



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Region 7

Timing Recommendations for Land Disturbance & Vegetation Clearing

Planning Ahead to Protect Nesting Birds

Nesting Seasons by Habitat Type and Region:

Recommended Times to Avoid Land Disturbance & Vegetation Clearing

HABITAT TYPE → REGION ↓	Forest or Woodland (i.e., trees present)	Shrub or Open (i.e., shrub cover or marsh, pond, tundra, gravel, or other treeless/shrubless ground habitat)	Seabird Colonies (including cliff and burrow colonies)	Eagles ^e
Southeast	April 15-July 15 ^a	May 1-July 15 ^{a, b}	May 1-September 15	March 1-August 31
Kodiak Archipelago			April 15-September 7	
Southcentral (<i>Lake Illiamna to Copper River Delta; north to Talkeetna</i>)	May 1-July 15 ^{a, b}			
Bristol Bay/AK Peninsula (<i>north to Lake Illiamna</i>)	May 1-July 15 ^{a, b, c}		May 10-September 15	
Interior (<i>north of Talkeetna to south slope Brooks Range; west to treeline</i>)	May 1-July 15 ^{a, b}		May 1-July 20 ^d	
Aleutian Islands		April 25-July 15 ^a	May 1-September 15	
Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta	May 1-July 15	May 5-July 25 ^{a, b, c}	May 20-September 15	
Seward Peninsula	May 1-July 15	May 10-July 20 ^{a, c}		
Northern (<i>includes northern foothills of Brooks Range</i>)		June 1-July 31 ^{a, c}		
Pribilof and Bering Sea Islands		May 15-July 15 ^a	May 15-September 15	

^a Raptors may nest two or more months earlier than other birds.

^b Canada geese and swans begin nesting April 20.

^c Black scoter are known to nest through August 10.

^d Seabird colonies in Interior refer to terns and gulls.

^e Eagles and eagle nests have additional protections under the Eagle Act, and a permit may be required to conduct activities near an eagle nest. You should contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Alaska Region Eagle Permit Program (<https://www.fws.gov/alaska/eaglepermit/>) for further information if an eagle or eagle nest is located in your project area.