i>Fringillidae - Finches</i>					
___ Brambling	R	-	-	R	v
___ Gray-crowned Rosy Finch	C	A	C	C	w
___ Pine Grosbeak	C	C	C	C	rb
___ Purple Finch	A	-	A	A	v

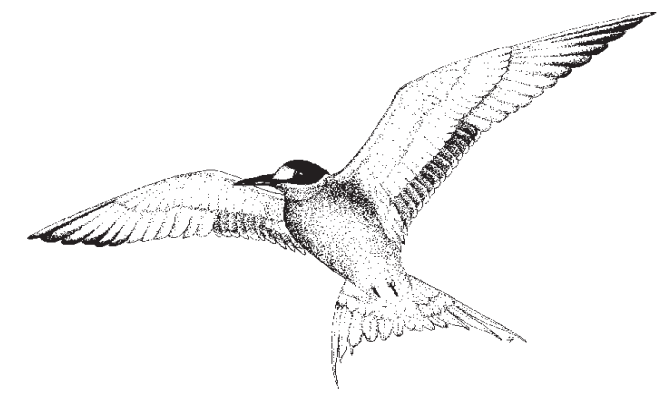
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___ Cassin's Finch	A	-	-	A	v
___ Red Crossbill	R	R	R	R	v
___ White-winged Crossbill	C	C	C	C	b
___ American Goldfinch	-	-	-	A	v
___ Common Redpoll	C	C	C	C	rb
___ Hoary Redpoll	R	-	R	R	w
___ Pine Siskin	C	C	C	C	rb

There are 204 species of birds represented on this list. The area covers the Anchor River drainage, the watersheds draining into Kachemak Bay including all of Kachemak Bay State Park, and the Bay itself. The northern boundary crosses the southern end of the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge; the eastern border coincides with the western boundary of Kenai Fjords National Park and runs in the highlands above the southern drainages to Kachemak Bay down to Point Pogibshi. Some of the species on this list can only be seen on the South side of Kachemak Bay or in other areas off of the road system.



The birding alert telephone line for Homer and Kachemak Bay is (907) 235-7337. For information on birding contacts, hotspots, field trips, etc. go to the Kachemak Bay Birders website at: www.kachemakbaybirders.org or the Homer birding website at www.birdinghomer.alaska.org.

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