

Classic Alaska: Birding & Wildlife | Species List

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A wonderful introduction to the major biomes of Alaska, we birded representative habitats of southcentral, western and northern Alaska on this tour. A total of 121 avian species were recorded as well as 17 species of mammals for the tour. Our observation totals are described below:

BIRDS

DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS | Anatidae

Emperor Goose *Anser canagicus*. Uncommon winter and spring visitor to western Alaska, we found three beautiful adults near the Safety Sound bridge.

Greater White-fronted Goose *Anser albifrons*. Uncommon to fairly common spring migrant along the western coast. Common to abundant summer resident on the North Slope and at Utqiagvik, we recorded them on 13 checklists and totaled 111 individuals.

Brant *Branta bernicla*. Fairly common spring visitor to western and northern Alaska, and common summer resident in Utqiagvik, we found a handful flying past Cape Nome, and recorded 29 on five checklists birding the tundra at Utqiagvik.

Cackling Goose *Branta hutchinsii*. Fairly common spring migrant and summer breeder to western Alaska, we had great views of one in a flock of "Richardson's" Canada Geese at Westchester Lagoon in Anchorage, as well as additional individuals on four occasions in the Nome area.

Canada Goose *Branta canadensis*. Common spring migrant and summer resident in the Anchorage area, where the *richardsoni* subspecies is the expected form. We found good numbers at the Eagle River Nature Center and at Westchester Lagoon.

Tundra Swan *Cygnus columbianus*. Fairly common to common spring migrant and summer resident to western and northern Alaska, we recorded up to 250+ individuals in Safety Sound, near Nome, and others at several locations in Utqiagvik on the extension.

Northern Shoveler *Spatula clypeata*. Fairly common spring migrant and summer resident to western Alaska, we found pairs at several locations in the Nome area.

Gadwall *Mareca strepera*. Fairly common spring migrant and summer breeder to western Alaska, we found several pairs or small groups at Westchester Lagoon and in the greater Nome vicinity.

American Wigeon *Mareca americana*. Common migrant and summer breeder, we recorded this species on eight checklists at Westchester Lagoon and in the Nome vicinity.

Mallard *Anas platyrhynchos*. Common migrant and summer breeder, we located groups at the Eagle River Nature Center, at Westchester Lagoon and in Nome.

Northern Pintail *Anas acuta*. Common migrant and summer resident to much of Alaska, we found this species nearly daily in Nome and Utqiagvik.

Green-winged Teal *Anas crecca*. Fairly common migrant and summer resident in Anchorage, Nome and Utqiagvik.

Greater Scaup *Aythya marila*. Common migrant and summer resident in western and northern Alaska, we found several daily birding in Anchorage, Nome and at Utqiagvik.

Lesser Scaup *Aythya affinis*. Uncommon migrant and summer resident to southcentral Alaska, we teased one out of the group of scaup (and seen in flight) at Westchester Lagoon.

Steller's Eider *Polysticta stelleri*. One of the highlights of the optional Utqiagvik extension, we observed two on two separate occasions birding the tundra habitats south of the community. Apparently the once-decreased population in northern and western Alaska has begun a recovery with coordinated conservation efforts between private, state, Federal and Inupiat partners.

Spectacled Eider *Somateria fischeri*. Certainly this was one of the most desired species for this classic Alaska tour, we found a second-year male on the Nome-Council Road near the mostly abandoned town of Solomon. We also saw several on the New Landfill and Gas Well Roads south of Utqiagvik on the tour extension.

King Eider *Somateria spectabilis*. Uncommon migrant and summer breeder in western and northern Alaska, we located several daily on the New Landfill and Gas Well Roads to the south of Utqiagvik.

Common Eider *Somateria mollissima*. Uncommon and local sea duck in southern, western and northern Alaska, we caught up to a pair on Safety Lagoon near Nome. Later that same day, three flew from Safety Lagoon east to the ocean.

Harlequin Duck *Histrionicus histrionicus*. Fairly common to common migrant and summer resident along the coast and inland riverine habitats of southern and western Alaska, we found them on four occasions at Cape Nome and along the Nome-Teller Highway.

Surf Scoter *Melanitta perspicillata*. Uncommon migrant and summer resident to western Alaska, we found two along the Nome-Council Road between Cape Nome and the Safety Sound bridge.

Long-tailed Duck *Clangula hyemalis*. Common migrant and breeder to western and northern Alaska, we found paired individuals and small groups at 19 different locations in Nome and Utqiagvik. Great views obtained on several occasions, and many photos were obtained.

Common Merganser *Mergus merganser*. Fairly common summer resident in southcentral and western Alaska, seen at Eagle River Nature Center and along the Nome-Council Road.

Red-breasted Merganser *Mergus serrator*. Fairly common summer resident and breeder in western Alaska, we found pairs at eight different locations in the Nome area.

PARTRIDGES, PHEASANTS, AND ALLIES | Phasianidae

Willow Ptarmigan *Lagopus lagopus*. Common resident throughout Alaska south of the Brooks Range, we found many on the three road systems outside of Nome on each of three days.

GREBES | Podicipedidae

Red-necked Grebe *Podiceps grisegena*. Common summer resident to southcentral and western Alaska, we found several breeding pairs at Westchester Lagoon and another pair along the Nome-Council Road near the Nome River bridge.

PIGEONS AND DOVES | Columbidae

Rock Pigeon *Columba livia*. An introduced, exotic species, we saw several on two occasions in the greater Anchorage area early in the trip.

CRANES | Gruidae

Sandhill Crane *Antigone canadensis*. Fairly common and patchily distributed summer resident and breeder throughout the state, we found two at the Nome dump along Beam Road. Of interest, the genus name *Antigone*

is from a Greek myth where Antigone, the daughter of King Laomedon of Troy, was transformed into a stork or crane by the goddess Hera.

PLOVERS AND LAPWINGS | Charadriidae

American Golden-Plover *Pluvialis dominica*. Fairly common to common summer breeder to tundra habitats in northern Alaska, the Utqiagvik participants found eight individuals at six different locations birding to the south and west of Utqiagvik.

Pacific Golden-Plover *Pluvialis fulva*. Uncommon migrant and breeder to western Alaska (at least where access is available), we found one on a gravel bar on the Nome-Teller Highway at Snake River.

Semipalmated Plover *Charadrius semipalmatus*. Common migrant and summer breeder along the coast and lowland mountain ranges in western and northern Alaska, we found pairs at 14 different locations on the tour, with the majority seen along the road systems in Nome and Utqiagvik.

SANDPIPERS AND ALLIES | Scolopacidae

Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus*. Fairly common summer resident and breeder in the interior, we found one along the Council Road near Solomon.

Dunlin *Calidris alpina*. Fairly common summer breeder to tundra habitats of northwestern and northern Alaska, the Utqiagvik participants enjoyed great views of displaying males on the New Landfill, Nunavak, and Gas Well Roads.

Baird's Sandpiper *Calidris bairdii*. Uncommon breeder to northern Alaska near Utqiagvik and to the east into Arctic Canada, we found one near the "Fisherman's Camp" to the east of Utqiagvik.

Least Sandpiper *Calidris minutilla*. Common migrant and summer breeder to tundra habitats in western Alaska, we found three in the greater Nome area.

White-rumped Sandpiper *Calidris fuscicollis*. Uncommon breeder to northern Alaska near Utqiagvik and to the east into Arctic Canada, we found one on the ground and then in flight near the "Fisherman's Camp" to the east of Utqiagvik.

Pectoral Sandpiper *Calidris melanotos*. Common summer resident and breeder to northern Alaska, the Utqiagvik participants viewed one to several at each of 11 different locations visiting tundra habitats near this northernmost community in the United States.

Semipalmated Sandpiper *Calidris pusilla*. Common migrant and breeder to western and northern Alaska, we viewed well over one hundred birding in the Nome and Utqiagvik areas. Most interesting were the huge concentrations of displaying and nest-defending birds in the Utqiagvik cemetery in the middle of town, with birds calling from gravestones and crosses!

Western Sandpiper *Calidris mauri*. Fairly common summer resident in western and northern Alaska, we found several birding the road systems in Nome and at Utqiagvik.

Wilson's Snipe *Gallinago delicata*. Common summer breeder to tundra habitats throughout the state, we found displaying individuals at 16 different locations at Eagle River Nature Center, Nome, Seward and at numerous locations in Utqiagvik.

Red-necked Phalarope *Phalaropus lobatus*. Common summer resident to western and northern Alaska, we found scores in Nome and Utqiagvik.

Red Phalarope *Phalaropus fulicarius*. Common summer resident and breeder within northern Alaska, we found them daily birding the road systems of Utqiagvik.

Spotted Sandpiper *Actitis macularius*. Common summer resident to streams of coastal and interior Alaska, we found several in Nome.

Wandering Tattler *Tringa incana*. Fairly common but widely dispersed throughout western and central Alaska, we had great views of one at Cripple River on the Nome-Teller Road outside of Nome when we were eating lunch.

JAEGERS AND SKUAS | Stercorariidae

Pomarine Jaeger *Stercorarius pomarinus*. Fairly common coastal migrant and breeder in western and northern Alaska, we found one at Beehive Island within the Alaska Maritime NWR and an additional 10 sightings of multiple individuals while birding the Utqiagvik road system.

Parasitic Jaeger *Stercorarius parasiticus*. Common coastal migrant and breeder to western and northern Alaska, we found individuals on all three legs of our tour. Several were seen in Nome and within the Alaska Maritime NWR on the boat trip. The real highlight for this species occurred while birding along Cake Eater and Gas Well Roads in Utqiagvik when we observed hundreds foraging on the tundra and circling overhead in huge swirls. Migrants feeding on temporarily abundant insect resources (?).

Long-tailed Jaeger *Stercorarius longicaudus*. Common coastal migrant and breeder to western and central Alaska, we found this smallest jaeger daily on the Nome roads.

AUKS, MURRES, AND PUFFINS | Alcidae

Common Murre *Uria aalge*. Common resident to coastal habitats in southeast and western Alaska as well as in the Aleutians, we found several hundred on the Seward pelagic trip within Kenai Fjords National Park.

Thick-billed Murre *Uria lomvia*. Common resident to southcentral and western Alaska and the Aleutian Islands, we located three at Beehive Island within the Alaska Maritime NWR.

Black Guillemot *Cepphus grille*. Common resident to southcentral and western Alaska, the Aleutian Islands, and rather uncommon in northern Alaska, we located eight flying past Point Barrow while viewing the northernmost point in the United States.

Pigeon Guillemot *Cepphus columba*. Common resident in southcentral and southeastern Alaska, we found several dozen on the pelagic trip within the Alaska Maritime NWR.

Marbled Murrelet *Brachyramphus marmoratus*. Common resident in the Aleutian Islands and southcentral and southeastern Alaska, several were seen near No Name Island in the Alaska Maritime NWR on the pelagic trip.

Kittlitz's Murrelet *Brachyramphus brevirostris*. Uncommon and local in coastal habitats near glacial systems, several pairs were seen in the Northwestern Fjord. This is a known nesting area, and several pairs are frequently seen below the glacier. Probably THE place to see the bird from a boat, and a major target for many participants.

Ancient Murrelet *Synthliboramphus antiquus*. Fairly common resident and summer breeder to islands and coastal habitats in southcentral Alaska and along the Aleutian Island chain, we found several pairs around No Name, Chiswell and Beehive Islands within the Alaska Maritime NWR.

Parakeet Auklet *Aethia psittacula*. Uncommon resident in southcentral Alaska but fairly common to abundant breeder in western Alaska, we found 20 individuals at the Chiswell and Beehive Islands in Alaska Maritime NWR.

Rhinoceros Auklet *Cerorhinca monocerata*. Fairly common but patchily distributed throughout southeast and southcentral Alaska and the Aleutian Islands, we found four near Beehive Island within Kenai Fjords National Park.

Horned Puffin *Fratercula corniculata*. Common resident to southcentral Alaska and the Aleutians, we found 27 at three different locations on the Kenai Fjords National Park boat trip to Northwestern Glacier.

Tufted Puffin *Fratercula cirrhata*. Common to abundant colonial nester to cliffs in the Aleutians and to central and western Alaska, we found over 500 within the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) on the boat trip.

GULLS AND TERNS | Laridae

Black-legged Kittiwake *Rissa tridactyla*. Common to abundant pelagic gull in western and southcentral Alaska and the Aleutians, we found well over 1,000 touring the Alaska Maritime NWR, particularly at the Chiswell Islands.

Sabine's Gull *Xema sabini*. Fairly common to common summer breeder in western and northern Alaska, the Utqiagvik participants found 5+ on the Point Barrow extension.

Short-billed Gull *Larus brachyrhynchus*. Common to abundant summer resident to southcentral and western Alaska, we recorded well over 200 birding in the Anchorage, Nome and Seward areas.

Herring Gull *Larus argentatus*. Common resident to southcentral and western Alaska, we found several dozen in the Anchorage, Nome and Seward areas.

Slaty-backed Gull *Larus schistisagus*. Rare visitor to western Alaska (but more regularly seen in the Nome area than elsewhere), we caught a brief glimpse of one along the back fence of the Nome Dump which was seen by the leaders and a few participants.

Glaucous-winged Gull *Larus glaucescens*. Common resident to southcentral and western Alaska, we found several dozen in the Nome and Seward areas.

Glaucous Gull *Larus hyperboreus*. Common summer resident and breeder to northern Alaska, we recorded them on 14 checklists in the Utqiagvik area.

Arctic Tern *Sterna paradisaea*. Common summer resident to southcentral and western Alaska, we found them in coastal and freshwater habitats within Anchorage, Nome and Seward.

LOONS | Gaviidae

Red-throated Loon *Gavia stellata*. Common summer resident and breeder to wetlands and coastal pond systems in western Alaska, we found several pairs daily in the Nome area.

Pacific Loon *Gavia pacifica*. Common in western and northern Alaska as well as in the Aleutians, we recorded several pairs daily as we toured the three roads in the Nome area as well as at Utqiagvik.

Yellow-billed Loon *Gavia adamsii*. Uncommon migrant and summer resident to western and northern Alaska, the Utqiagvik participants viewed one flying over Pt. Barrow on the day we explored to the northernmost point in the United States.

CORMORANTS | Phalacrocoracidae

Red-faced Cormorant *Urile urile*. Uncommon to rare resident to southcentral coastal habitats and fairly common in the Aleutians, we found one near No Name Island within the Alaska Maritime NWR.

Pelagic Cormorant *Urile pelagicus*. Common resident to southcentral Alaska, we found several at No Name and Chiswell Islands within the Alaska Maritime NWR.

Double-crested Cormorant *Nannopterum auritum*. Uncommon resident to southcentral Alaska (common to abundant in the Continental U.S.), we found one each at No Name Island and Chiswell Island in the Alaska Maritime NWR.

HAWKS, KITES, AND EAGLES | Accipitridae

Golden Eagle *Aquila chrysaetos*. Uncommon and widely dispersed summer resident and breeder to the interior of Alaska south of the Brooks Range, we found one on the tundra to the south of the Nome Municipal Dump.

American Harrier *Circus hudsonius*. Uncommon, but a regular breeder to coastal and tundra habitats in western Alaska, we found two at Pewny River and Cripple River outside of Nome.

Bald Eagle *Haliaeetus leucocephalus*. Common summer resident to the Aleutians and to southcentral Alaska, we found at least seven in the Seward area and within the Alaska Maritime NWR.

Rough-legged Hawk *Buteo lagopus*. Uncommon summer resident to tundra habitats within interior Alaska, we found one on the Nome – Teller Road near House Rock.

OWLS | Strigidae

Snowy Owl *Bubo scandiacus*. Highly irruptive summer resident and breeder to northern Alaska north of the Brooks Range, we had 12 sightings of this spectacular species on eight checklists in the Utqiagvik area even though it was not a good year for lemmings in the area.

WOODPECKERS | Picidae

Downy Woodpecker *Dryobates pubescens*. Uncommon to fairly common in riparian habitats in southcentral and southeastern Alaska, we found one at Ava's Place in Seward.

Hairy Woodpecker *Dryobates villosus*. Fairly common in riparian habitats in southcentral and southeastern Alaska, we found a pair at Ava's Place in Seward.

Northern Flicker *Colaptes auratus*. Uncommon and widely dispersed in southcentral Alaska, we heard one repeatedly walking the trails at the Eagle River Nature Center.

FALCONS AND CARACARAS | Falconidae

Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus*. Uncommon resident and breeder in the Aleutians and southcentral Alaska, we found one at Utqiagvik on Gas Well Road.

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS | Tyrannidae

Olive-sided Flycatcher *Contopus cooperi*. Fairly common summer resident to southcentral Alaska, we found one at the top of a large spruce in Eagle River Nature Center.

Alder Flycatcher *Empidonax alnorum*. Common summer resident and breeder to southcentral and interior Alaska, we recorded at least seven in the Anchorage area and at several locations in the Nome area.

SHRIKES | Laniidae

Northern Shrike *Lanius borealis*. Uncommon and patchily distributed in interior and coastal tundra habitats, we had good views of one on the Kougarok Road outside of Nome.

CROWS AND JAYS | Corvidae

Steller's Jay *Cyanocitta stelleri*. Common resident in southcentral and southeastern Alaska from Seward south to southern Mexico, we found one at Ava's Place outside of Seward.

Black-billed Magpie *Pica hudsonia*. Common resident to southcentral Alaska and places further south, we saw and heard several daily at Westchester Lagoon and throughout Anchorage.

American Crow *Corvus brachyrhynchos*. Formerly known as the Northwestern Crow, this species has now been lumped with American Crow. Common from southcentral Alaska and further south, we found several on the Kenai Fjords boat trip and several dozen around Seward.

Common Raven *Corvus corax*. Common resident throughout much of Alaska, particularly along the coast and near human habitation during the summer months, we found scores in the Nome area as well as several in Utqiagvik.

TITS AND CHICKADEES | Paridae

Black-capped Chickadee *Poecile atricapillus*. Fairly common resident from southcentral Alaska and south well into the Lower 48, we found several at the Eagle River Nature Center and at Ava's Place in Seward.

SWALLOWS AND MARTINS | Hirundinidae

Tree Swallow *Tachycineta bicolor*. Common summer resident and breeder to forested habitats throughout the interior and southcentral Alaska, we found them nearly daily in Anchorage, Nome and in Seward.

Violet-green Swallow *Tachycineta thalassina*. Fairly common to common summer resident and breeder to forested habitats in southcentral Alaska and further south, we found one at Eagle River Nature Center.

Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*. Locally common to the interior of Alaska, the Utqiagvik participants found three birding Freshwater Lake Road outside of Utqiagvik where it's considered rare. Photos were obtained and included in the eBird reports for verification. Additionally, one individual with a thicker black band separating the rusty chin from the white underparts on the upper breast led us to believe that we also had one individual of the Eurasian race (accidental here in Alaska).

Cliff Swallow *Petrochelidon pyrrhonota*. Fairly common summer resident to the coastal tundra and interior riparian habitats of interior Alaska, we found at least five when we were eating lunch at the Cripple River bridge along the Nome – Teller Road.

LEAF WARBLERS | Phylloscopidae

Arctic Warbler *Phylloscopus borealis*. Uncommon to fairly common summer resident and breeder to the riverine systems of western and interior Alaska, we found them singing and on territory at six different locations in the Nome area.

KINGLETS | Regulidae

Ruby-crowned Kinglet *Corthylio calendula*. Fairly common summer resident and breeder within primarily mixed conifer-deciduous forests of southcentral and southeastern Alaska, we found singles at the Eagle River Nature Center and at the Bear Creek Weir near Seward.

NUTHATCHES | Sittidae

Red-breasted Nuthatch *Sitta canadensis*. Uncommon resident in mixed conifer-deciduous forests in southcentral Alaska, we all had great views of one coming into the feeders at Ava's Place outside of Seward.

TREECREEPERS | Certhidae

Brown Creeper *Certhia americana*. Uncommon resident in mixed conifer-deciduous forests in southcentral Alaska and further south, we heard and saw one at the Eagle River Nature Center.

DIPPERS | Cinclidae

American Dipper *Cinclus mexicanus*. Uncommon to fairly common resident to open freshwater habitats of interior and southcentral Alaska, we had great looks of two at Eagle River Nature Center and another two at Penny River along the Nome – Teller Road. Always a participant favorite!

STARLINGS AND MYNAS | Sturnidae

European Starling *Sturnus vulgaris*. Several seen in the Anchorage area on two or three days.

THRUSHES | Turdidae

Varied Thrush *Ixoreus naevius*. Fairly common summer resident to mixed deciduous habitats of southcentral Alaska and further south into the Pacific Northwest, we found several individuals at the Eagle River Nature Center and the Bear Creek Weir near Seward.

Gray-cheeked Thrush *Catharus minimus*. Common to abundant summer resident and breeder within riparian habitats of western and interior Alaska, we saw and heard this species at almost every stop around Nome.

Swainson's Thrush *Catharus ustulatus*. Common summer resident and breeder to interior Alaska, one heard singing its beautiful, ethereal song at Eagle River Nature Center outside of Anchorage on our first full day.

American Robin *Turdus migratorius*. Common to abundant summer resident to most forested habitats of southcentral, western and interior Alaska, we recorded individuals nearly every day in appropriate habitat.

OLD WORLD FLYCATCHERS AND CHATS | Muscicapidae

Bluethroat *Luscinia svecica*. Uncommon to fairly common summer breeder to riparian and dwarf willow habitats in western and interior Alaska, this extremely elusive specialty eluded us repeatedly in Nome. We managed some brief looks of a singing male at the Salmon Lake Campground and noted several flybys at other locations along the Kougarok Road.

PIPITS AND WAGTAILS | Motacillidae

Eastern Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla tschutschensis*. Uncommon and rather local summer breeder to western Alaska, we found a pair along the Nome – Council Road at the small ghost town of Solomon just past the “Train to Nowhere.”

American Pipit *Anthus rubescens*. Fairly common breeder in the higher mountains along the western coast and in the interior of Alaska, the extension group found one flying over Gas Well Road in Utqiagvik.

FINCHES AND EUPHONIAS | Fringillidae

Common Redpoll *Acanthis flammea*. Common to abundant resident in open tundra and shrubby habitats throughout Alaska, we found them throughout the Nome and in Utqiagvik.

Pine Siskin *Spinus pinus*. Fairly common to the coniferous habitats of southcentral Alaska, we found 18 individuals at Ava’s Place outside of Seward.

LONGSPURS | Calcariidae

Lapland Longspur *Calcarius lapponicus*. Common summer resident and breeder to tundra and open coastal habitats throughout Alaska, we recorded them daily in Nome and in Urtqiagvik.

Snow Bunting *Plectrophenax nivalis*. Fairly common to common breeder within the open mountains of interior and northern Alaska, we commonly found them throughout the Utqiagvik road system for those on the extension.

NEW WORLD SPARROWS | Passerellidae

American Tree Sparrow *Spizelloides arborea*. Common summer resident to open shrubby habitats of western and interior Alaska, we found them daily in the Nome area.

Fox Sparrow *Passerella iliaca*. Fairly common summer resident to riparian and shrubby willow habitats throughout western, interior and southcentral Alaska, we found them daily in Nome and also at Ava’s Place and at the Bear Creek Weir in the Seward area.

Dark-eyed Junco *Junco hyemalis*. Fairly common summer resident to forested habitats in southcentral Alaska, we found four at the Eagle River Nature Center.

White-crowned Sparrow *Zonotrichia leucophrys*. Common summer resident and breeder to western Alaska and uncommon in northern Alaska, we saw them daily in Nome and twice in Utqiagvik.

Golden-crowned Sparrow *Zonotrichia atricapilla*. Common summer resident in western Alaska, seen every day around Nome.

Savannah Sparrow *Passerculus sandwichensis*. Common summer resident to coastal lowlands and tundra of western and northern Alaska, we observed or heard them singing daily in Nome and at Utqiagvik.

Lincoln's Sparrow *Melospiza lincolni*. Uncommon summer resident to wet meadows and riparian areas of southcentral Alaska, we found four birding at Eagle River Nature Center outside of Anchorage.

NEW WORLD BLACKBIRDS | Icteridae

Rusty Blackbird *Euphagus carolinus*. Uncommon and local breeder in riparian habitats in western Alaska, we had great views along the Nome River on Kougarok Road.

NEW WORLD WARBLERS | Parulidae

Northern Waterthrush *Parkesia noveboracensis*. Common summer resident to riparian and wetland systems throughout western and interior Alaska, we found them daily birding the Nome roads.

Orange-crowned Warbler *Leiothlypis celata*. Common summer resident to riparian and wetland habitats throughout western and interior Alaska, we found them daily birding the Nome roads.

Yellow Warbler *Setophaga petechia*. Common summer resident to riparian and wetland habitats throughout western and interior Alaska, we found them daily birding the Nome roads and at the Eagle River Nature Center near Anchorage.

Blackpoll Warbler *Setophaga striata*. Common summer resident and breeder to riparian thickets and coniferous forests of western and interior Alaska, we heard them several times birding in the Nome area.

Yellow-rumped Warbler *Setophaga coronata*. Uncommon to fairly common summer resident to southcentral and southeastern Alaska, we heard and saw at least seven at the Eagle River Nature Center outside of Anchorage.

Wilson's Warbler *Cardellina pusilla*. Common summer resident to the riparian and willow thickets of western Alaska, we recorded them daily birding the Nome area.

MAMMALS

Short-tailed Weasel (Ermine) *Mustella richardsonii*

Red Fox *Vulpes vulpes*

Brown (Grizzly) Bear *Ursus arctos*

Polar Bear *Ursus maritimus*

Ringed Seal *Pusia hispida*

Harbor Seal *Phoca vitulina*

Steller's Sea Lion *Eumetopias jubatus*

Sea Otter *Enhydra lutris*

Moose *Alces alces*

Mountain Goat *Oreamnos americanus*

Muskox *Ovibos moschatus*

Humpback Whale *Megaptera novaeangliae*

Dall's Porpoise *Phocoenoides dalli*

Snowshoe Hare *Lepus americanus*

Arctic Ground Squirrel *Spermophilus parryii*

Beaver *Castor canadensis*

Muskrat *Ondatra zibethicus*