

The Birds of Glacier Bay

This bird checklist includes the 281 bird species found in Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve through February, 2016. This is the short version of the list; a longer version that includes habitat, maps and natural history information is available at the Glacier Bay National Park Visitor Center or online at www.nps.gov/glbs.

Glacier Bay National Park is a 5,220 square mile wilderness, comparable in size to the state of Connecticut. It contains both inshore and offshore marine waters, mountain ranges to 15,000 feet, ice fields and glaciers, rivers and lakes, alpine meadows, mature coniferous forests, cottonwood/alder/willow thickets, and glacial barrens. The park ecosystem is rapidly changing after the Little Ice Age that covered much of it with ice 250 years ago. As glaciers flux and vegetation evolves, bird composition also changes and those changes are expected to continue.

Most of the park is roadless and remote, and even the most popular areas, such as Glacier Bay and the Gustavus Foreland (included in the checklist) are lightly visited. The park boundary extends three miles into the Pacific Ocean and about one mile into Icy Strait and Cross Sound. Bird records for those areas are included. Bird observations are important. Please leave any bird records from your visit at the park headquarters office, or enter them into eBird (www.ebird.org).

Common names and taxonomic order in this checklist follow those established by the American Ornithologist's Union through 2015.

Key to Bird Status

C – Common. Can expect to observe on 90%+ of field days *in appropriate habitat*.

F – Fairly Common. Can observe on 50–89% of field days.

U – Uncommon. Can expect to observe on less than half of field days.

R – Rare. 1–5 records are expected each year.

V – Very Rare. More than 2 records exist, but many years may go by without observations.

+ – **Accidental.** No more than 2 documented records exist for the species.

***** – **Nesting.** Record(s) exist or nesting is suspected.

(I) – **Irruptive.** Populations fluctuate substantially from year to year.

Seasons

Spring (Sp) – March through May.

Summer (Su) – June through July.

Fall (F) – August through November.

Winter (W) – December through February.

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	Sp	Su	F	W
GEESE, SWANS, AND DUCKS				
Greater White-fronted Goose	F	V	F	V
Emperor Goose	V	–	–	+
Snow Goose	F	V	F	+
Ross's Goose	+	+	–	–
Brant	F	U	U	V
Cackling Goose	U	V	U	–
Canada Goose	C	F*	C	C
Trumpeter Swan	U	V	U	F
Tundra Swan	U	+	U	V
Wood Duck	+	–	–	+
Gadwall	U	R	U	U
Eurasian Wigeon	R	+	V	V
American Wigeon	C	U	C	F
American Black Duck	–	–	–	+
Mallard	C	C*	C	C
Blue-winged Teal	U	U*	R	–
Cinnamon Teal	R	V	+	–
Northern Shoveler	F	U*	F	R
Northern Pintail	C	U*	C	U
Green-winged Teal	C	U*	C	F
Canvasback	R	+	R	V
Redhead	V	V	V	+
Ring-necked Duck	F	R	F	R
Tufted Duck	–	–	–	+
Greater Scaup	F	R	F	U
Lesser Scaup	U	R*	U	R
Steller's Eider	+	–	–	–
King Eider	+	+	+	+
Common Eider	V	V*	+	–
Harlequin Duck	F	F*	F	C
Surf Scoter	C	C	C	C
White-winged Scoter	C	C	C	C
Black Scoter	F	R	F	F
Long-tailed Duck	C	R*	C	C
Bufflehead	C	R	C	C
Common Goldeneye	F	R*	F	F
Barrow's Goldeneye	C	F*	C	C
Hooded Merganser	R	R*	R	R
Common Merganser	F	F*	F	F
Red-breasted Merganser	C	U*	C	C
Ruddy Duck	+	–	+	–
GROUSE, PTARMIGAN				
Willow Ptarmigan	U	U*	U	U
Rock Ptarmigan	U	U*	U	U
White-tailed Ptarmigan	U	U*	U	U
Sooty Grouse	C	C*	F	U
LOONS, GREBES				
Red-throated Loon	F	F*	F	U
Pacific Loon	C	F	C	F
Common Loon	C	C*	C	F
Yellow-billed Loon	U	R	R	R
Pied-billed Grebe	–	–	V	+
Horned Grebe	C	R	C	C
Red-necked Grebe	F	R	F	F
Western Grebe	+	+	V	V

	Sp	Su	F	W
ALBATROSSES, SHEARWATERS, FULMARS & PETRELS				
Black-footed Albatross	F	F	F	–
Northern Fulmar	U	U	U	–
Pink-footed Shearwater	R	R	R	–
Sooty Shearwater	C	C	C	–
Short-tailed Shearwater	R	R	R	–
Manx Shearwater	–	+	–	–
Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel	C	C*	C	R
Leach's Storm-Petrel	U	F	F	–
CORMORANTS				
Double-crested Cormorant	U	U*	U	R
Pelagic Cormorant	C	C*	C	C
HERONS, BITTERNS				
American Bittern	+	+	–	–
Great Blue Heron	F	F*	F	U
Great Egret	+	+	–	+
Cattle Egret	+	–	–	–
HAWKS, EAGLES				
Osprey	R	V	R	–
Bald Eagle	C	C*	C	C
Northern Harrier	F	R*	F	R
Sharp-shinned Hawk	U	U*	U	R
Northern Goshawk	R	R*	U	U
Swainson's Hawk	+	–	V	+
Red-tailed Hawk	U	U*	U	V
Rough-legged Hawk	R	V*	R	+
Golden Eagle	R	R	R	+
RAILS, CRANES				
Virginia Rail	+	+	–	+
Sora	V	V	+	–
American Coot	V	+	R	V
Sandhill Crane	F	R*	F	V
SHOREBIRDS				
Black Oystercatcher	F	C*	F	R
Black-bellied Plover	C	R	C	V
American Golden-Plover	U	+	U	–
Pacific Golden-Plover	U	+	U	–
Semipalmated Plover	F	U*	F	–
Killdeer	R	R*	R	V
Spotted Sandpiper	U	F*	U	–
Solitary Sandpiper	R	R*	R	–
Wandering Tattler	U	R	U	–
Greater Yellowlegs	C	F*	C	V
Lesser Yellowlegs	F	F*	C	–
Upland Sandpiper	–	+	V	–
Whimbrel	F	R	U	–
Bristle-thighed Curlew	+	–	–	–
Hudsonian Godwit	R	V	V	–
Bar-tailed Godwit	V	+	V	–
Marbled Godwit	R	+	V	–
Ruddy Turnstone	U	V	U	+
Black Turnstone	U	R	U	R
Red Knot	R	+	V	–
Surfbird	U	U	U	–

	Sp	Su	F	W
Ruff	–	+	+	–
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper	–	+	R	–
Stilt Sandpiper	–	–	V	–
Curlew Sandpiper	–	–	+	–
Red-necked Stint	–	+	–	–
Sanderling	U	U	F	F
Dunlin	C	V	C	F
Rock Sandpiper	U	+	U	F
Baird's Sandpiper	R	V	U	–
Least Sandpiper	C	U*	C	–
White-rumped Sandpiper	–	+	+	–
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	–	–	V	–
Pectoral Sandpiper	U	R	F	–
Semipalmated Sandpiper	U	U	U	–
Western Sandpiper	C	U	C	–
Short-billed Dowitcher	C	R	C	–
Long-billed Dowitcher	C	U	C	+
Wilson's Snipe	F	F*	F	R
Wilson's Phalarope	V	V	+	–
Red-necked Phalarope	C	C	C	–
Red Phalarope	+	+	+	–
JAEGERS				
South Polar Skua	–	–	+	–
Pomarine Jaeger	V	R	U	–
Parasitic Jaeger	F	U*	F	–
Long-tailed Jaeger	R	V	R	–
ALCIDS				
Common Murre	C	F*	C	C
Thick-billed Murre	+	+	–	+
Pigeon Guillemot	C	C*	C	C
Marbled Murrelet	C	C*	C	C
Kittlitz's Murrelet	U	C*	U	–
Ancient Murrelet	U	U	U	+
Cassin's Auklet	U	R	U	–
Parakeet Auklet	+	V	+	–
Rhinoceros Auklet	U	U	U	–
Horned Puffin	R	U*	R	–
Tufted Puffin	F	F*	F	–
GULLS, TERNS				
Black-legged Kittiwake	C	C*	C	R
Ivory Gull	–	+	–	–
Sabine's Gull	R	R	R	–
Bonaparte's Gull	C	F	C	+
Ross's Gull	–	–	+	–
Franklin's Gull	–	V	+	–
Heermann's Gull	–	+	–	–
Mew Gull	C	C*	C	C
Ring-billed Gull	+	+	V	–
Western Gull	+	–	–	+
California Gull	+	R	R	–
Herring Gull	F	F*	F	F
Thayer's Gull	U	R	U	R
Iceland Gull	–	+	–	–
Glaucous-winged Gull	C	C*	C	C



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Kittlitz's Murrelet in breeding plumage

	Sp	Su	F	W
Glaucous Gull	V	V	R	V
Aleutian Tern	R	R*	V	-
Caspian Tern	U	F*	U	-
Black Tern	-	+	-	-
Arctic Tern	C	C*	F	-
PIGEONS, DOVES				
Band-tailed Pigeon	-	+	-	-
Eurasian Collared-Dove	R	U*	R	R
Mourning Dove	-	+	V	-
OWLS				
Western Screech-Owl	R	R	R	R
Great Horned Owl	U	U*	U	U
Snowy Owl	+	-	V	R
Northern Hawk Owl	V	-	V	V
Northern Pygmy-Owl	U	V	U	U
Barred Owl	R	R*	R	R
Long-eared Owl	-	-	-	+
Short-eared Owl	U	R*	U	R
Boreal Owl	+	+	+	V
Northern Saw-whet Owl	U	U*	U	U
NIGHTHAWKS, SWIFTS				
Common Nighthawk	-	+	V	-
Black Swift	-	-	+	-
Vaux's Swift	R	R	R	-
HUMMINGBIRDS				
Anna's Hummingbird	+	+	R	V
Rufous Hummingbird	C	C*	U	-
KINGFISHERS				
Belted Kingfisher	U	U*	U	U
WOODPECKERS				
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	+	-	-	-
Red-breasted Sapsucker	F	F*	U	V
Downy Woodpecker	R	R*	R	U
Hairy Woodpecker	F	F*	F	F
American Three-toed Woodpecker	U	U*	U	U
Northern Flicker	R	V*	R	R
FALCONS				
American Kestrel	R	V	R	+
Merlin	U	U*	U	R
Gyrfalcon	+	-	V	V
Peregrine Falcon	U	U*	U	R
FLYCATCHERS				
Olive-sided Flycatcher	R	R*	R	-
Western Wood-Pewee	R	R	R	-
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	-	+	-	-
Alder Flycatcher	R	U*	U	-
Willow Flycatcher	-	+	-	-
Hammond's Flycatcher	-	V	+	-
Pacific-slope Flycatcher	U	C*	U	-
Say's Phoebe	+	+	V	-
Western Kingbird	-	+	+	-
Eastern Kingbird	-	V	+	-
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	-	+	-	-

	Sp	Su	F	W
SHRIKES				
Northern Shrike	U	-	U	U
VIREOS				
Warbling Vireo	V	V	-	-
JAYS, CROWS				
Gray Jay	+	-	V	+
Steller's Jay	C	C*	C	F
Clark's Nutcracker	-	+	+	-
Black-billed Magpie	F	V	F	C
Northwestern Crow	C	C*	C	C
Common Raven	C	C*	C	C
LARKS				
Horned Lark	R	-	R	R
SWALLOWS				
Tree Swallow	C	C*	C	-
Violet-green Swallow	U	U*	U	-
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	V	+	V	-
Bank Swallow	F	F*	F	-
Cliff Swallow	R	R*	R	-
Barn Swallow	C	C*	C	-
CHICKADEES, NUTHATCHES, CREEPERS				
Black-capped Chickadee	+	V	V	+
Chestnut-backed Chickadee	C	C*	C	C
Red-breasted Nuthatch (I)	U	U*	U	U
Brown Creeper	U	U*	U	U
WRENS, DIPPERS, KINGLETS				
Pacific Wren	F	F*	F	U
American Dipper	U	U*	U	U
Golden-crowned Kinglet	C	C*	C	C
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C	C*	C	V
THRUSHES, MOCKINGBIRDS				
Mountain Bluebird	V	-	V	V
Townsend's Solitaire	V	+	+	-
Gray-cheeked Thrush	U	F*	U	-
Swainson's Thrush	U	F*	U	-
Hermit Thrush	C	C*	C	V
American Robin	C	C*	C	R
Varied Thrush	C	C*	C	U
Gray Catbird	+	-	-	-
Northern Mockingbird	-	+	+	-
STARLINGS				
European Starling	R	V	R	R
WAGTAILS, PIPITS				
White Wagtail	-	+	-	-
Red-throated Pipit	-	-	V	-
American Pipit	C	U*	C	R
WAXWINGS				
Bohemian Waxwing	R	V	R	U
Cedar Waxwing	-	R*	R	-
LONGSPURS, BUNTINGS				
Lapland Longspur	C	-	C	R
Smith's Longspur	-	-	+	-
Snow Bunting	U	U*	U	U
McKay's Bunting	-	-	+	+

	Sp	Su	F	W
WARBLERS				
Northern Waterthrush	-	+	+	-
Tennessee Warbler	-	V	+	-
Orange-crowned Warbler	C	C*	C	-
MacGillivray's Warbler	-	V	V	-
Common Yellowthroat	R	U*	R	-
American Redstart	-	V	+	-
Yellow Warbler	F	F*	F	-
Blackpoll Warbler	+	+	+	-
Palm Warbler	-	-	+	-
Yellow-rumped Warbler	C	C*	C	V
Yellow-throated Warbler	-	-	+	-
Townsend's Warbler	C	C*	C	-
Wilson's Warbler	C	C*	C	-
SPARROWS				
American Tree Sparrow	R	-	U	U
Chipping Sparrow	+	V	+	-
Savannah Sparrow	C	C*	C	V
Fox Sparrow	C	C*	C	V
Song Sparrow	F	F*	F	U
Lincoln's Sparrow	C	C*	C	+
Swamp Sparrow	-	-	V	V
White-throated Sparrow	-	-	V	V
Harris's Sparrow	-	-	+	+
White-crowned Sparrow	U	V	U	R
Golden-crowned Sparrow	C	C*	C	V
Dark-eyed Junco	C	C*	C	C
Rustic Bunting	-	-	+	+
TANAGERS, GROSBEAKS				
Western Tanager	V	V	+	-
Black-headed Grosbeak	-	+	+	-
BLACKBIRDS				
Red-winged Blackbird	U	U*	U	V
Yellow-headed Blackbird	-	+	-	-
Rusty Blackbird	R	R*	R	R
Brewer's Blackbird	+	+	-	+
Brown-headed Cowbird	R	V	R	-
FINCHES				
Brambling	+	-	-	+
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch (I)	U	F*	U	R
Pine Grosbeak	U	U*	U	U
Red Crossbill (I)	F	F*	F	F
White-winged Crossbill (I)	F	F*	F	F
Common Redpoll (I)	F	F*	F	F
Hoary Redpoll (I)	-	-	-	+
Pine Siskin (I)	C	C*	C	C
Evening Grosbeak	-	+	-	-
UNSUBSTANTIATED SPECIES				
Buller's Shearwater				
Red-shouldered Hawk				
Little Curlew				
Long-billed Murrelet				
Great Gray Owl				
Brewer's Sparrow				