



## Kenai Peninsula Wildlife Viewing Trail Stop... Look... Listen... Enjoy the Wildlife

The Kenai Peninsula Wildlife Viewing Trail Guide is a tool to help you get the most out of your wildlife viewing adventure on the Kenai. It is a collection of 65 viewing sites located throughout the Peninsula. These sites encompass all of the Kenai's major wildlife habitats, and range from roadside platforms to backcountry trails. The Kenai Peninsula Wildlife Viewing Trail Guide is a great accompaniment to the Kenai Peninsula Tourism and Marketing Council's website at <http://www.kenaipeninsula.org>.



**Hot Spots on the Kenai Peninsula**

- Tern Lake - Arctic Tern nesting grounds
- Kenai National Wildlife Refuge Headquarters - Access to boreal and alpine species
- Kenai River Estuary - Over 120 species of birds, large gull colony, shorebird migration stop-over
- Homer and Gull Island - Red-faced Cormorants, Puffins, Aleutian Terns, Murrelets
- Seward and Chiswell Islands - Puffins, Auklets and pelagic species
- Hope - Palmer Creek Road for access to alpine species

### American Birding Association's PRINCIPLES OF BIRDING ETHICS

Everyone who enjoys birds and birding must respect wildlife, its environment, and the rights of others. In any conflict of interest between birds and birders, the welfare of the birds and their environment come first.

#### CODE OF BIRDING ETHICS

- Promote the welfare of birds and their environment.
- Respect the law, and the rights of others.
- Ensure that feeders, nest structures, and other artificial bird environments are safe.
- Group birding, whether organized or impromptu, requires special care.

Full text of the ABA Code of Birding Ethics may be found at [www.americanbirding.org](http://www.americanbirding.org).



If you see a bird that is not listed on this checklist, or is listed as "accidental" please call the Refuge at 262-7021 to report your sighting.

### Keen Eye Birders Bird Club

The Keen Eye Birders love birding. The mission of the group is to share collective knowledge and experience related to birds, to provide educational materials to those who desire it, and to promote greater interest and enjoyment in birding. Our membership ranges from the very young to seniors. We are non-political and just want to have fun in the outdoors. For more information please call 907-262-5218 or 907-262-9031.



Kenai Watershed Forum

### KENAI WATERSHED FORUM

*Working together for healthy watersheds on the Kenai Peninsula.*

The Kenai Watershed Forum is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to maintaining the health of our watersheds. KWF's focus area is the entire Kenai Peninsula. Research, Restoration, and Education are the three areas on which KWF concentrates their efforts.

#### Our Goals

- Maintain the health of the Kenai Peninsula watersheds
- Ensure quality of life for the community
- Seek solutions to local environmental and community issues
- Enhance and expand learning opportunities
- Improve understanding of the Kenai Peninsula watersheds

If you would like more information about KWF and it's programs or would like membership information, please visit our website at [www.kenaiwatershed.org](http://www.kenaiwatershed.org) or call 907-260-5449.

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# Flying Wild

over the Kenai Peninsula

## Bird Checklist



Kenai Watershed Forum  
Kenai National Wildlife Refuge  
Keen Eye Birders

The Kenai Peninsula is a wonderful place to visit and bird. The list below is provided for general reference and one must realize that the geographic size of the Peninsula combined with seasonal migration patterns make birds common at some times and areas and uncommon at others. Please use the references at the end of this list for more detailed information on timing and geographic availability.



**WATERFOWL**

- \_\_\_ U Greater White-fronted Goose
- \_\_\_ ER Emperor Goose
- \_\_\_ U Snow Goose
- \_\_\_ A Ross's Goose
- \_\_\_ R Brant
- \_\_\_ C Cackling Goose
- \_\_\_ C Canada Goose
- \_\_\_ C Trumpeter Swan
- \_\_\_ ER Tundra Swan
- \_\_\_ R Gadwall
- \_\_\_ R Eurasian Wigeon
- \_\_\_ C American Wigeon
- \_\_\_ C Mallard
- \_\_\_ ER Blue-winged Teal
- \_\_\_ A Cinnamon Teal
- \_\_\_ U Northern Shoveler
- \_\_\_ C Northern Pintail
- \_\_\_ C Green-winged Teal
- \_\_\_ R Canvasback
- \_\_\_ R Redhead
- \_\_\_ A Common Pochard
- \_\_\_ R Ring-necked Duck
- \_\_\_ A Tufted Duck
- \_\_\_ C Greater Scaup
- \_\_\_ R Lesser Scaup
- \_\_\_ R Steller's Eider
- \_\_\_ ER Spectacled Eider
- \_\_\_ R King Eider
- \_\_\_ ER Common Eider
- \_\_\_ U Harlequin Duck
- \_\_\_ U Surf Scoter
- \_\_\_ R White-winged Scoter
- \_\_\_ U Black Scoter
- \_\_\_ R Long-tailed Duck
- \_\_\_ U Bufflehead
- \_\_\_ C Common Goldeneye
- \_\_\_ C Barrow's Goldeneye
- \_\_\_ ER Hooded Merganser
- \_\_\_ C Common Merganser
- \_\_\_ U Red-breasted Merganser
- \_\_\_ A Ruddy Duck

**GALLINACEOUS BIRDS**

- \_\_\_ U Ring-necked Pheasant
- \_\_\_ R Ruffed Grouse
- \_\_\_ C Spruce Grouse
- \_\_\_ U Willow Ptarmigan
- \_\_\_ U Rock Ptarmigan
- \_\_\_ R White-tailed Ptarmigan
- \_\_\_ A Sharp-tailed Grouse

**LOONS**

- \_\_\_ U Red-throated Loon
- \_\_\_ U Pacific Loon
- \_\_\_ C Common Loon
- \_\_\_ ER Yellow-billed Loon

**GREBES**

- \_\_\_ A Pied-billed Grebe
- \_\_\_ C Horned Grebe
- \_\_\_ C Red-necked Grebe
- \_\_\_ A Eared Grebe
- \_\_\_ A Western Grebe

**ALBATROSSES**

- \_\_\_ ER Black-footed Albatross
- \_\_\_ ER Short-tailed Albatross

**TUBENOSES**

- \_\_\_ R Northern Fulmar
- \_\_\_ A Mottled Petrel
- \_\_\_ A Pink-footed Shearwater
- \_\_\_ A Flesh-footed Shearwater
- \_\_\_ U Sooty Shearwater
- \_\_\_ U Short-tailed Shearwater
- \_\_\_ A Manx Shearwater
- \_\_\_ U Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel
- \_\_\_ ER Leach's Storm-Petrel

**CORMORANTS**

- \_\_\_ A Brandt's Cormorant
- \_\_\_ C Double-crested Cormorant
- \_\_\_ U Red-faced Cormorant
- \_\_\_ C Pelagic Cormorant

**HERONS**

- \_\_\_ R Great Blue Heron

**EAGLES, HAWKS, AND FALCONS**

- \_\_\_ R Osprey
- \_\_\_ C Bald Eagle
- \_\_\_ C Northern Harrier
- \_\_\_ U Sharp-shinned Hawk
- \_\_\_ U Northern Goshawk
- \_\_\_ ER Swainson's Hawk
- \_\_\_ U Red-tailed Hawk
- \_\_\_ R Rough-legged Hawk
- \_\_\_ R Golden Eagle
- \_\_\_ ER American Kestrel
- \_\_\_ U Merlin
- \_\_\_ R Gyrfalcon
- \_\_\_ R Peregrine Falcon

**RAILS, COOTS AND CRANES**

- \_\_\_ ER American Coot
- \_\_\_ C Sandhill Crane

**PLOVERS**

- \_\_\_ U Black-bellied Plover
- \_\_\_ U American Golden-Plover
- \_\_\_ U Pacific Golden-Plover
- \_\_\_ U Semipalmated Plover
- \_\_\_ ER Killdeer

**OYSTERCATCHERS, STILTS AND AVOCETS**

- \_\_\_ U Black Oystercatcher

**SANDPIPERS**

- \_\_\_ C Spotted Sandpiper
- \_\_\_ R Solitary Sandpiper
- \_\_\_ A Gray-tailed Tattler
- \_\_\_ R Wandering Tattler
- \_\_\_ C Greater Yellowlegs
- \_\_\_ C Lesser Yellowlegs
- \_\_\_ A Upland Sandpiper
- \_\_\_ U Whimbrel
- \_\_\_ A Bristle-thighed Curlew
- \_\_\_ U Hudsonian Godwit
- \_\_\_ ER Bar-tailed Godwit
- \_\_\_ R Marbled Godwit
- \_\_\_ R Ruddy Turnstone
- \_\_\_ U Black Turnstone
- \_\_\_ R Surfbird
- \_\_\_ ER Red Knot
- \_\_\_ R Sanderling
- \_\_\_ R Semipalmated Sandpiper
- \_\_\_ U Western Sandpiper
- \_\_\_ A Red-necked Stint
- \_\_\_ A Temminck's Stint
- \_\_\_ C Least Sandpiper
- \_\_\_ A White-rumped Sandpiper
- \_\_\_ ER Baird's Sandpiper
- \_\_\_ U Pectoral Sandpiper
- \_\_\_ ER Sharp-tailed Sandpiper
- \_\_\_ R Rock Sandpiper
- \_\_\_ U Dunlin
- \_\_\_ A Stilt Sandpiper
- \_\_\_ A Buff-breasted Sandpiper
- \_\_\_ ER Ruff
- \_\_\_ C Short-billed Dowitcher
- \_\_\_ R Long-billed Dowitcher
- \_\_\_ C Wilson's Snipe
- \_\_\_ U Red-necked Phalarope
- \_\_\_ ER Red Phalarope

**GULLS AND TERNS**

- \_\_\_ C Black-legged Kittiwake
- \_\_\_ A Red-legged Kittiwake
- \_\_\_ A Ivory Gull
- \_\_\_ ER Sabine's Gull
- \_\_\_ C Bonaparte's Gull
- \_\_\_ A Black-headed Gull
- \_\_\_ A Ross's Gull
- \_\_\_ ER Franklin's Gull
- \_\_\_ A Black-tailed Gull
- \_\_\_ A Heermann's Gull
- \_\_\_ C Mew Gull
- \_\_\_ ER Ring-billed Gull
- \_\_\_ A Western Gull
- \_\_\_ A California Gull
- \_\_\_ C Herring Gull
- \_\_\_ ER Thayer's Gull
- \_\_\_ ER Iceland Gull
- \_\_\_ ER Slaty-backed Gull
- \_\_\_ C Glaucous-winged Gull
- \_\_\_ R Glaucous Gull
- \_\_\_ R Aleutian Tern
- \_\_\_ ER Caspian Tern
- \_\_\_ A White-winged Tern
- \_\_\_ C Arctic Tern

**SKUAS AND JAEGER**

- \_\_\_ A South Polar Skua
- \_\_\_ R Pomarine Jaeger
- \_\_\_ R Parasitic Jaeger
- \_\_\_ ER Long-tailed Jaeger

**AUKS, MURRES AND PUFFINS**

- \_\_\_ C Common Murre
- \_\_\_ R Thick-billed Murre
- \_\_\_ U Pigeon Guillemot
- \_\_\_ U Marbled Murrelet
- \_\_\_ U Kittlitz's Murrelet
- \_\_\_ R Ancient Murrelet
- \_\_\_ ER Cassin's Auklet

- \_\_\_ R Parakeet Auklet
- \_\_\_ A Whiskered Auklet
- \_\_\_ ER Crested Auklet
- \_\_\_ R Rhinoceros Auklet
- \_\_\_ U Horned Puffin
- \_\_\_ U Tufted Puffin

**DOVES**

- \_\_\_ ER Mourning Dove

**OWLS**

- \_\_\_ ER Western Screech-Owl
- \_\_\_ U Great Horned Owl
- \_\_\_ ER Snowy Owl
- \_\_\_ R Northern Hawk Owl
- \_\_\_ R Great Gray Owl
- \_\_\_ U Short-eared Owl
- \_\_\_ U Boreal Owl
- \_\_\_ U Northern Saw-whet Owl

**NIGHTHAWKS**

- \_\_\_ A Common Nighthawk

**HUMMINGBIRDS**

- \_\_\_ A Anna's Hummingbird
- \_\_\_ A Costa's Hummingbird
- \_\_\_ R Rufous Hummingbird

**KINGFISHERS**

- \_\_\_ C Belted Kingfisher

**WOODPECKERS**

- \_\_\_ ER Red-breasted Sapsucker
- \_\_\_ C Downy Woodpecker
- \_\_\_ C Hairy Woodpecker
- \_\_\_ C American Three-toed Woodpecker
- \_\_\_ R Black-backed Woodpecker
- \_\_\_ R Northern Flicker

**FLYCATCHERS**

- \_\_\_ U Olive-sided Flycatcher
- \_\_\_ U Western Wood-Pewee
- \_\_\_ C Alder Flycatcher
- \_\_\_ A Hammond's Flycatcher
- \_\_\_ R Say's Phoebe
- \_\_\_ A Western Kingbird

**SHRIKES**

- \_\_\_ U Northern Shrike

**JAYS, CROWS, AND RAVENS**

- \_\_\_ C Gray Jay
- \_\_\_ U Steller's Jay
- \_\_\_ C Black-billed Magpie
- \_\_\_ C Northwestern Crow
- \_\_\_ C Common Raven

**LARKS**

- \_\_\_ U Horned Lark

**SWALLOWS**

- \_\_\_ A Purple Martin
- \_\_\_ C Tree Swallow
- \_\_\_ C Violet-green Swallow
- \_\_\_ C Bank Swallow
- \_\_\_ U Cliff Swallow
- \_\_\_ ER Barn Swallow
- \_\_\_ A Common House-Martin

**CHICKADEES**

- \_\_\_ C Black-capped Chickadee
- \_\_\_ R Chestnut-backed Chickadee
- \_\_\_ C Boreal Chickadee

**CREEPERS, NUTHATCHES, WRENS AND DIPPERS**

- \_\_\_ U Red-breasted Nuthatch
- \_\_\_ U Brown Creeper
- \_\_\_ R Winter Wren
- \_\_\_ U American Dipper

**KINGLETS**

- \_\_\_ U Golden-crowned Kinglet
- \_\_\_ C Ruby-crowned Kinglet

**THRUSHES**

- \_\_\_ ER Northern Wheatear
- \_\_\_ A Mountain Bluebird
- \_\_\_ ER Townsend's Solitaire
- \_\_\_ U Gray-cheeked Thrush
- \_\_\_ C Swainson's Thrush
- \_\_\_ C Hermit Thrush
- \_\_\_ C American Robin
- \_\_\_ C Varied Thrush

**MIMICS, STARLINGS, ACCENTORS, AND WAGTAILS**

- \_\_\_ A Northern Mockingbird
- \_\_\_ R European Starling
- \_\_\_ A Siberian Accentor
- \_\_\_ A Eastern Yellow Wagtail
- \_\_\_ A White Wagtail
- \_\_\_ U American Pipit

**WAXWINGS**

- \_\_\_ U Bohemian Waxwing
- \_\_\_ ER Cedar Waxwing

**WARBLERS**

- \_\_\_ C Orange-crowned Warbler
- \_\_\_ U Yellow Warbler
- \_\_\_ C Yellow-rumped Warbler
- \_\_\_ C Townsend's Warbler
- \_\_\_ A Palm Warbler
- \_\_\_ R Blackpoll Warbler
- \_\_\_ A American Redstart
- \_\_\_ C Northern Waterthrush
- \_\_\_ A Common Yellowthroat
- \_\_\_ U Wilson's Warbler

**TANAGERS**

- \_\_\_ A Western Tanager

**SPARROWS, LONGSPURS AND BUNTINGS**

- \_\_\_ A Spotted Towhee
- \_\_\_ R American Tree Sparrow
- \_\_\_ A Chipping Sparrow
- \_\_\_ C Savannah Sparrow
- \_\_\_ C Fox Sparrow
- \_\_\_ R Song Sparrow
- \_\_\_ C Lincoln's Sparrow
- \_\_\_ ER White-throated Sparrow
- \_\_\_ ER Harris's Sparrow
- \_\_\_ C White-crowned Sparrow
- \_\_\_ C Golden-crowned Sparrow
- \_\_\_ C Dark-eyed Junco
- \_\_\_ U Lapland Longspur
- \_\_\_ A Rustic Bunting
- \_\_\_ U Snow Bunting
- \_\_\_ A McKay's Bunting

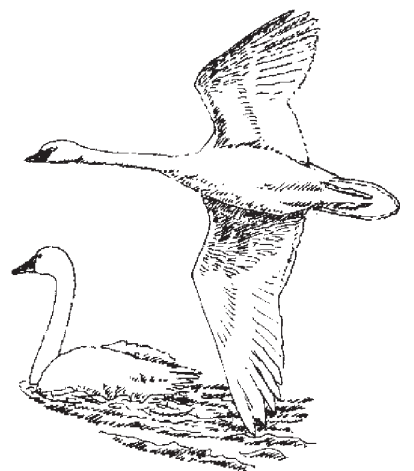
**BLACKBIRDS**

- \_\_\_ ER Red-winged Blackbird
- \_\_\_ A Yellow-headed Blackbird
- \_\_\_ R Rusty Blackbird
- \_\_\_ A Brown-headed Cowbird

**FINCHES**

- \_\_\_ A Brambling
- \_\_\_ R Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch
- \_\_\_ U Pine Grosbeak
- \_\_\_ ER Purple Finch
- \_\_\_ A Cassin's Finch
- \_\_\_ ER Red Crossbill
- \_\_\_ C White-winged Crossbill
- \_\_\_ C Common Redpoll
- \_\_\_ ER Hoary Redpoll
- \_\_\_ C Pine Siskin
- \_\_\_ A American Goldfinch

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U	=	uncommon
R	=	rare
ER	=	extremely rare
A	=	accidental



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