



## KEYS FOR THIS LIST

One of the following keys may be shown in brackets for individual species as appropriate: \* = heard only, I = introduced, E = endemic, N = nesting, a = austral migrant, b = boreal migrant

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## BIRDS

### Anatidae (Ducks, Geese, and Waterfowl)

- GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE** (*Anser albifrons*) – We saw the first individuals of this species on the Council Road in Nome. Later in the tour, we had more views in Barrow.
- SNOW GOOSE** (*Chen caerulescens*) – As expected, we saw this species around Barrow.
- BRANT (BLACK)** (*Branta bernicla nigricans*) – We came across our first birds at the Council Road in Nome and others in Barrow.
- CANADA GOOSE** (*Branta canadensis*) – We had this species in multiple locations, including a big flock swimming at Westchester Lagoon on our last afternoon in Anchorage.
- TRUMPETER SWAN** (*Cygnus buccinator*) – On our drive to Seward, we had great views of these birds.
- TUNDRA SWAN (WHISTLING)** (*Cygnus columbianus columbianus*) – And this species was seen around Nome and Barrow.
- GADWALL** (*Anas strepera*) – Seen in Nome and Barrow.
- AMERICAN WIGEON** (*Anas americana*) – Seen at various locations throughout the tour.
- MALLARD** (*Anas platyrhynchos*)
- NORTHERN SHOVELER** (*Anas clypeata*) – This is also another of the waterfowl species seen at different locations during the tour.
- NORTHERN PINTAIL** (*Anas acuta*) – Ditto.
- GREEN-WINGED TEAL (AMERICAN)** (*Anas crecca carolinensis*)
- GREATER SCAUP** (*Aythya marila*) – The only location where we did not come across these ducks was Seward.
- LESSER SCAUP** (*Aythya affinis*) – Its smaller cousin on the other hand is rarer at these latitudes, but we had excellent views around Westchester lagoon in Anchorage.
- STELLER'S EIDER** (*Polysticta stelleri*) – Barrow must be one of the best places in the world to see eiders, and we had great views of these ducks.
- SPECTACLED EIDER** (*Somateria fischeri*) – In Barrow, we had several encounters with these birds.
- KING EIDER** (*Somateria spectabilis*) – Ditto.
- COMMON EIDER (PACIFIC)** (*Somateria mollissima v-nigrum*) – Despite its name, this was the least common of the four eider species that occur in the area.
- HARLEQUIN DUCK** (*Histrionicus histrionicus*)
- BLACK SCOTER** (*Melanitta americana*)
- LONG-TAILED DUCK** (*Clangula hyemalis*)
- COMMON GOLDENEYE** (*Bucephala clangula*) – The only looks we got of this species were of a female on a pond by the highway during our drive to Seward.
- RED-BREASTED MERGANSER** (*Mergus serrator*)

### Phasianidae (Pheasants, Grouse, and Allies)

- WILLOW PTARMIGAN** (*Lagopus lagopus*) – During our trip to Nome, we came across some individuals, including a very close female on "The Curlew's" hill.
- ROCK PTARMIGAN** (*Lagopus muta*) – Our last day in Nome we drove along the Teller road looking for some species, and this one was on the list. At the quarry, under very bad light conditions, Neil's sharp eyes found a male that responded very well to Meege's tape. Needless to say, we had excellent views of it.

### Gaviidae (Loons)

- RED-THROATED LOON** (*Gavia stellata*) – This species was quite abundant and common around Nome.
- PACIFIC LOON** (*Gavia pacifica*) – This was the most common loon of the trip.
- COMMON LOON** (*Gavia immer*) – Not as "common" as the previous species. We saw them twice only -- once at Seward and then in Barrow.

### Podicipedidae (Grebes)

- RED-NECKED GREBE** (*Podiceps grisegena*) – Linda was the first to see one during the drive from Seward. The rest of us caught up with the species at Westchester lagoon.

### Procellariidae (Shearwaters and Petrels)

- SOOTY SHEARWATER** (*Puffinus griseus*) – During our glorious boat trip in Seward, we saw at least two birds flying by. But at one point, we had an individual sitting in the water, which allowed us to enjoy great looks.

### Phalacrocoracidae (Cormorants and Shags)

- DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT** (*Phalacrocorax auritus*) – Common on our boat trip.
- RED-FACED CORMORANT** (*Phalacrocorax urile*) – This one was seen well too, which was a nice surprise considering how hard they've been to find in the last few years.
- PELAGIC CORMORANT** (*Phalacrocorax pelagicus*) – Common on the rocky shorelines (and flying by) around Seward.

### Accipitridae (Hawks, Eagles, and Kites)

- GOLDEN EAGLE** (*Aquila chrysaetos*) – Surprisingly, we only saw this species once at Nome during our drive to the Coffee Dome.
- BALD EAGLE** (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) – Quite common. Perhaps the most dramatic sighting was at Westchester lagoon, when we saw them carrying some Mew Gull chicks and being chased by the adults.
- RED-TAILED HAWK (HARLAN'S)** (*Buteo jamaicensis harlani*) – Another species of raptor that we saw only once during the drive to Seward.
- ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK** (*Buteo lagopus*) – Seen around Nome everyday.





