

**SPECIES TALLY LIST  
FOR KACHEMAK BAY SHOREBIRD FESTIVAL  
May 8-12, 2024**

This list has been compiled from the Checklist of Birds of Kachemak Bay (Feb 2023). It covers the Anchor River drainage, the watersheds draining into Kachemak Bay including Kachemak Bay State Park and the Bay itself between Anchor Point and Point Pogibshi. It features species and their historical likelihood of occurrence **in the spring only**, *i.e.*, those birds likely to be seen during the Kachemak Bay Shorebird Festival, which has taken place on the first or second weekend of May since 1993.

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Key to symbols:

- RARE: OCCURS IN VERY SMALL NUMBERS OR IN LIMITED SITES IN KACHEMAK BAY IN THE SPRING AND MAY NOT BE FOUND EVERY YEAR
- ACCIDENTAL: REPRESENTS AN EXCEPTIONAL OCCURRENCE OF INDIVIDUAL BIRDS IN THE SPRING IN KACHEMAK BAY, OUTSIDE THEIR NORMAL RANGE

**Order Anseriformes--Family Anatidae: Ducks, Geese, and Swans**

- Emperor Goose *Chen canagica* ✓
- Snow Goose *Chen caerulescens* ✓
- Ross's Goose *Chen rossii* ★
- Greater White-fronted Goose *Anser albifrons*
- Brant *Branta bernicla*
- Cackling Goose *Branta hutchinsii*
- Canada Goose *Branta canadensis*
- Trumpeter Swan *Cygnus buccinator*
- Tundra Swan *Cygnus columbianus*
- Blue-winged Teal *Anas discors* ★
- Northern Shoveler *Anas clypeata*
- Gadwall *Anas strepera*
- Eurasian Wigeon *Anas penelope*
- American Wigeon *Anas americana*
- Mallard *Anas platyrhynchos*
- Northern Pintail *Anas acuta*
- Green-winged Teal *Anas crecca*
- Canvasback *Aythya valisineria*
- Redhead *Aythya americana*
- Common Pochard *Aythya ferina* ★
- Ring-necked Duck *Aythya collaris* ✓
- Tufted Duck *Aythya fuligula*
- Greater Scaup *Aythya marila*

### Order Anseriformes (continued)

- Lesser Scaup *Aythya affinis* ✓
- Steller's Eider *Polysticta stelleri*
- King Eider *Somateria spectabilis* ✓
- Common Eider *Somateria mollissima*
- Harlequin Duck *Histrionicus histrionicus*
- Surf Scoter *Melanitta perspicillata*
- White-winged Scoter *Melanitta fusca*
- Black Scoter *Melanitta nigra*
- Long-tailed Duck *Clangula hyemalis*
- Bufflehead *Bucephala albeola*
- Common Goldeneye *Bucephala clangula*
- Barrow's Goldeneye *Bucephala islandica*
- Hooded Merganser *Lophodytes cucullatus* ★
- Common Merganser *Mergus merganser*
- Red-breasted Merganser *Mergus serrator*
- Ruddy Duck *Oxyura jamaicensis* ★

### Order Galliformes--Family Phasianidae: Grouse

- Ring-necked Pheasant *Phasianus colchicus*
- Spruce Grouse *Falcapennis canadensis*
- Willow Ptarmigan *Lagopus lagopus*
- Rock Ptarmigan *Lagopus muta*
- White-tailed Ptarmigan *Lagopus leucura* ✓

### Order Podicipediformes--Family Podicipedidae: Grebes

- Pied-billed Grebe *Podilymbus podiceps* ★
- Horned Grebe *Podiceps auritus*
- Red-necked Grebe *Podiceps grisegena*
- Eared Grebe *Podiceps nigricollis* ★
- Western Grebe *Aechmophorus occidentalis* ★

### Order Columbiformes--Family Columbidae: Pigeons and Doves

- Rock Pigeon *Columba livia*
- Eurasian Collared-Dove *Streptopelia decaocto* ★
- Mourning Dove *Zenaida macroura* ★

### Order Caprimulgiformes--Family Caprimulgidae: Goatsuckers

- Common Nighthawk *Chordeiles minor* ★

### Order Apodiformes--Family Trochilidae: Hummingbirds

- Anna's Hummingbird *Calypte anna* ✓
- Costa's Hummingbird *Calypte costae* ✓
- Rufous Hummingbird *Selasphorus rufus*

## Order Gruiformes

### Family Rallidae: Rails, Coots & Gallinules

- American Coot *Fulica americana* ✓

### Family Gruidae: Cranes

- Sandhill Crane *Grus canadensis*

## Order Charadriiformes

### Family Haematopodidae: Oystercatchers

- Black Oystercatcher *Haematopus bachmani*

### Family Charadriidae: Plovers

- Black-bellied Plover *Pluvialis squatarola*
- American Golden-Plover *Pluvialis dominica*
- Pacific Golden-Plover *Pluvialis fulva*
- Killdeer *Charadrius vociferus* ✓
- Semipalmated Plover *Charadrius semipalmatus*
- Lesser Sand-Plover *Charadrius mongolus* ★

### Family Scolopacidae: Sandpipers, Phalaropes, and Allies

- Bristle-thighed Curlew *Numenius tahitiensis* ★
- Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus*
- Bar-tailed Godwit *Limosa lapponica*
- Hudsonian Godwit *Limosa haemastica*
- Marbled Godwit *Limosa fedoa*
- Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres*
- Black Turnstone *Arenaria melanocephala*
- Red Knot *Calidris canutus* ✓
- Surfbird *Aphriza virgata*
- Ruff *Philomachus pugnax* ★
- Sharp-tailed Sandpiper *Calidris acuminata*
- Stilt Sandpiper *Calidris himantopus* ✓
- Red-necked Stint *Calidris ruficollis* ★
- Sanderling *Calidris alba*
- Dunlin *Calidris alpina*
- Rock Sandpiper *Calidris ptilocnemis*
- Baird's Sandpiper *Calidris bairdii* ✓
- Least Sandpiper *Calidris minutilla*
- Buff-breasted Sandpiper *Calidris subruficollis* ✓
- Pectoral Sandpiper *Calidris melanotos*
- Semipalmated Sandpiper *Calidris pusilla*
- Western Sandpiper *Calidris mauri*
- Short-billed Dowitcher *Limnodromus griseus*

### Family Scolopacidae (continued)

- Long-billed Dowitcher *Limnodromus scolopaceus* ✓
- Jack Snipe *Lymnocyptes minimus* ★
- Wilson's Snipe *Gallinago delicata*
- Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularius*
- Solitary Sandpiper *Tringa solitaria* ✓
- Wandering Tattler *Heteroscelus incanus*
- Greater Yellowlegs *Tringa melanoleuca*
- Lesser Yellowlegs *Tringa flavipes*
- Wilson's Phalarope *Phalaropus tricolor* ★
- Red-necked Phalarope *Phalaropus lobatus*
- Red Phalarope *Phalaropus fulicarius* ✓

### Order Charadriiformes

#### Family Stercorariidae: Jaegers

- Pomarine Jaeger *Stercorarius pomarinus*
- Parasitic Jaeger *Stercorarius parasiticus*
- Long-tailed Jaeger *Stercorarius longicaudus* ✓

#### Family Alcidae: Auks, Murres, and Puffins

- Common Murre *Uria aalge*
- Thick-billed Murre *Uria lomvia* ★
- Pigeon Guillemot *Cephus columba*
- Long-billed Murrelet *Brachyramphus perdix* ✓
- Marbled Murrelet *Brachyramphus marmoratus*
- Kittlitz's Murrelet *Brachyramphus brevirostris*
- Ancient Murrelet *Synthliboramphus antiquus* ✓
- Cassin's Auklet *Ptychoramphus aleuticus* ✓
- Parakeet Auklet *Aethia psittacula* ✓
- Crested Auklet *Aethia cristatella* ★
- Rhinoceros Auklet *Cerorhinca monocerata* ★
- Horned Puffin *Fratercula corniculata*
- Tufted Puffin *Fratercula cirrhata*

#### Family Laridae: Skuas, Gulls, and Terns

- Black-legged Kittiwake *Rissa tridactyla*
- Ivory Gull *Pagophila eburnea* ★
- Sabine's Gull *Xema sabini* ✓
- Bonaparte's Gull *Larus philadelphia*
- Black-headed Gull *Chroicocephalus ridibundus* «
- Ross's Gull *Rhodostethia rosea* ★
- Franklin's Gull *Leucophaeus pipixcan* ★
- Black-tailed Gull *Larus crassirostris* ★
- Heermann's Gull *Larus heermanni* ★

### Family Laridae (continued)

- Common Gull *Larus Canus* ★
- Short-billed Gull *Larus brachyrhynchus*
- Ring-billed Gull *Larus delawarensis* ★
- Western Gull *Larus occidentalis* ★
- California Gull *Larus californicus* ★
- Herring Gull *Larus argentatus*
- Iceland Gull *Larus glaucoides* ✓
- Lesser Black-backed Gull *Larus fuscus* ★
- Slaty-backed Gull *Larus schistisagus* ★
- Glaucous-winged Gull *Larus glaucescens*
- Glaucous Gull *Larus hyperboreus*
- Aleutian Tern *Sterna aleutica*
- Caspian Tern *Sterna caspia* ✓
- Black Tern *Chlidonias niger* ★
- White-winged Tern *Chlidonias leucopterus* ★
- Arctic Tern *Sterna paradisaea*

### Order Gaviiformes--Family Gaviidae: Loons

- Red-throated Loon *Gavia stellata*
- Pacific Loon *Gavia pacifica*
- Common Loon *Gavia immer*
- Yellow-billed Loon *Gavia adamsii* ✓

### Order Procellariiformes

#### Family Hydrobatidae: Storm-Petrels

- Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel *Hydrobates furcatus*
- Leach's Storm-Petrel *Hydrobates leucorhous* ★
- Mottled Petrel *Pterodroma inexpectata* ★

#### Family Procellariidae: Shearwaters and Petrels

- Northern Fulmar *Fulmarus glacialis*
- Buller's Shearwater *Ardenna bulleri* ★
- Short-tailed Shearwater *Puffinus tenuirostris* ✓
- Sooty Shearwater *Puffinus griseus* ✓
- Manx Shearwater *Puffinus puffinus* ★

### Order Pelecaniformes--Family Phalacrocoracidae: Cormorants

- Brandt's Cormorant *Urile penicillatus* ★
- Red-faced Cormorant *Urile urile*
- Pelagic Cormorant *Urile pelagicus*
- Double-crested Cormorant *Urile auritus*

**Order Ciconiiformes--Family Ardeidae: Herons and Bitterns**

- Great Blue Heron *Ardea herodias* ✓

**Order Cathartiformes**

**Family Cathartidae: Vultures**

- Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura* ★

**Order Accipitriformes**

**Family Pandionidae: Ospreys**

- Osprey *Pandion haliaetus* ✓

**Family Accipitridae: Hawks, Eagles, and Allies**

- Golden Eagle *Aquila chrysaetos* ✓  
 Northern Harrier *Circus cyaneus*  
 Sharp-shinned Hawk *Accipiter striatus*  
 Northern Goshawk *Accipiter gentilis*  
 Bald Eagle *Haliaeetus leucocephalus*  
 Swainson's Hawk *Buteo swainsoni* ✓  
 Red-tailed Hawk *Buteo jamaicensis*  
 Rough-legged Hawk *Buteo lagopus*

**Order Strigiformes--Family Strigidae: Typical Owls**

- Great Horned Owl *Bubo virginianus*  
 Snowy Owl *Bubo scandiacus* ✓  
 Northern Hawk Owl *Surnia ulula* ✓  
 Great Gray Owl *Strix nebulosa* ✓  
 Short-eared Owl *Asio flammeus*  
 Boreal Owl *Aegolius funereus*  
 Northern Saw-whet Owl *Aegolius acadicus*

**Order Coraciiformes--Family Alcedinidae: Kingfishers**

- Belted Kingfisher *Ceryle alcyon*

**Order Piciformes--Family Picidae: Woodpeckers and Allies**

- Yellow-bellied Sapsucker *Sphyrapicus varius* ★  
 Red-breasted Sapsucker *Sphyrapicus ruber* ✓  
 American Three-toed Woodpecker *Picoides dorsalis*  
 Black-backed Woodpecker *Picoides arcticus* ✓  
 Downy Woodpecker *Dryobates pubescens*  
 Hairy Woodpecker *Dryobates villosus*  
 Northern Flicker *Colaptes auratus* ✓

## Order Falconiformes--Family Falconidae: Falcons

- American Kestrel *Falco sparverius* ✓
- Merlin *Falco columbarius*
- Eurasian Hobby *Falco subbuteo* ★
- Gyrfalcon *Falco rusticolus* ✓
- Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus*

## Order Passeriformes

### Family Tyrannidae: Tyrant Flycatchers

- Eastern Kingbird *Tyrannus tyrannus* ★
- Olive-sided Flycatcher *Contopus cooperi* ✓
- Western Wood-Pewee *Contopus sordidulus*
- Alder Flycatcher *Empidonax alnorum* ✓

### Family Vireonidae: Vireos

- Warbling Vireo *Vireo gilvus* ★

### Family Laniidae: Shrikes

- Northern Shrike *Lanius excubitor*

### Family Corvidae: Crows and Jays

- Canada Jay *Perisoreus canadensis*
- Steller's Jay *Cyanocitta stelleri*
- Black-billed Magpie *Pica hudsonia*
- American Crow *Corvus brachyrhynchos*
- Common Raven *Corvus corax*

### Family Paridae: Chickadees

- Black-capped Chickadee *Poecile atricapillus*
- Chestnut-backed Chickadee *Poecile rufescens* ✓
- Boreal Chickadee *Poecile hudsonica*

### Family Alaudidae: Larks

- Eurasian Skylark *Alauda arvensis* ★
- Horned Lark *Eremophila alpestris* ✓

### Family Hirundinidae: Swallows

- Bank Swallow *Riparia riparia*
- Tree Swallow *Tachycineta bicolor*
- Violet-green Swallow *Tachycineta thalassina*
- Purple Martin *Progne subis* ★
- Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica* ★
- Cliff Swallow *Petrochelidon pyrrhonota*

### Family Regulidae: Kinglets

- Golden-crowned Kinglet *Regulus satrapa*
- Ruby-crowned Kinglet *Regulus calendula*

### Family Bombycillidae: Waxwings

- Bohemian Waxwing *Bombycilla garrulus*
- Cedar Waxwing *Bombycilla cedrorum* ✓

### Family Sittidae: Nuthatches

- Red-breasted Nuthatch *Sitta canadensis*

### Family Certhiidae: Creepers

- Brown Creeper *Certhia americana*

### Family Troglodytidae: Wrens

- Pacific Wren *Troglodytes pacificus*

### Family Sturnidae: Starlings

- European Starling *Sturnus vulgaris* ✓

### Family Cinclidae: Dippers

- American Dipper *Cinclus mexicanus*

### Family Turdidae: Thrushes

- Mountain Bluebird *Sialia currucoides* ★
- Townsend's Solitaire *Myadestes townsendi* ✓
- Gray-cheeked Thrush *Catharus minimus*
- Swainson's Thrush *Catharus ustulatus*
- Hermit Thrush *Catharus guttatus*
- American Robin *Turdus migratorius*
- Varied Thrush *Ixoreus naevius*

### Family Muscicapidae: Old-world Flycatchers and Chats

- Northern Wheatear *Oenanthe oenanthe* ✓

### Family Prunellidae: Accentors

- Siberian Accentor *Prunella montanella* ✓

### Family Motacillidae: Wagtails and Pipits

- Eastern Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla tschutschensis* ★
- White Wagtail *Motacilla alba* ★
- Red-throated Pipit *Anthus cervinus* ★
- American Pipit *Anthus rubescens*



### Family Fringillidae: Fringilline and Cardueline Finches

- Brambling *Fringilla montifringilla* ★
- Pine Grosbeak *Pinicola enucleator*
- Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch *Leucosticte tephrocotis*
- Purple Finch *Carpodacus purpureus* ★
- Cassin's Finch *Carpodacus cassinii* ★
- Common Redpoll *Carduelis flammea*
- Hoary Redpoll *Carduelis hornemanni* ✓
- Red Crossbill *Loxia curvirostra* ✓
- White-winged Crossbill *Loxia leucoptera*
- Pine Siskin *Carduelis pinus*
- American Goldfinch *Spinus tristis* ★

### Family Calcariidae: Longspurs and Snow Buntings

- Lapland Longspur *Calcarius lapponicus*
- Snow Bunting *Plectrophenax nivalis*
- McKay's Bunting *Plectrophenax hyperboreus* ★

### Family Emberizidae: Old World Buntings

- Rustic Bunting *Emberiza rustica* ★

### Family Passerellidae: New World Sparrows and Allies

- Chipping Sparrow *Spizella passerina* ✓
- Fox Sparrow *Passerella iliaca*
- American Tree Sparrow *Spizella arborea*
- Dark-eyed Junco *Junco hyemalis*
- White-crowned Sparrow *Zonotrichia leucophrys*
- Golden-crowned Sparrow *Zonotrichia atricapilla*
- Harris's Sparrow *Zonotrichia querula* ★
- White-throated Sparrow *Zonotrichia albicollis* ✓
- Savannah Sparrow *Passerculus sandwichensis*
- Song Sparrow *Melospiza melodia*
- Lincoln's Sparrow *Melospiza lincolnii*
- Swamp Sparrow *Melospiza georgiana* ★
- Spotted Towhee *Pipilo maculatus* ★

### Family Icteridae: Blackbirds

- Yellow-headed Blackbird *Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus* ★
- Bobolink *Dolichonyx oryzivorus* ★
- Western Meadowlark *Sturnella neglecta* ★
- Red-winged Blackbird *Agelaius phoeniceus* ✓
- Brown-headed Cowbird *Molothrus ater* ★
- Rusty Blackbird *Euphagus carolinus*

### Family Parulidae: Wood-Warblers

- Northern Waterthrush *Seiurus noveboracensis*
- Tennessee Warbler *Leiothlypis peregrina* ★
- Orange-crowned Warbler *Vermivora celata*
- Nashville Warbler *Leiothlypis ruficapilla* ★
- Common Yellowthroat *Geothlypis trichas* ★
- Magnolia Warbler *Setophaga magnolia* ★
- Yellow Warbler *Dendroica petechia*
- Blackpoll Warbler *Dendroica striata*
- Palm Warbler *Setophaga palmarum* ★
- Yellow-rumped Warbler *Dendroica coronata*
- Townsend's Warbler *Dendroica townsendi*
- Wilson's Warbler *Wilsonia pusilla*

### Family Thraupidae: Tanagers

- Western Tanager *Piranga ludoviciana* ★