



# Yukon Flats National Wildlife Refuge

## Bird Checklist

The Yukon Flats National Wildlife Refuge consists of 8.6 million acres and encompasses the Yukon Flats basin. This basin is located along the Arctic Circle and is bordered by the Brooks Range to the north and the White Mountains to the south. It includes 300 miles of the Yukon River, North America's third longest river. An estimated 20,000 shallow lakes, ponds, and sloughs; and 7,000 miles of rivers and streams are within the Yukon Flats National Wildlife Refuge.

The rich wetlands of the Yukon Flats provide some of the most productive waterfowl breeding areas in North America. It is estimated that 1.5 million ducks breed here annually. The Yukon Flats also include a variety of other habitats such as white spruce, paper birch, and quaking aspen forests; black spruce bogs; willow and alder thickets; grasslands, meadows, and alpine tundra. These habitats are important to songbirds, waterbirds, raptors, and upland game birds.

The following checklist of 160 species has been compiled from Refuge observations and published records. If you have information that could be used to update this list, please contact:

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Barrow's Goldeneye

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COMMON NAME	AB	ST	COMMON NAME	AB	ST
<b>LOONS</b>					
___ Red-throated Loon	U	B*	___ Osprey	U	B*
___ Pacific Loon	C	B*	___ Bald Eagle	U	B*
___ Common Loon	C	B*	___ Northern Harrier	U	B*
<b>GREBES</b>					
___ Horned Grebe	C	B*	___ Sharp-shinned Hawk	U	B
___ Red-necked Grebe	C	B*	___ Northern Goshawk	R	B*
<b>CORMORANTS</b>					
___ Double-crested Cormorant	+	V	___ Swainson's Hawk	O	B
<b>SWANS, GEESE, DUCKS</b>					
___ Tundra Swan	R	M	___ Red-tailed Hawk	C	B*
___ Trumpeter Swan	C	B*	___ Rough-legged Hawk	U	B
___ Greater White-fronted Goose	U	B*	___ Golden Eagle	U	B*
___ Snow Goose	R	M	<b>FALCONS</b>		
___ Brant	+	V	___ American Kestrel	U	B*
___ Canada Goose	U	B*	___ Merlin	R	B
___ Green-winged Teal	C	B*	___ Peregrine Falcon	U	B*
___ Mallard	C	B*	___ Gyrfalcon	O	B
___ Northern Pintail	C	B*	<b>GROUSE</b>		
___ Blue-winged Teal	R	B*	___ Spruce Grouse	C	Y*
___ Nothern Shoveler	C	B*	___ Willow Ptarmigan	U	Y
___ Gadwall	U	B*	___ Rock Ptarmigan	U	Y
___ American Wigeon	A	B*	___ Ruffed Grouse	C	Y*
___ Canvasback	C	B*	___ Sharp-tailed Grouse	R	Y*
___ Redhead	R	B*	<b>COOTS</b>		
___ Ring-necked Duck	C	B*	___ American Coot	O	V
___ Greater Scaup	U	B*	<b>CRANES</b>		
___ Lesser Scaup	A	B*	___ Sandhill Crane	C	B*
___ King Eider	+	V	<b>PLOVERS</b>		
___ Harlequin Duck	R	B	___ Black-bellied Plover	R	M
___ Long-tailed Duck	R	B	___ American Golden-Plover	R	B*
___ Black Scoter	R	B*	___ Semipalmated Plover	C	B*
___ Surf Scoter	U	B*	___ Killdeer	O	B*
___ White-winged Scoter	C	B*	<b>SANDPIPERS</b>		
___ Common Goldeneye	U	B*	___ Greater Yellowlegs	O	M
___ Barrow's Goldeneye	U	B*	___ Lesser Yellowlegs	A	B*
___ Bufflehead	U	B*	___ Solitary Sandpiper	C	B*
___ Common Merganser	R	B	___ Spotted Sandpiper	C	B*
___ Red-breasted Merganser	U	B*	___ Wandering Tattler	O	B
___ Ruddy Duck	U	B*	___ Upland Sandpiper	O	B*
			___ Whimbrel	R	M
			___ Hudsonian Godwit	O	M
			___ Ruddy Turnstone	O	M
			___ Surfbird	R	B

ABUNDANCE (AB)

- A - Abundant; very numerous
- C - Common; certain to be seen or heard in suitable habitat
- U - Uncommon; locally distributed; or occurring in low numbers
- R - Rare; species occurs regularly in the region but in very small numbers; sighting likelihood poor
- O - Occasional; seen a few times in a five-year period
- + - Accidental; seen once or twice; may not be seen again

STATUS (ST)

- Y - Year-round resident
- B - Breeding species (migratory)
  - \* Breeding has been documented through observation of eggs, nests, or dependent (unfledged or recently fledged) young
- M - Migrant; non-breeder traveling between summer and winter range
- V - Visitor; outside its normal range

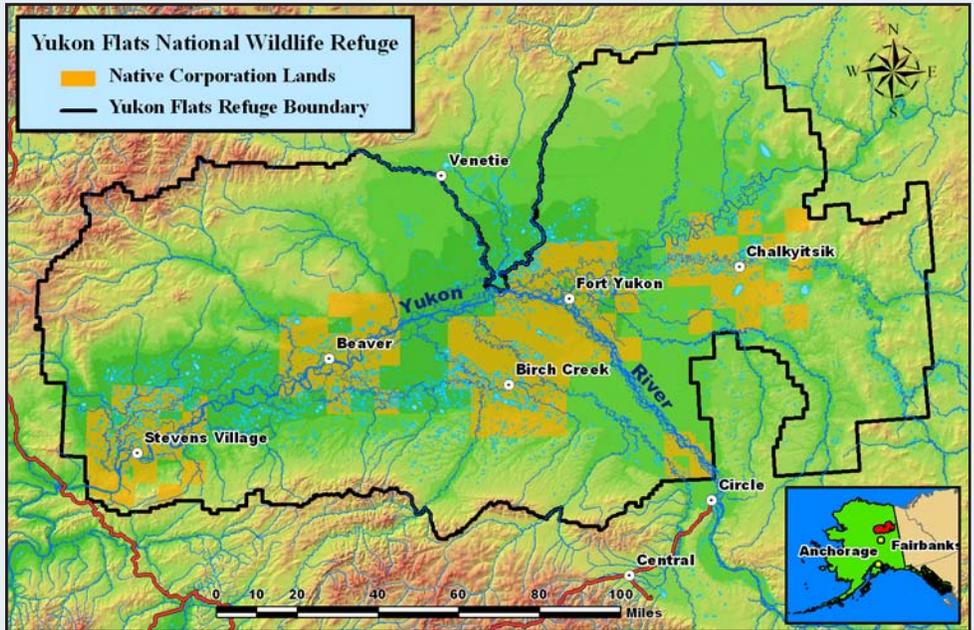
COMMON NAME	AB	ST	COMMON NAME	AB	ST	COMMON NAME	AB	ST
<i>SANDPIPERS continued</i>			<i>WOODPECKERS continued</i>			<i>WAGTAILS, PIPITS</i>		
___ Sanderling	O	M	___ Black-backed Woodpecker	U	Y	___ White Wagtail	+	V
___ Semipalmated Sandpiper	U	M	___ Northern Flicker	C	B*	___ American Pipit	U	B
___ Western Sandpiper	U	M	<i>TYRANT FLYCATCHERS</i>			<i>WAXING</i>		
___ Least Sandpiper	U	B	___ Olive-sided Flycatcher	U	B	___ Bohemian Waxwing	I	B*
___ Baird's Sandpiper	R	M	___ Western Wood-Pewee	U	B*	<i>SHRIKES</i>		
___ Pectoral Sandpiper	U	M	___ Alder Flycatcher	C	B	___ Northern Shrike	R	B
___ Dunlin	O	M	___ Hammond's Flycatcher	R	B	<i>STARLINGS</i>		
___ Stilt Sandpiper	O	M	___ Say's Phoebe	R	B	___ European Starling	O	V
___ Buff-breasted Sandpiper	O	M	___ Eastern Kingbird	+	V	<i>WOOD WARBLERS</i>		
___ Long-billed Dowitcher	R	M	<i>LARKS</i>			___ Orange-crowned Warbler	U	B*
___ Wilson's Snipe	A	B*	___ Horned Lark	U	B	___ Yellow Warbler	C	B*
___ Wilson's Phalarope	+	B*	<i>SWALLOWS</i>			___ Yellow-rumped Warbler	C	B*
___ Red-necked Phalarope	U	B*	___ Tree Swallow	U	B*	___ Blackpoll Warbler	U	B
___ Red Phalarope	R	M	___ Violet-green Swallow	U	B*	___ Northern Waterthrush	C	B*
<i>JAEGERS, GULLS, TERNS</i>			___ Bank Swallow	C	B*	___ Wilson's Warbler	R	B
___ Long-tailed Jaeger	R	B	___ Cliff Swallow	C	B*	<i>SPARROWS, BUNTINGS</i>		
___ Bonaparte's Gull	C	B*	<i>JAYS, MAGPIES, CROWS</i>			___ American Tree Sparrow	U	B*
___ Mew Gull	C	B*	___ Gray Jay	C	Y*	___ Chipping Sparrow	R	B*
___ Herring Gull	C	B*	___ Black-billed Magpie	+	V	___ Savannah Sparrow	C	B*
___ Glaucous Gull	+	V	___ Common Raven	C	Y*	___ Fox Sparrow	U	B*
___ Arctic Tern	C	B*	<i>CHICKADEE</i>			___ Lincoln's Sparrow	U	B*
<i>PIGEONS, DOVES</i>			___ Black-capped Chickadee	U	Y	___ Golden-crowned Sparrow	O	M
___ Rock Pigeon	O	V	___ Boreal Chickadee	C	Y*	___ White-crowned Sparrow	C	B*
___ Mourning Dove	+	V	___ Gray-headed Chickadee	R	Y	___ Dark-eyed Junco	C	B*
<i>OWLS</i>			<i>NUTHATCHES</i>			___ Lapland Longspur	R	B
___ Great Horned Owl	C	Y*	___ Red-breasted Nuthatch	O	V	___ Smith's Longspur	O	B
___ Snowy Owl	O	V	<i>DIPPERS</i>			___ Snow Bunting	U	M
___ Northern Hawk Owl	U	Y*	___ American Dipper	R	B	<i>BLACKBIRDS</i>		
___ Great Grey Owl	U	Y*	<i>KINGLETS</i>			___ Red-winged Blackbird	U	B*
___ Short-eared Owl	U	B*	___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	U	B*	___ Rusty Blackbird	C	B*
___ Boreal Owl	U	Y*	<i>THRUSHES</i>			<i>FINCHES</i>		
<i>KINGFISHERS</i>			___ Northern Wheatear	R	B	___ Gray-crowned Rosy Finch	U	B
___ Belted Kingfisher	U	B	___ Townsend's Solitaire	O	B	___ Pine Grosbeak	U	Y
<i>WOODPECKERS</i>			___ Gray-cheeked Thrush	U	B*	___ White-winged Crossbill	C	Y*
___ Downy Woodpecker	U	Y	___ Swainson's Thrush	A	B*	___ Common Redpoll	C	Y*
___ Hairy Woodpecker	U	Y	___ Hermit Thrush	U	B	___ Hoary Redpoll	U	M
___ American Three-toed Woodpecker	C	Y*	___ American Robin	C	B*			
			___ Varied Thrush	C	B			

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Lesser Yellowlegs

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