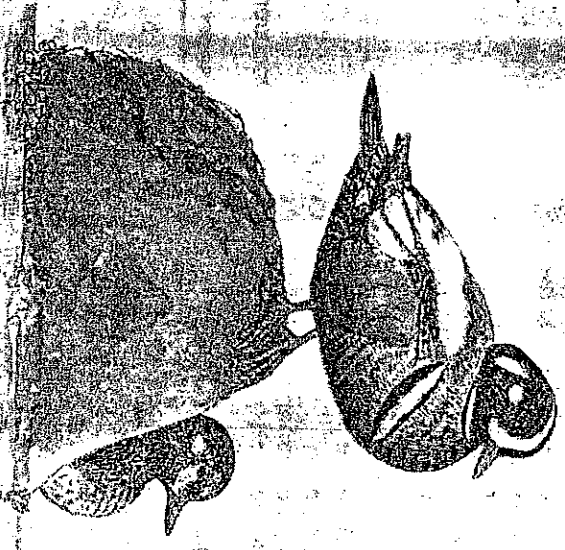


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Checklist of the Birds  
of  
**Mitkof Island**  
Southeast Alaska



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Located off the mouth of the Slikina River, in central southeast Alaska, Mitkof Island offers some of the best bird-watching in the region. Over 230 species of birds have been recorded on the 211 sq. mile island. The extensive road system allows the birder to visit a variety of habitats and enjoy a challenging and rewarding experience.

Please document and report any casual, accidental, or unsubstantiated species or species not on this list to Peter Walsh, Box 794, Petersburg, AK 99833 or Daniel D. Gibson, University of Alaska Museum, 907 Yukon Drive, Fairbanks, AK 99775.

Thank-you!

**Seasons**

Winter - Dec., Jan., Feb.  
Spring - March, Apr., May  
Summer - June and July  
Fall - Aug, Sept., Oct., Nov.

**Abundance**  
R - Rare  
+ - Casual  
X - Accidental  
- - No Known Occurrence  
U - Uncommon  
b - Probable breeder

B - Breeder

Species	W	SP	S	F
Loons				
Red-throated Loon	b	U	F	U
Pacific Loon		F	U	U
Common Loon		F	U	U
Yellow-billed Loon	b	U	R	U
GREBES				
Pied-billed Grebe		U	F	F
Horned Grebe		U	F	F
Red-necked Grebe		U	F	U
Western Grebe		F	C	U
STORM-PETRELS				
Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel				
PELICANS				
American White Pelican		X	X	
CORMORANTS				
Double-crested Cormorant		U	F	R
Pacific Cormorant		F	F	F
HERONS				
Great Blue Heron		U	U	U
Cattle Egret				
WATERFOWL				
Tundra Swallow		U	R	F
Trumpeter Swallow		F	F	F
Greater White-fronted Goose		R	R	R
Snow Goose				
Bronx				
Canada Goose		b	C	A
Wood Duck				
Green-winged Teal		B	F	F

Species	W	SP	S	F
Mallard		B	C	
Northern Pintail		U		
Blue-winged Teal		R	R	
Cinnamon Teal		U	U	
Northern Shoveler		U	U	
Godwit		U	R	
Eurasian Wigeon		R	F	
American Wigeon		F	R	
Canvasback				
Redhead				
Ring-necked Duck				
Tufted Duck		X		
Greater Scaup		F		
Lesser Scaup		U		
King Eider		X		
Sheller's Eider				
Harlequin Duck		F		
Oldsquaw		A		
Black Scoter		F		
Surf Scoter		C		
White-winged Scoter		C		
Common Goldeneye		F		
Barrow's Goldeneye		F		
Bufflehead		C		
Hooded Merganser		U		
Common Merganser		B		
Red-breasted Merganser		F		
Ruddy Duck				
HAWKS, EAGLES				
Osprey		b		
Bald Eagle		B		
Northern Harrier		R		
Sharp-shinned Hawk		b		
Northern Goshawk		b		
Red-tailed Hawk		b		
Rough-legged Hawk				
Golden Eagle				
FALCONS				
American Kestrel				
Merlin		b		
Peregrine Falcon				
GREOUSE PTARMIGAN				
Spruce Grouse		X		
Blue Grouse		U		
Willow Ptarmigan		R		
Rock Ptarmigan		R		
RAILS, COOTS				
Sora		b		
American Coot		R		
CRANES				
Sandhill Crane		X		
PELOVERS				
Black-bellied Plover				
American Golden Plover				
Pacific Golden Plover				
Semipalmated Plover				
Killdeer		R		
SANDPIPERS				
Greater Yellowlegs		b		
Lesser Yellowlegs				
Solitary Sandpiper		b		
Wandering Tattler				
Spotted Sandpiper		B		
Whimbrel				
Hudsonian Godwit				
Ruddy Turnstone				
Black Turnstone				

Species	W	SP	S	F
Sunbird		R	R	
Red Knot				
Sanderling				
Semipalmated Sandpiper				
Western Sandpiper				
Least Sandpiper				
Baird's Sandpiper				
Pectoral Sandpiper				
Sharp-tailed Sandpiper				
Rock Sandpiper				
Dunlin				
Buff-breasted Sandpiper				
Short-billed Dowitcher				
Long-billed Dowitcher				
Common Snipe				
Wilson's Phalarope				
Red-necked Phalarope				
JAEGERS, GULLS, TERNS				
Pomarine Jaeger				
Parasitic Jaeger				
Franklin's Gull				
Bonaparte's Gull				
Mew Gull				
Ring-billed Gull				
California Gull				
Herring Gull				
Iceland Gull				
Glaucous-winged Gull				
Glaucous Gull				
Black-legged Kittiwake				
Sadbe's Gull				
Caspian Tern				
Arctic Tern				
ALCIDS				
Common Murre				
Pigeon Guillemot				
Mottled Murrelet				
Ancient Murrelet				
PIGEONS, DOVES				
Rock Dove				
Band-tailed Pigeon				
Mourning Dove				
OWLS				
Western Screech-Owl				
Great Horned Owl				
Snowy Owl				
Northern Hawk-Owl				
Northern Pygmy-Owl				
Barn Owl				
Short-eared Owl				
Northern Saw-whet Owl				
NIGHTHAWKS				
Common Nighthawk				
SWIFTS				
Black Swift				
Vaux's Swift				
HUMMINGBIRDS				
Aurora's Hummingbird				
Rufous Hummingbird				
KINGFISHERS				
Belted Kingfisher				
WOODPECKERS				
Red-breasted Sapsucker				
Downy Woodpecker				
Hairy Woodpecker				
Three-toed Woodpecker				
Northern Flicker				

Species	V	F	C	U	R
<b>FLYCATCHERS</b>					
Olive-sided Flycatcher	b	-	R	U	R
Western Wood-Pewee	-	-	R	U	R
Alder Flycatcher	b	-	-	U	+
Least Flycatcher	-	-	-	+	-
Hammond's Flycatcher	-	-	-	+	-
Pacific-slope Flycatcher	b	-	U	F	U
Eastern Kingbird	-	-	-	+	-
<b>LARKS</b>					
Horned Lark	-	-	+	-	+
<b>SWALLOWS</b>					
Tree Swallow	B	-	F	F	R
Violet-green Swallow	B	-	U	+	+
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	-	-	+	+	-
Bank Swallow	-	-	+	+	R
Cliff Swallow	-	-	R	+	F
Barn Swallow	B	-	U	F	F
<b>CORVIDS</b>					
Stellar's Jay	B	-	U	F	F
Black-billed Magpie	-	-	R	C	R
Northwestern Crow	B	-	C	C	C
Common Raven	B	-	F	F	F
<b>CHICKADEES</b>					
Black-capped Chickadee	-	-	-	-	+
Mountain Chickadee	-	-	-	-	+
Boreal Chickadee	-	-	-	-	+
Chestnut-backed Chickadee	B	-	F	F	F
<b>NUTHATCHES</b>					
Red-breasted Nuthatch	b	-	+	R	R
<b>CREEPERS</b>					
Brown Creeper	b	-	R	R	U
<b>WRENS</b>					
Winter Wren	b	-	U	F	F
<b>DIPPERS</b>					
American Dipper	b	-	U	R	J
<b>KINGLETS, THRUSHES</b>					
Golden-crowned Kinglet	b	-	U	F	F
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	b	-	R	F	U
Mountain Bluebird	-	-	+	-	+
Townsend's Solitaire	-	-	-	R	F
Swainson's Thrush	B	-	-	R	F
Hemlock Thrush	B	-	+	U	F
Dusky Thrush	-	-	-	F	F
American Robin	B	-	R	F	F
<b>MIMIC-THRUSHES</b>					
Varied Thrush	B	-	R	F	F
<b>WAISTALS, PIPITS</b>					
Northern Mockingbird	-	-	-	-	X
American Pipit	b	-	+	F	R
<b>WARBLERS</b>					
Bohemian Waxwing	-	-	R	+	+
Cedar Waxwing	B	-	+	U	U
<b>SHRIKES</b>					
No-them Shrike	-	-	+	-	R
<b>STARLINGS</b>					
European Starling	B	-	U	U	U
<b>VIREOS</b>					
Warbling Vireo	b	-	R	R	R
Red-eyed Vireo	-	-	+	-	-
<b>WARBLERS</b>					
Tennessee Warbler	-	-	+	+	-
Orange-crowned Warbler	b	-	+	F	F
Yellow Warbler	b	-	R	R	U
Magnolia Warbler	-	-	U	U	+
Yellow-rumped Warbler	b	-	U	U	U
Townsend's Warbler	b	-	U	U	U
American Redstart	-	-	-	-	+

<b>NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH</b>					
Northern Waterthrush	-	-	+	+	+
MacGillivray's Warbler	b	-	R	U	F
Common Yellowthroat	b	-	R	U	F
Wilson's Warbler	b	-	R	U	U
<b>TANAGERS</b>					
Western Tanager	b	-	R	R	R
<b>SPARROWS, BUNTINGS</b>					
Blue Grosbeak	-	-	-	-	X
American Tree Sparrow	B	-	R	R	+
Chipping Sparrow	B	-	U	U	+
Savannah Sparrow	b	-	U	U	F
Fox Sparrow	B	-	R	U	F
Song Sparrow	B	-	U	F	F
Lincoln's Sparrow	b	-	U	F	F
Swamp Sparrow	-	-	+	+	+
Golden-crowned Sparrow	-	-	+	+	+
White-crowned Sparrow	-	-	R	R	+
Harris Sparrow	-	-	R	R	+
Dark-eyed Junco	B	-	F	F	F
Lapland Longspur	-	-	+	+	+
Ruslic Bunting	-	-	-	-	X
Snow Bunting	-	-	R	-	R
<b>BLACKBIRDS</b>					
Red-winged Blackbird	b	-	U	U	U
Rusty Blackbird	b	-	R	R	U
Brewer's Blackbird	-	-	+	+	+
Brown-headed Cowbird	b	-	R	+	R
<b>FINCHES</b>					
Brambling	-	-	+	-	+
Rosy Finch	-	-	R	R	U
Pine Grosbeak	b	-	+	+	U
Purple Finch	-	-	+	+	+
Red Crossbill	b	-	U	R	U
White-winged Crossbill	b	-	U	R	U
Common Redpoll	-	-	U	-	R
Hairy Redpoll	b	-	F	-	X
Pine Siskin	-	-	F	-	F
Eurasian Bullfinch	-	-	F	-	F
Evening Grosbeak	-	-	-	-	-
<b>OLD WORLD SPARROWS</b>					
House Sparrow	-	-	-	-	X
<b>UNSUBSTANTIATED</b>					
Common Elder	-	-	-	-	-
Swainson's Hawk	-	-	-	-	-
Gyrfalcon	-	-	-	-	-
Great Grey Owl	-	-	-	-	-
Cerulean Hummingbird	-	-	-	-	-
Black-throated Grey Warbler	-	-	-	-	-
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	-	-	-	-	-
Black-headed Grosbeak	-	-	-	-	-
Northern Oriole	-	-	-	-	-

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Species: \_\_\_\_\_

Observers: \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

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