

BIRDS OF ANCHORAGE
(Knik River to Portage)

SPECIES	SP	S	F	W
Greater White-fronted Goose	U		R	
Snow Goose	U		7	
Cackling Goose	R	C		*
Canada Goose*	U		C	
Tundra Swan*	U		C	
Galval	U		R	*
European Wigeon	U		R	*
American Wigeon*	C	C	C	
Mallard*	C	C	C	
Blue-winged Teal	C	C	C	*
Northern Shoveler*	C	C	C	
Northern Pintail*	C	C	C	
Green-winged Teal*	U		C	*
Canvasback*	U		C	*
Redhead	U	R	R	
Ring-necked Duck*	U		C	*
Greater Scaup*	U		C	*
Lesser Scaup*	U		C	*
Harebin Duck*	U		C	*
White-winged Scoter	U		C	*
Black Scoter	U		C	*
Long-tailed Duck*	R	U	R	
Bufflehead	C	U	R	*
Common Goldeneye*	U		U	*
Barrow's Goldeneye*	C	U	U	*
Common Merganser*	U		U	*
Red-breasted Merganser	C	U	R	
Spruce Grouse*	U	U	U	*
Willow Ptarmigan*	C	U	C	*
Rock Ptarmigan*	R	R	R	*
White-tailed Ptarmigan*	R	R	R	*
Red-throated Loon*	R	R	R	
Pacific Loon*	U		U	*
Common Loon*	U		U	*
Horned Grebe*	U	U	C	
Red-necked Grebe*	C	C	C	
Great Blue Heron	r	r	r	*
Osprey*	R	r	R	
Bald Eagle*	C	U	U	*
Northern Harrier*	C	U	U	*
Sharp-shinned Hawk*	U	U	R	*
Northern Goshawk*	U	U	R	*
Red-tailed Hawk*	U	U	R	*
Rough-legged Hawk	U	U	R	*
Golden Eagle*	U	U	U	*
American Kestrel*	R	U	U	*
Merlin*	R	U	U	*
Gyrfalcon*	R	R	R	*
Peregrine Falcon	R	R	R	*
Sandhill Crane*	C	U	U	
Black-bellied Plover	R	R	R	
American Golden-Plover	R	r	r	
Pacific Golden-Plover	R	C	C	
Semipalmated Plover*	R	R	R	
Killdeer*	C	C	C	
Spotted Sandpiper*	C	U	U	*
Solitary Sandpiper*	C	U	U	*
Wandering Tattler*	C	U	R	*
Greater Yellowlegs*	C	C	C	
Lesser Yellowlegs*	C	C	C	
Willet*	U	U	U	*
Hudsonian Godwit*	U	C	U	
Ruddy Turnstone	r	U	U	*
Black Turnstone	U	U	U	*
Surf Scoter	U	U	U	*
Sanderling	U	U	U	*
Semipalmated Sandpiper	C	C	C	
Western Sandpiper	C	C	C	
Least Sandpiper*	C	C	C	
Baird's Sandpiper	C	r	U	
Pectoral Sandpiper	U	U	U	*
Dowling	U	C	C	*
Short-billed Dowitcher*	U	C	C	*
Long-billed Dowitcher	U	C	C	*
Wilson's Snipe*	U	C	C	*
Red-necked Phalarope*	C	C	C	*
Bonaparte's Gull*	C	U	U	*
Mew Gull*	C	U	U	*
Herring Gull*	C	U	U	*
Thayer's Gull*	C	C	C	
Glaucous-winged Gull*	C	C	C	
(including a Herring hybrid)	r	R	R	*
Glaucous Gull	r	R	R	*
Black-legged Kittiwake	C	C	C	
Arctic Tern*	C	U	U	*
Rock Pigeon* (Introduced)	U	C	C	*
Great Horned Owl*	U	U	U	*
Northern Hawk Owl*	U	r	R	*
Short-eared Owl*	U	R	R	*
Boreal Owl*	U	R	R	*
Northern Saw-whet Owl*	U	R	R	*
Rufous Hummingbird *	u	r	r	
Belted Kingfisher*	U	U	r	*
Downy Woodpecker*	C	C	C	*
Hairy Woodpecker*	C	C	C	*
American Three-toed Woodpecker	R	r	R	*
Black-backed Woodpecker*	U	r	r	*
Northern Flicker*	U	U	U	*
Olive-sided Flycatcher*	u	U	U	*
Western Wood-Pewee*	u	U	U	*
Alder Flycatcher*	u	C	C	*
Northern Shrike*	U	R	U	*
Gray Jay*	U	U	U	*
Steller's Jay*	U	C	C	*
Black-billed Magpie*	C	C	C	*
Common Raven*	C	C	C	*
Horned Lark*	U	U	U	*
Tree Swallow*	C	C	C	*
Violet-green Swallow*	C	C	C	*
Bank Swallow*	u	C	C	*
CPR Swallow*	u	C	C	*
Barn Swallow*	u	r	r	
Black-capped Chickadee*	C	C	C	*
Boreal Chickadee*	U	U	U	*
Red-breasted Nuthatch*	U	U	U	*
Brown Creeper*	R	R	R	*
American Dipper*	U	U	U	*
Golden-crowned Kinglet*	U	U	U	*
Ruby-crowned Kinglet*	C	C	C	*
Northern Whistling*	C	R	r	*
Townsend's Solitaire*	u	r	r	*
Gray-cheeked Thrush*	u	r	r	*
Swainson's Thrush*	C	C	C	*
Hermit Thrush*	C	C	C	*
American Robin*	C	C	C	*
Varied Thrush*	C	C	C	*
European Starling*	u	U	U	*
American Pipit*	C	C	C	*
Bohemian Waxwing*	U	r	U	*
Orange-crowned Warbler*	C	C	C	*
Yellow Warbler*	U	U	U	*
Yellow-rumped Warbler*	C	C	C	*
Townsend's Warbler*	U	U	U	*
Blackpoll Warbler*	U	U	U	*
Northern Waterthrush*	U	U	U	*
Wilson's Warbler*	U	C	C	*
American Tree Sparrow*	U	U	U	*
Savannah Sparrow*	C	C	C	*
Fox Sparrow*	C	C	C	*
Song Sparrow*	U	U	U	*
Lincoln's Sparrow*	C	C	C	*
White-crowned Sparrow*	C	C	C	*
Golden-crowned Sparrow*	C	C	C	*
Dark-eyed Junco*	C	C	C	*
Lutescent Longspur	C	U	U	*
Snow Bunting*	C	U	U	*
Red-winged Blackbird*	r	r	r	*
Heavy Blackbird*	U	U	U	*
Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch*	R	R	R	*
Pine Grosbeak*	U	U	U	*
White-winged Crossbill*	C	C	C	*
Common Redpoll	U	U	U	*
Hoary Redpoll	U	U	U	*
Pine Siskin*	U	U	U	*

* = breeding record
= Christmas Bird Count record

Anchorage Birding Map

Sites

Coastal Forest & Freshwater Alpine

- Greater Anchorage Area
- Lower Ship Creek
 - Elderberry Park
 - Westchester Lagoon
 - Fish Creek
 - Spenard Crossing
 - Point Woronzof
 - Carr-Gottstein Park
 - Oceanview Bluff Park
 - Potter Marsh
 - Elmendorf Fish Hatchery Ponds
 - Goose Lake
 - Russian Jack Springs Park
 - Campbell Tract
 - Campbell Creek Science Center
 - Hillside Park
 - Lake Hood & Lake Spenard
 - Conner's Lake & Bog
 - DeLong Lake
 - Sand Lake
 - Jewel Lake
 - Little Campbell Lake
 - Kincaid Park
 - Johns Park
 - Arctic Valley
 - Prospect Heights
 - Glen Alps
 - Eagle River Nature Center
 - Crow Creek Road
 - Crow Creek Pass
 - Winner Creek
 - Old Railroad Depot
 - Portage Glacier Road
 - Whittier
- South: Turnagain Arm, Girdwood, Portage, Whittier

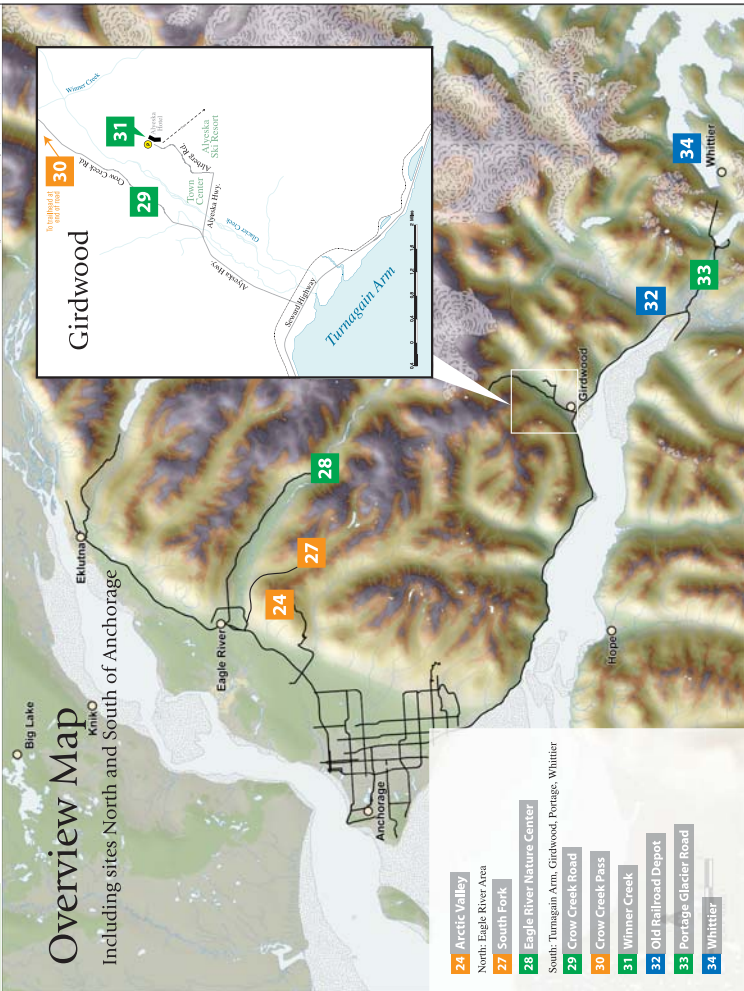
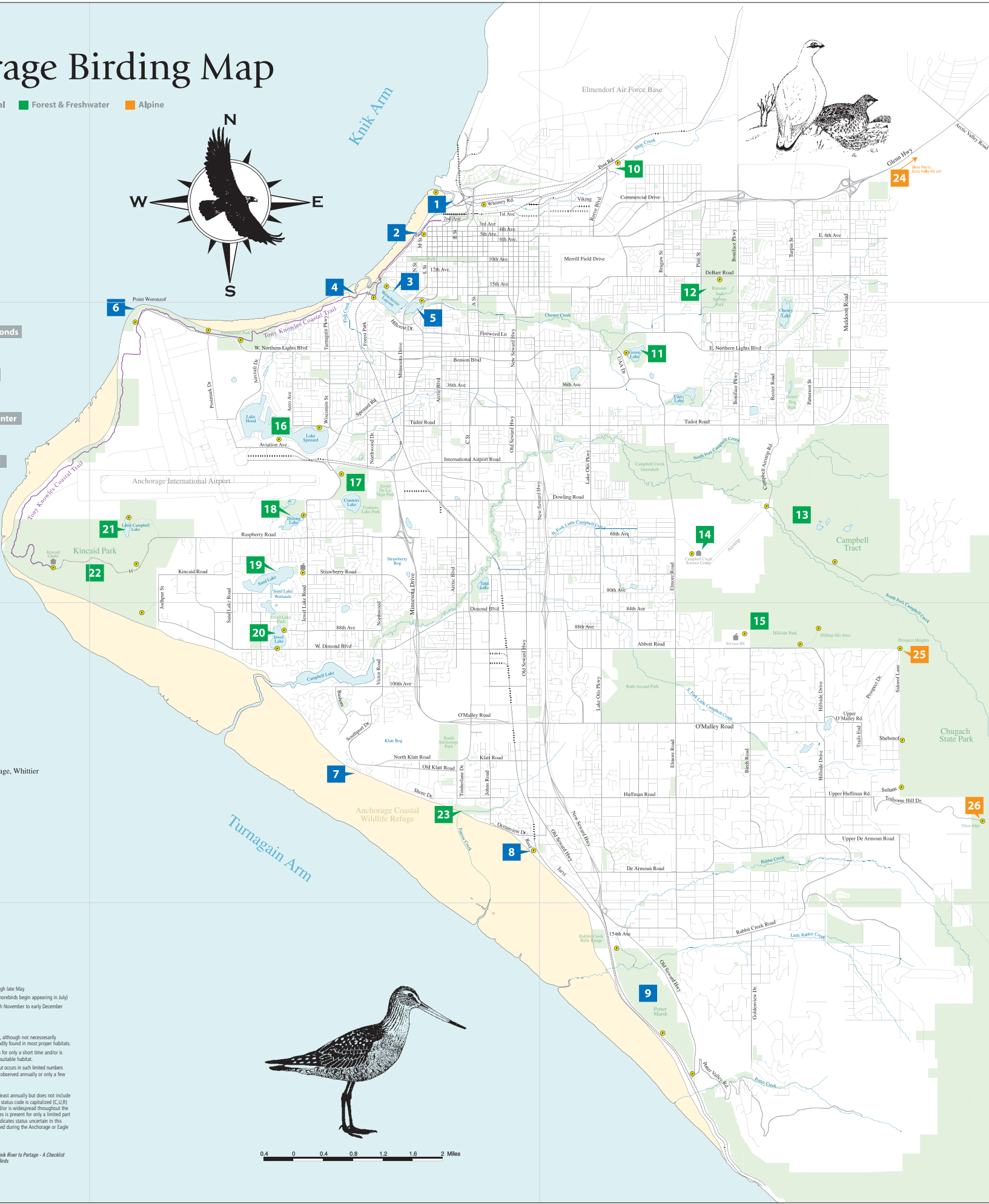
Checklist Legend

Spring (SP) Early to mid-April (waterfowl, gulls) through late May
Summer (S) June through July (southbound migrant shorebirds begin appearing in July)
Fall (F) August (flycatchers and swallows) through November to early December
Winter (W) Middle of December through March

Common (C) Species occurs in relatively large numbers, although not necessarily throughout the season, and/or can be readily found in most proper habitats.
Uncommon (U) Species occurs in relatively small numbers for only a short time and/or is resident but is not always found, even in suitable habitat.
Rare (R) Species is within or near its historic range, but occurs in such limited numbers and/or for such short times, it may not be observed annually or only a few times annually.

The checklist reflects birds expected to occur in the area at least annually but does not include species characterized as casual or accidental (accidents). The status code is capitalized (C, U, R) when a species is expected through much of the season and/or is widespread throughout the area. The status code is in lower case (c, u, r) when the species is present for only a limited part of a season or a local part of the area. Question mark (?) indicates status uncertain in this season. The * symbol indicates the species has been recorded during the Anchorage or Eagle River Christmas Bird Count.

Additional references:
Anchorage Audubon Society. 1992. *Birds of Anchorage: Knik River to Portage - A Checklist*
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ANCHORAGE BIRDING MAP

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