



Southeast Alaska August 17-23, 2017

Participants: Bob, Bonnie, Debra, Dianne, Emily, Lori, Michele, Ralph



Horned Puffin

Guide: Woody Wheeler
Species List

BIRDS

Canada Goose *Branta canadensis* – Seen on several days, especially near Gustavus dock.

Harlequin Duck *Histrionicus histrionicus* – Two seen in upper Glacier Bay.

Surf Scoter *Melanitta perspicillata* – Sizeable flocks in Glacier Bay.

Pelagic Cormorant *Phalacrocorax pelagicus* – Seen in Glacier Bay and Icy Strait, including large colony on South Marble Island.

Great Blue Heron *Ardea herodias* - Six at Bartlett Cove dock, six at Pleasant Island, a few at Gustavus dock.

Osprey *Pandion haliaetus* – Seen on first two days in and around Gustavus

Northern Harrier *Circus cyaneus* – One seen in beach near Alaska Ferry dock at Gustavus

Sharp-shinned Hawk *Accipiter striatus* – One above bog on first Bartlett Cove walk; another on Nagoonberry trail hike.

Bald Eagle *Haliaeetus leucocephalus* – Seen every day, usually in double-digit numbers.

Red-tailed Hawk *B. jamaicensis*— One seen in open field north of Gustavus Inn.

Black Oystercatcher *Haematopus bachmani* – Seen in groups along the shore of Glacier Bay.

Killdeer *Charadrius vociferous* – Three seen at Gustavus Airport – even on the runway!

Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularius* – Reliably seen from Salmon River bridge near Inn on gravel bars in the river.

Greater Yellowlegs *Tringa melanoleuca* – Common on shores of Salmon River near Inn

Lesser Yellowlegs *Tringa flavipes* – Spotted by Debra and Ralph on Salmon River
Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus* – Seen twice on consecutive days at beach near Gustavus dock.
Least Sandpiper *Calidris minutilla* – Also found at beach by Gustavus dock
Wilson's Snipe *Gallinago delicata* – One spotted by Lori in grasslands between Inn and Gustavus dock.

Red-necked Phalarope *Phalaropus fulicarius* – Several flocks seen on Glacier Bay and Whale-watching boat trips.

Pomarine Jaeger *Stercorarius pomarinus* – One spotted by Lori flying among Kittiwakes above beach on Chichagof Island at Point Adolphus

Parasitic Jaeger *Stercorarius parasiticus* – Seen both days on Glacier Bay boat tours harassing Kittiwakes for food near water surface.

Common Murre *Uria aalge* – Seen most days, including large numbers on South Marble Island



Tufted Puffin

Pigeon Guillemot *Cephus Columba* – Seen most days in Glacier Bay, Icy Strait, and Gustavus Dock

Marbled Murrelet *Brachyramphus marmoratus* – Seen frequently in Glacier Bay and Icy Strait

Kittlitz's Murrelet *Brachyramphus brevirostris* – Two spotted briefly by Debra and Ralph in upper Glacier Bay

Horned Puffin *Fratercula corniculata* – Four in Glacier Bay

Tufted Puffin *Fratercula cirrhata* – Dozens in Glacier Bay

Black-legged Kittiwake *Rissa tridactyla* – Numerous in Glacier Bay, Icy Straits and Gustavus dock.

Bonaparte's Gull *Chroicocephalus philadelphia* Small groups

seen on days in Glacier Bay and Icy Straits

Mew Gull *Larus canus* – A few individuals seen in tide flats near Bartlett Cove and Gustavus docks

Glaucous-winged Gull *Larus glaucescens* – One of most common gulls of the trip in salt water environs.

Caspian Tern *Hydroprogne caspia* – Seen on two days near Gustavus ferry dock

Eurasian Collared-Dove *Streptopelia decaocto*—One spotted by Debra and Ralph near Salmon River Bridge.

Vaux's Swift *Chaetura vauxi* - Small airborne groups seen flitting around fields north of inn.

Anna's Hummingbird *Calypte anna* – One on feeder between inn and garden.

Rufous Hummingbird *Selasphorus rufus* – Seen every day feeding mostly in flowers at Inn

Belted Kingfisher *Megasceryle alcyon* – Six at Bartlett Cove dock; two at Gustavus ferry dock.

Northern Flicker *Colaptes auratus* – One heard in Gustavus on north side of Salmon River.

Red-breasted Sapsucker *Sphyrapicus ruber* – One seen by Debra and Lori near Bartlett Cove dock after first foray into Glacier Bay.

Northern Three-toed Woodpecker *Picoides dorsalis* – Heard at Bartlett Cove

Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus* – Spotted by Lori in trees near Gustavus dock.

Pacific Slope Flycatcher *Empidonax difficilis* – Spotted by Bonnie on Nagoonberry Loop trail.

Northwestern Crow *Corvus caurinus* – Several large flocks at Bartlett Cove as we departed on ferry; more seen near Gustavus ferry dock.

Common Raven *C. corax*—Seen and heard most days of the trip in forested environs.

Violet-green Swallow *Tachycineta thalassina* – Seen in moist fields north of Inn and along Salmon River.

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*—Most common swallow of trip; many seen at Bartlett Cove dock, including some that perched on our tour boat.

Chestnut-backed Chickadee *Poecile rufescens* – Seen and heard most days of the trip in the temperate rainforest.

Red-breasted Nuthatch *Sitta Canadensis* – Heard often on rainforest hikes.

Golden-crowned Kinglet *Regulus satrapa* – Seen and heard frequently in Gustavus and on rainforest walks.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet *Regulus calendula* – Several seen near Bartlett Cove dock.

American Robin *Turdus migratorius*— Many seen daily at Gustavus Inn.

Varied Thrush *Ixoreus naevius* – Heard near Gustavus Inn.

Orange-crowned Warbler *Oreothlypis celata* – Several seen on grounds around Inn.

Yellow-rumped Warbler *Setophaga coronate* – Several near Inn and Salmon Creek.

Townsend’s Warbler *Setophaga townsendi* – A few in temperate rainforest at Bartlett Cove

Wilson’s Warbler *Wilsonia pusilla*— A few seen in Spruce trees and shrubs around Inn.

Fox Sparrow *Passerella iliaca* – In grasslands on the road to Gustavus dock.

Dark-eyed Junco *Junco hyemalis* – A daily sighting on grounds and in garden at Inn.

White-crowned Sparrow *Zonotrichia leucophrys*— One seen and photographed by Ralph near Gustavus dock.

Savannah Sparrow *Passerculus sandwichensis* – Several seen in fields near Gustavus dock.

Song Sparrow *Melospiza melodia* – Seen near Gustavus Dock.

Lincoln’s Sparrow *Melospiza lincolni* – One on first day in fields between Inn and dock.

Red Crossbill *Loxia curvirostra* – Moving through cone crops in conifers near Inn

Pine Siskin *Spinus pinus* – Heard often in forested areas; seen in Sitka Pines across from the Inn.

MAMMALS

Gray Wolf *Canus Lupus* – Seen on two consecutive days foraging on the beach of Pleasant Island.

Brown Bear *Ursus arctos* – One foraging in alluvial fan near Reid Glacier, upper Glacier Bay.

Harbor Seal *Phoca vitulina* – Seen in several bays and estuaries

Steller’s Sea Lion *Eumetopia jubatus* – A great many seen hauled out at South Marble Island in Glacier Bay; others seen in Icy Strait and at Gustavus dock.



North American River Otter *Lontra Canadensis* – A group of 7 near Bartlett Cove dock

Sea Otter *Enhydra lutris* – Saw many, including the one on left eating a Basket Starfish in Icy Strait

Black-tailed Sitka Deer— Several on shoreline of Chichigof Island

Mountain Goat *Oreamnos americanus* – Five seen on Gloomy Knob, Glacier Bay



Minke Whale *Balaenoptera acutorostrata* – One seen by our kayakers near Pleasant Island

Humpback Whale *Megaptera novaeangliae* –
Double-digit Humpbacks seen in Glacier Bay
and especially, off Point Adolphus – a
spectacular show!

Killer Whale *Orcinus orca* – Several individuals
seen in upper Glacier Bay

Harbor Porpoise *Phocoena phocoena* – Seen most
often in Icy Strait

Red Squirrel *Tamiasciurus hudsonicus* – Scolded
us on Nagoonberry Trail

Porcupine *Erethizon dorsatum* – Large one seen on
roadside on the way to Bartlett Cove.



Humpback Whale



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