The Anchorage area offers a surprising diversity of habitat from tidal mudflats along the coast to alpine habitat in the Chugach Mountains bordering the city.

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Spring: March 16–May 31, Summer: June 1–July 31, Fall: August 1–November 30, Winter: December 1–March 15
### Checklist Key
- **Very Common:** Easily found in the right habitat and season
- **Common:** Found in the right habitat and season
- **Uncommon:** Found, with persistence, every year in the right habitat and season
- **Rare:** Seen in most years, but in small numbers
- **Casual:** Occasionally seen, but not every year
- **Documented nesting**
- **Listed on the Audubon Alaska Watchlist of declining or threatened species**

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### Unmentioned Species

- Glaucous-winged Gull
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- Thayer’s Gull
- Herring Gull
- California Gull
- Mew Gull
- Bonaparte’s Gull
- Black-legged Kittiwake
- Red-necked Phalarope
- Wilson’s Snipe
- Long-billed Dowitcher
- Arctic Tern
- Least Sandpiper
- Pectoral Sandpiper
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### List of Species

- **WATERFOWL**
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  - Spruce Grouse

- **Common: Grouse**
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  - Red-breasted Teal

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- **Very Common: Gulls, Terns, Jaegers**
  - Black-billed Killdeer
  - Bonaparte’s Gull
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  - Wilson’s Storm Petrel
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- **Uncommon: Sandpipers**
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  - Long-billed Dowitcher
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- **Very Common: Common Loon**
  - Common Loon

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### Additional Information

- *Subspecies noted in the Watchlist, other subspecies are not.
- *Most Red-tailed Hawks are Harlan’s subspecies in this range.
- *Most Glaucous-winged and Herring Gulls are hybrids in this range.

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**STELLER’S JAY**

[Image of Steller’s Jay]