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Kodiak

*National Wildlife
Refuge and the
Kodiak Archipelago*

Birds



*Kodiak National
Wildlife Refuge was
established in 1941
to preserve and protect
the pristine habitat of
the brown bear and*



Introduction

Kodiak is the largest island in the Gulf of Alaska. A thirty mile span of notoriously treacherous ocean, Shelikof Strait, separates the island from the Alaska mainland.

Spruce forest blankets lowlands in the eastern third of the archipelago, while to the west, tundra prevails. A backbone of mountains rising to over 4,000 feet runs the length of Kodiak Island. Over 1,000 miles of coastline borders the Kodiak Refuge alone.

In winter the archipelago is important to sea ducks and other aquatic migratory birds whose

other wildlife. The Refuge comprises more than two-thirds of Kodiak Island and a small portion of Afognak Island.

combined populations number well over a million birds. A wide variety of upland and marine habitats, and temperatures moderated by the Gulf of Alaska, give Kodiak the greatest diversity of wintering birds in the state.

Summer brings nesting birds from land and sea. Bank Swallows arrive from South America and puffins fly in from deep North Pacific waters. Many nesting species are year-round residents. While Kodiak is not in a major migratory bird pathway, a good variety of migrants can be seen in small numbers.

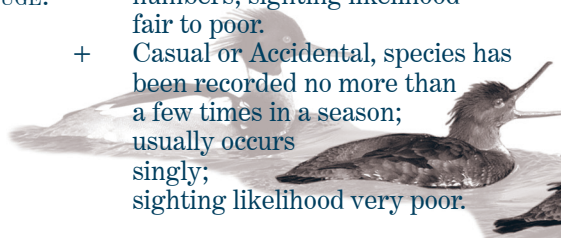
This checklist contains 253 species that have been documented in the archipelago by photograph or specimen. Most of these have also been found on the Refuge.



Abundance Codes

BIRD NAMES
IN SMALL CAPS
REPRESENT
BIRDS RECORDED
ON OR FROM THE
KODIAK NATIONAL
WILDLIFE REFUGE.

- A** Abundant, species is very numerous in all proper habitat; the region regularly hosts great numbers of the species; sighting likelihood excellent.
- C** Common, species occurs regularly in most proper habitat; sighting likelihood good.
- U** Uncommon, species usually present in relatively small numbers, or higher numbers unevenly distributed; sighting likelihood fair.
- R** Rare, species occurs regularly in the region but in very small numbers; sighting likelihood fair to poor.
- +** Casual or Accidental, species has been recorded no more than a few times in a season; usually occurs singly; sighting likelihood very poor.

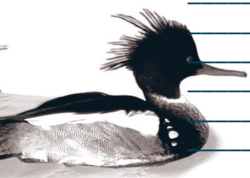


- nesting confirmed in archipelago
- ___ divides families

Seasons

- Sp** Spring, March-May
- S** Summer, June-August
- F** Fall, September-November
- W** Winter, December -February

English Name	Sp	S	F	W
EMPEROR GOOSE	C	+	C	C
SNOW GOOSE	R	+	R	+
GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE	U	+	R	+
BRANT	C	R	+	+
CACKLING GOOSE	U	+	R	+
CANADA GOOSE •	U	U	U	U
Trumpeter Swan •	R	+	R	R
TUNDRA SWAN •	U	U	U	R
Wood Duck			+	+
BLUE-WINGED TEAL	+	+		
Cinnamon Teal	+	+		
NORTHERN SHOVELER	C	R	U	R
GADWALL •	C	R	C	C
EURASIAN WIGEON	U	+	R	R
AMERICAN WIGEON •	C	U	C	U
Eastern Spot-billed Duck			+	
MALLARD •	A	C	A	A
NORTHERN PINTAIL •	A	U	U	U
GREEN-WINGED TEAL •	C	U	C	U



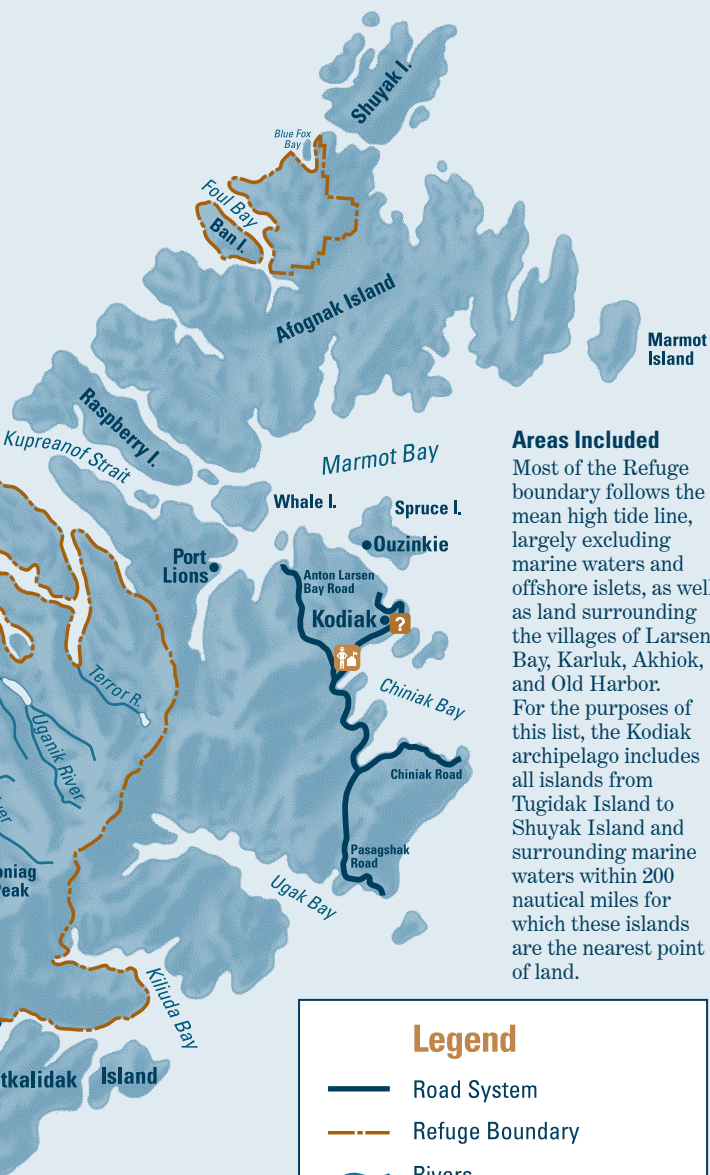
Red-breasted Mergansers

English Name	Sp	S	F	W
CANVASBACK	R		R	R
REDHEAD	R	+	R	R
Common Pochard	+			+
RING-NECKED DUCK	R	+	R	R
Tufted Duck	R	+	+	R
GREATER SCAUP •	A	U	A	A
Lesser Scaup •	U	R	U	U
STELLER'S EIDER	U	+	R	C
Spectacled Eider	+			+
KING EIDER	U	+	R	U
COMMON EIDER •	U	U	U	U
HARLEQUIN DUCK •	C	C	C	C
SURF SCOTER	C	U	C	C
WHITE-WINGED SCOTER	C	U	C	C
BLACK SCOTER	C	U	A	A
LONG-TAILED DUCK	C	R	C	A
BUFFLEHEAD	C	+	C	C
COMMON GOLDENEYE	C	+	U	C
BARROW'S GOLDENEYE •	C	U	C	C
Smew	+		+	+
HOODED MERGANSER	R	+	R	R
COMMON MERGANSER •	C	C	C	C
RED-BREASTED MERGANSER •	C	C	C	C
WILLOW PTARMIGAN •	C	C	C	C
ROCK PTARMIGAN •	C	C	C	C
Pied-billed Grebe			+	+
HORNED GREBE	C	R	C	C
RED-NECKED GREBE	U	R	U	U
EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE		+		
Anna's Hummingbird		+	+	+
Costa's Hummingbird		+	+	
Rufous Hummingbird	+	R	R	+
AMERICAN COOT			+	+
SANDHILL CRANE	+	+	+	
BLACK OYSTERCATCHER •	C	C	C	C
BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER	U	R	R	
American Golden-Plover		+	+	
PACIFIC GOLDEN-PLOVER	U	U	U	
KILLDEER		+		+
SEMPALMATED PLOVER •	U	C	R	
Bristle-thighed Curlew	+	+	+	
WHIMBREL	U	R	R	
Long-billed Curlew	+			
Bar-tailed Godwit	R	+	+	+
Black-tailed Godwit		+		
Hudsonian Godwit	+	+		
MARbled GODWIT	R	+		
Ruddy Turnstone	R	R	R	+
BLACK TURNSTONE	C	C	C	C

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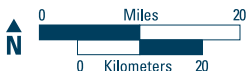
Areas Included

Most of the Refuge boundary follows the mean high tide line, largely excluding marine waters and offshore islets, as well as land surrounding the villages of Larsen Bay, Karluk, Akhiok, and Old Harbor. For the purposes of this list, the Kodiak archipelago includes all islands from Tugidak Island to Shuyak Island and surrounding marine waters within 200 nautical miles for which these islands are the nearest point of land.

Legend

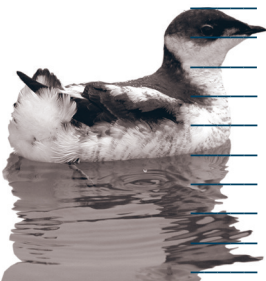
-  Road System
-  Refuge Boundary
-  Rivers
-  Refuge Headquarters
-  Refuge Visitor Center

Several areas within the boundaries of Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge are privately owned. You must obtain permission to access private land. For a map detailing these areas please contact the Refuge.





Surfbird



Marbled Murrelet

English Name	Sp	S	F	W
Red Knot		+	+	
SURFBIRD •	U	U	U	U
Ruff	+	+	+	
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper		+	R	+
Stilt Sandpiper		R	+	
SANDERLING	R	R	R	R
Dunlin	U	R	U	U
ROCK SANDPIPER •	C	U	C	C
BAIRD'S SANDPIPER		U	R	
LEAST SANDPIPER •	U	C	R	
Buff-breasted Sandpiper		+	+	
Pectoral Sandpiper	R	U	U	
Semipalmated Sandpiper	+	R	+	
WESTERN SANDPIPER	U	C	U	
SHORT-BILLED DOWITCHER •	U	U	R	
Long-billed Dowitcher	+	+	R	+
WILSON'S SNIPE •	C	C	C	R
SPOTTED SANDPIPER •	R	U	R	
Solitary Sandpiper •	+	R	+	
Gray-tailed Tattler			+	
WANDERING TATTLER	U	C	U	
LESSER YELLOWLEGS	R	U	R	
Common Greenshank		+		
GREATER YELLOWLEGS •	C	C	U	+
Wilson's Phalarope	+			
RED-NECKED PHALAROPE •	U	A	U	
Red Phalarope	U	U	U	
South Polar Skua		+	+	
POMARINE JAEGER	U	C	U	
PARASITIC JAEGER •	U	C	U	
LONG-TAILED JAEGER •	U	U		
COMMON MURRE •	C	C	A	A
Thick-billed Murre •	R	R	R	R
PIGEON GUILLEMOT •	C	C	C	C
MARBLED MURRELET •	C	C	C	C
KITTLITZ'S MURRELET •	+	R	+	+
ANCIENT MURRELET	R	U	U	R
Cassin's Auklet	R	U	U	+
PARAKEET AUKLET •	R	U	R	+
Least Auklet	+	+	+	+
CRESTED AUKLET	+	+	U	C
RHINOCEROS AUKLET	R	U	R	+
HORNED PUFFIN •	U	C	U	R
TUFTED PUFFIN •	C	A	C	R
BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE •	A	A	A	U
Red-legged Kittiwake	+	+	+	+
Sabine's Gull	U	U	R	
BONAPARTE'S GULL	U	U	U	+
Black-headed Gull	+	+		
Little Gull		+		

English Name	Sp	S	F	W
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_____	Laughing Gull				+
_____	Franklin's Gull	+	+		
_____	Black-tailed Gull	+		+	+
_____	MEW GULL •	A	C	A	A
_____	Ring-billed Gull	+	+	+	
_____	Western Gull	+			
_____	California Gull	+	+	+	
_____	HERRING GULL	R	R	U	R
_____	Iceland Gull	R	+	R	R
_____	Lesser Black-backed Gull	+	+		
_____	Slaty-backed Gull	+	+	R	+
_____	GLAUCOUS-WINGED GULL •	A	A	A	A
_____	Glaucous Gull	U	+	U	U
_____	Great Black-backed Gull	+			+
_____	ALEUTIAN TERN •	U	U	+	
_____	Caspian Tern	+	+		
_____	ARCTIC TERN •	C	C	R	
_____	RED-THROATED LOON •	U	U	U	R
_____	PACIFIC LOON	U	R	C	U
_____	COMMON LOON •	C	U	C	C
_____	Yellow-billed Loon	R	+	R	R
_____	Laysan Albatross	R	U	U	+
_____	Black-footed Albatross	U	C	C	+
_____	Short-tailed Albatross	+	R	R	+
_____	FORK-TAILED STORM-PETREL •	U	C	C	U
_____	Leach's Storm-Petrel	R	R	R	
_____	NORTHERN FULMAR	A	A	A	C
_____	Mottled Petrel	U	U	U	
_____	Buller's Shearwater	+	R	R	
_____	SHORT-TAILED SHEARWATER	C	A	C	R
_____	SOOTY SHEARWATER	C	A	C	R
_____	Great Shearwater		+		
_____	Pink-footed Shearwater	+	R	R	
_____	Flesh-footed Shearwater	+	+	+	
_____	Manx Shearwater		+		
_____	Brown Booby		+	+	
_____	DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT •	U	U	U	U
_____	RED-FACED CORMORANT •	R	R	R	R
_____	PELAGIC CORMORANT •	C	C	C	C
_____	GREAT BLUE HERON	R	+	R	R
_____	Great Egret	+	+	+	+
_____	OSPREY	+	+	R	
_____	GOLDEN EAGLE •	R	R	R	R
_____	NORTHERN HARRIER	R	+	U	R
_____	SHARP-SHINNED HAWK	R	R	U	U
_____	NORTHERN GOSHAWK •	U	U	U	U
_____	BALD EAGLE •	C	C	C	C
_____	White-tailed Eagle				+



*Fork-tailed
Storm-
Petrel*



Boreal Owl



Tree Swallow

English Name	Sp	S	F	W
STELLER'S SEA-EAGLE		+		
Red-tailed Hawk	+		+	
ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK •	R	R	R	R
Snowy Owl	+	+	+	+
NORTHERN HAWK OWL •	R	R	R	R
SHORT-EARED OWL •	R	R	R	R
BOREAL OWL •	R	R	R	R
Northern Saw-whet Owl	+			
BELTED KINGFISHER •	C	C	C	C
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker			+	
RED-BREASTED SAPSUCKER	+	+	R	+
AMERICAN THREE-TOED WOODPECKER •	U	U	U	U
Black-backed Woodpecker			+	
DOWNY WOODPECKER •	U	U	U	U
NORTHERN FLICKER	+		+	+
American Kestrel	+	+	+	+
MERLIN •	R	U	R	R
GYRFALCON •	R	R	R	R
PEREGRINE FALCON •	U	R	U	U
Eastern Kingbird		+		
Olive-sided Flycatcher	+	+		
Alder Flycatcher		+		
Hammond's Flycatcher		+		
Say's Phoebe		+		
NORTHERN SHRIKE •	U	U	U	U
Warbling Vireo			+	
BLACK-BILLED MAGPIE •	C	C	C	C
NORTHWESTERN CROW •	C	C	C	C
COMMON RAVEN •	C	C	C	C
Horned Lark	+	+	+	+
BANK SWALLOW •	U	C	+	
TREE SWALLOW •	U	U	+	
VIOLET-GREEN SWALLOW •	U	U	+	
Purple Martin	+			
BARN SWALLOW	+	+		
CLIFF SWALLOW	R	+		
BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE •	C	C	C	C
RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH •	U	U	U	U
BROWN CREEPER •	U	U	U	U
PACIFIC WREN •	C	C	C	C
AMERICAN DIPPER •	C	C	C	C
GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET •	C	C	C	C
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	R	+	R	R

English Name	Sp	S	F	W
Mountain Bluebird				+
Townsend's Solitaire	+	+	+	+
GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH •	R	U	+	
Swainson's Thrush		+	+	
HERMIT THRUSH •	C	A	U	+
AMERICAN ROBIN •	R	R	R	R
VARIED THRUSH •	C	C	U	U
European Starling	R		R	R
BOHEMIAN WAXWING	+		R	R
Cedar Waxwing		+	R	+
HOUSE SPARROW		+		
White Wagtail	+			
AMERICAN PIPIT •	U	U	U	R
Brambling	+		+	+
PINE GROSBEAK •	C	C	C	C
GRAY-CROWNED ROSY-FINCH •	U	U	U	U
COMMON REDPOLL •	U	U	U	U
RED CROSSBILL •	C	C	C	C
WHITE-WINGED CROSSBILL •	U	U	U	U
PINE SISKIN •	C	C	C	C
LAPLAND LONGSPUR •	C	A	C	+
SNOW BUNTING •	R	R	U	U
McKay's Bunting	+			+
FOX SPARROW •	A	A	U	R
AMERICAN TREE SPARROW	R		U	U
DARK-EYED JUNCO	R	+	U	U
WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW	R	+	R	R
GOLDEN-CROWNED SPARROW •	C	A	U	R
Harris's Sparrow	+		+	+
White-throated Sparrow	+		+	+
SAVANNAH SPARROW •	U	A	C	+
SONG SPARROW •	U	U	U	U
LINCOLN'S SPARROW	+	+	R	R
Western Meadowlark		+		
RUSTY BLACKBIRD	R	+	R	R
Northern Waterthrush				+
ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER •	U	C	R	+
Common Yellowthroat				+
YELLOW WARBLER •	U	A	R	
Blackpoll Warbler			+	
YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLER •	U	C	R	+
Townsend's Warbler	+	+	+	+
WILSON'S WARBLER •	U	A	R	+
Black-headed Grosbeak				+

Yellow Warbler

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Taxonomic sequence and English names of species follow the American Ornithological Society's *Check-list of North American Birds* (AOU 1998 and supplements through 2020).

You Can Help

Your bird observations can play an important role in keeping this checklist up to date. Please submit trip lists or individual records, including detailed notes or photographs for unusual species to:

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