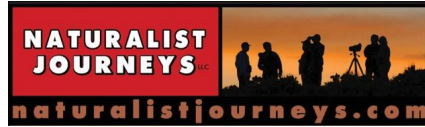


Alaska Sampler

Species List | August 10-18, 2026

with Naturalist Journeys



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It's hard to overstate the sheer grandeur that a lake summer trip throughout the Kenai Peninsula brings to light. From dramatic mountainscapes to flower-covered meadows, and pristine rivers to towering forests - all within reach of spectacular ocean waters - there's simply never a moment that doesn't beg to be savored here.

Birds were our guiding light, and our species list reflects the diversity of cliffside nesters, boreal specialties, and early migrants that we encountered throughout our journey together. Mammal experiences were just as exciting: from massive brown bears gently nursing young closeby to grazing moose and many smaller critters, even a friendly porcupine, we truly sampled the glacial and tidal effects that form this entire ecoregion of Alaska.

BIRDS 94 species were recorded of which two were introduced. Details are included below.

The eBird link below details the 94 species of birds our group observed during the tour. If you're new to eBird, be sure to click "Show All Details" on the right side of the list to expand the report and reveal where and when each of the birds were seen and how many.

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Following is a list of the mammals we were fortunate to observe during the trip.

MAMMALS (12):

American Black Bear (*Ursus americanus*): Scoped from an overlook on our way to Seward as it foraged while sheep passed by.

Brown Bear (*Ursus arctos*): Many seen up close in Lake Clark National Park!

Harbor Seal (*Phoca vitulina*): Seen on several days around Seward and Homer, in the water and on icebergs around the glaciers.

Steller's Sea Lion: Several were lounging on the cliffs in Kenai Fjords National Park.

Sea Otter (*Enhydra lutris*): Seen in the ocean on several days around Seward and Homer.

Moose (*Alces alces*): Many roadside sightings of single moose as well as mothers and calves, at Beluga Lake for

some guests, and up close in Kincaid Park for those who went out on an extra moose search.

River Otter (*Lontra canadensis*): A surprise pop-up of three individuals from our dinner table at Ray's in Seward.

Mountain Goat (*Oreamnos americanus*): Seen high on the cliffs in Kenai Fjords National Park.

Dall Sheep (*Ovis dallii*): Seen high on the cliffs from an overlook on the Seward Highway, where we scoped them along with a black bear.

Humpback Whale (*Megaptera novaeangliae*): A few distant looks and two that we finally caught up with to watch surface several times in Kenai Fjords National Park.

Minke Whale (*Balaenoptera acutorostrata*): A quick look as one surfaced a few times in Kenai Fjords National Park.

American Red Squirrel (*Tamiasciurus hudsonicus*): Often chittering and bouncing around the trees anytime we were in forested areas.

North American Porcupine (*Erethion dorsatum*): A surprise guest who currently lives under Land's End hotel in Homer and who teased us with looks many times throughout our stay.