

Yakutat Birds Checklist

DEFINITIONS OF TERMS AND SYMBOLS

SEASONS

Spring (Sp) – March through May

Summer (Su) – June and July

Fall (Fa) – August through November

Winter (Wi) – December through February

FREQUENCY CLASSIFICATION

C = Common: occurs in most suitable habitats during appropriate seasons, with certain species at times quite abundant.

F = Fairly common: occurs in some or most suitable habitats during appropriate seasons, but less abundant and fewer at times.

U = Uncommon: small numbers in suitable habitats and seasons; occasionally found.

R = Rare: either in very restricted habitat, or considered to occur most years in very small numbers; difficult to find.

X = Very Rare: includes Casual and Accidental; not observed most years but may be expected to recur.

P = Potential : species expected in range but inadequate surveying has been done, or incomplete records exist

– = Not expected in range and not recorded.

HABITAT

a = alpine, and open areas with little vegetation

c = mature coniferous forest

d = deciduous woodlands and shrub – cottonwood, alder and willow, forest gaps with blueberry

f = freshwater – includes lakes, ponds, rivers and streams.

m = marshes and wet meadows

s = saltwater – all inshore and offshore marine waters

t = tidelands – land subject to regular tidal inundations, includes sand, silt, pebble, and rock

u = developed areas, feeders

ABOUT THE CHECKLIST

Information compiled by Gwen Baluss based on the following sources:

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- ***Local birdwatchers, volunteers and biologists contributed unpublished observations.*** This is a work in progress and the list of species, as well as the relative abundance of species, is bound to change over time. ***Please help by reporting your observations.*** Questions can be addressed to the author via email: gwenbaluss@yahoo.com; phone inquiries to Yakutat Ranger District 907-784-3359. Input observations directly to ebird: <http://ebird.org/>