

The Bering Sea & Aleutians Trip List



Short-tailed Albatross *Phoebastria albatrus* © by Tom Horner, August 2005

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Annotated Bird List

1. Cackling Goose *Branta hutchinsii*
around Anchorage and on Adak Island.
2. Gadwall *Anas strepera*
around Anchorage.
3. American Wigeon *Anas americana*
around Anchorage, on Chignick Island, and St. Paul.
4. Mallard *Anas platyrhynchos*
around Anchorage and on Attu Island.
5. Northern Shoveler *Anas clypeata*
around Anchorage.
6. Northern Pintail *Anas acuta*
on St. Paul Island and Attu Island.
7. Green-winged Teal (Eurasian race) *Anas crecca*
on St. Paul Island and Attu Island.
8. Greater Scaup *Aythya marila*
on Attu Island.
9. Lesser Scaup *Aythya affinis*
around Anchorage
10. King Eider *Somateria spectabilis*
on St. George Island and Attu Island
11. Common Eider *Somateria mollissima*
on the Baby, Adak, Kiska and Attu islands.
12. Harlequin Duck *Histrionicus histrionicus*
seen on 7 different days, sometimes in great numbers, but most had molted their flight feathers so could not fly away from us. Only one male was still in breeding plumage.
13. White-winged Scoter *Melanitta fusca*
was only seen while looking for brown bears on inlets in Geographic Bay.
14. Surf Scoter *Melanitta perspicillata*
was a surprise on the lake in Anchorage.
15. Long-tailed Duck *Clangula hyemalis*
on St. Paul Island.
16. Barrow's Goldeneye *Bucephala islandica*
group of five in Geographic Bay.
17. Common Merganser *Mergus merganser*
in Geographic Bay while looking at bears.
18. Red-breasted Merganser *Mergus serrator*
in the Baby Islands.
19. Rock Ptarmigan *Lagopus muta*
seen on Kiska Island.
20. Red-throated Loon *Gavia stellata*
on Attu Island and Zhupanova River Mouth.

21. Pacific Loon *Gavia pacifica*
on Dutch Harbor.
22. Common Loon *Gavia immer*
on first day drive to ship and at Attu Island.
23. Red-necked Grebe *Podiceps grisegena*
many on lake in Anchorage...some on nests.
24. Laysan Albatross *Phoebastria immutabilis*
seen on five different days; most times between Adak, Kiska and Attu Islands.
25. Black-footed Albatross *Phoebastria nigripes*
seen on only three days and always few in number.
26. **Short-tailed Albatross** *Phoebastria albatrus*
a major target bird for the tour with one adult seen between Adak and Kiska Islands.
27. Northern Fulmar *Fulmarus glacialis*
was a very common species seen on 11 tour days.
28. **Mottled Petrel** *Pterodroma inexpectata*
was another target bird, but the numbers seen between St. Paul and Adak Islands were astonishing. Paul Sykes calculated that he personally saw about 300+.
29. Sooty Shearwater *Puffinus griseus*
was very common and seen on 8 tour days.
30. Short-tailed Shearwater *Puffinus tenuirostris*
was even more common and seen on 9 tour days.
31. Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel *Oceanodroma furcata*
fairly common, seen on 7 days with over 100 between the Baby and St. Paul Islands.
32. Leach's Storm-Petrel *Oceanodroma leucorhoa*
very uncommon with a few seen only on three days.
33. Double-crested Cormorant *Phalacrocorax auritus*
several seen in Geographic Harbor.
34. Red-faced Cormorant *Phalacrocorax urile*
was seen on nine different days.
35. Pelagic Cormorant *Phalacrocorax pelagicus*
very common and seen on almost every day of the cruise.
36. Bald Eagle *Haliaeetus leucocephalus*
very common species seen on 8 days.
37. **Steller's Sea-Eagle** *Haliaeetus pelagicus*
fantastic looks at adults and juveniles of this spectacular eagle at the Zhupanova River Mouth and several miles upriver.
38. Rough-legged Hawk *Buteo lagopus*
one seen only on the first day on the drive to board Clipper Odyssey.
39. Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus*
seen on only 3 days, but very well when they circled the Clipper Odyssey.
40. Sandhill Crane *Grus canadensis*
only seen on Unga Island.

41. Golden-Plover *Pluvialis dominica*
one glimpsed on St. George Island was not seen well enough to identify to species, but Paul identified eight of this species flying by the ship.
42. Semipalmated Plover *Charadrius semipalmatus*
a few individuals seen on 3 days.
43. Black Oystercatcher *Haematopus bachmani*
uncommon even though seen on 6 days.
44. **Terek Sandpiper** *Tringa brevipes*
one found on Attu Island by Paul and Larry and seen by four other participants.
45. **Common Sandpiper** *Actitis hypoleucos*
one seen on mudbank along the Zhupanova River
46. Solitary Sandpiper *Tringa solitaria*
one seen only in marshy area near underpass to shore in Anchorage.
47. **Gray-tailed Tattler** *Tringa brevipes*
very rare, only one seen by all of us on St. Paul Island.
48. Wandering Tattler *Tringa incana*
uncommon, but seen on 6 of our days.
49. Greater Yellowlegs *Tringa melanolueca*
one seen at the large pond in Anchorage.
50. **Common Greenshank** *Tringa nebularia*
one seen on mudflat of the Zhupanova River.
51. Lesser Yellowlegs *Tringa flavipes*
seen only on first day from Anchorage to the cruise ship.
52. Far Eastern Curlew *Numenius madagascariensis*
one on mudflats of the Zhupanova River.
53. Hudsonian Godwit *Limosa haemastica*
seen only the first day on the shoreline near the pond in Anchorage.
54. Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres*
seen only on Baby, St. George and St. Paul Islands.
55. **Red-necked Stint** *Calidris ruficollis*
two found by Paul and Larry on Attu Island but only one seen by all still with me and five seen on the shoreline of the Zhupanova River Mouth.
56. **Long-toed Stint** *Calidris subminuta*
one found by Paul and Larry on Attu Island and seen by all still with me.
57. Least Sandpiper *Calidris minutilla*
uncommon and only seen in Geographic Harbor and Unga Island
58. **Pectoral Sandpiper** *Calidris melanotos*
rare, seen only on St. George and St. Paul Islands.
59. Rock Sandpiper *Calidris ptilocnemis*
common on Baby, St. George and St. Paul Islands but also seen on Attu Island.
60. Short-billed Dowitcher *Limnodromus griseus*
many seen on shoreline near large lake in Anchorage.

61. **Common Snipe** *Gallinago gallinago*
seen by few as it flew past ship between St. Paul and Adak Islands.
62. Red-necked Phalarope *Phalaropus lobatus*
sometimes in flocks of dozens around Baby, St. Paul and St. George Islands.
63. Red Phalarope *Phalaropus fulicarius*
very uncommon around Baby, St. Paul and St. George Islands.
64. Black-legged Kittiwake *Rissa tridactyla*
abundant and seen on all but one day.
65. **Red-legged Kittiwake** *Rissa brevirostris*
uncommon, with most seen from St. Paul to Kiska Islands.
66. Sabine's Gull *Xema sabini*
only one individual seen by a few of you on way to Chignik Bay.
67. Bonaparte's Gull *Chroicocephalus philadelphia*
only seen on first day from Anchorage to the Clipper Odyssey.
68. Black-headed Gull *Chroicocephalus ridibundus*
uncommon with only a few seen on way to docking at Petropavlovsk.
69. **Mew Gull (Kamchatka)** *Larus canus kamtschatschensis*
several on mudflats at the Mouth of the Zhupanova River. Some believe this is a separate species from our Mew Gull so consider it a "banked bird".
70. Mew Gull (American) *Larus canus brachyrhynchus*
uncommon around Anchorage and in Geographic Harbor.
71. Herring Gull (American) *Larus argentatus smithsonianus*
common around Anchorage and seen on 3 other days.
72. **Slaty-backed Gull** *Larus schistisagus*
only seen on the way to docking at Petropavlovsk.
73. Glaucous-winged Gull *Larus glaucescens*
very common gull seen on all but two days of the cruise.
74. **Glaucous Gull** *Larus hyperboreus*
a single individual seen by all of us on St. Paul Island.
75. **Aleutian Tern** *Onychoprion aleuticus*
rare species with only a few seen on Adak and Attu Islands.
76. Common Tern *Sterna hirundo*
several seen on mudflats at the Zhupanova River Mouth.
77. Arctic Tern *Sterna paradisaea*
uncommon tern only seen on 4 days of the cruise.
78. Pomarine Jaeger *Stercorarius pomarinus*
rare, only seen at sea between between St. Paul and Adak Islands
79. Parasitic Jaeger *Stercorarius parasiticus*
seen on 5 days but in small numbers.
80. Long-tailed Jaeger *Stercorarius longicaudus*
rare, only seen at sea between between St. Paul and Adak Islands
81. Common Murre *Uria aalge*
very common and seen on all but one day of cruise.

82. Thick-billed Murre *Uria lomvia*
common, seen on 10 days of cruise, sometimes next to Common Murre.
83. Pigeon Guillemot *Cephus columba*
Common species seen on 11 days.
84. Marbled Murrelet *Brachyramphus marmoratus*
uncommon, seen in very small numbers of six cruise days.
85. **Kittlitz's Murrelet** *Brachyramphus brevirostris*
rare, but one perfect individual seen by all of us in Geographic Harbor.
86. Ancient Murrelet *Synthliboramphus antiquus*
rare but a few individuals seen on 5 cruise days.
87. Cassin's Auklet *Ptychoramphus aleuticus*
only a few individuals seen in Semidi and Unga Islands.
88. **Parakeet Auklet** *Aethia psittacula*
uncommon, but a specialty species seen on 7 cruise days.
89. **Least Auklet** *Aethia pusilla*
very common on some islands, seen on 6 cruise days.
90. **Whiskered Auklet** *Aethia pygmaea*
common in Baby Islands, but always difficult to see well or photograph.
91. **Crested Auklet** *Aethia cristatella*
very common on some islands and seen on 4 cruise days.
92. Rhinoceros Auklet *Cerorhinca monocerata*
rare in waters we visited. Only seen by a few of you in Semidi Islands.
93. Horned Puffin *Fratercula corniculata*
gorgeous, but very common and only missed on 1 cruise day.
94. Tufted Puffin *Fratercula cirrhata*
very common, fabulous bird seen on all but 2 cruise days...
95. Rock Pigeon (I) *Columba livia*
introduced species seen in towns on first and last days of the tour.
96. Belted Kingfisher *Megaceryle alcyon*
individuals only seen on Unga Island and at Dutch Harbor.
97. Hairy Woodpecker *Picoides villosus*
one heard along forest trail at Kodiak Island.
98. American Three-toed Woodpecker *Picoides dorsalis*
one seen by most of us along forest trail at Kodiak Island.
99. Northern Shrike *Lanius excubitor*
big surprise bird seen by all in Geographic Harbor.
100. **Eurasian Magpie** *Nucifraga caryocatactes*
one seen in forest at Sergey's place in Petropavlovsk.
101. Black-billed Magpie *Pica hudsonia*
uncommon but seen on all first 5 days of the cruise.
102. Northwestern Crow *Corvus caurinus*
uncommon but seen on all 3 first days of the cruise.

103. **Carrion Crow** *Corvus corone*
only seen in Petropavlovsk and the Zhupanova River area.
104. Common Raven *Corvus corax*
seen on 9 days of the tour.
105. **Sky Lark** *Alauda arvensis*
several seen flying up from the ground and flying away from us.
106. Tree Swallow *Tachycineta bicolor*
rare on this cruise, only seen on Semidi Islands.
107. Violet-green Swallow *Tachycineta thalassina*
only seen on first day from Anchorage to the cruise ship.
108. Bank Swallow *Riparia riparia*
a few seen on Unga, Baby, and St. Paul Islands.
109. Barn Swallow *Hirundo rustica*
one seen on Semidi Islands.
110. **Willow Tit** *Poecile montana*
several seen at Sergey's place outside of Petropavlovsk.
111. Black-capped Chickadee *Poecile atricapillus*
a few seen the first 2 days of the tour.
112. **Eurasian Nuthatch** *Sitta europaea*
two seen at Sergey's place outside of Petropavlovsk and the Zhupanova River.
113. Red-breasted Nuthatch *Sitta canadensis*
heard in forest on Kodiak Island.
114. Pacific Wren [split from eastern Winter Wren] *Troglodytes pacificus*
uncommon, but seen or heard on 6 days.
115. Golden-crowned Kinglet *Regulus satrapa*
a few seen along the forest trail at Kodiak Island.
116. Ruby-crowned Kinglet *Regulus calendula*
a few seen around the lake in Anchorage.
117. Arctic Warbler *Phylloscopus borealis*
a few grungy ones seen in forest by Sergey's place in Petropavlovsk.
118. **Middendorff's Grasshopper-Warbler** *Locustella ochotensis*
many of these in the vegetated area at the Zhupanova River Mouth.
119. **Taiga Flycatcher** *Ficedula albicilla*
seen from Mark's Zodiac on the Zhupanova River.
120. **Siberian Rubythroat** *Luscinia calliope*
beautiful pair in the vegetated area of the Zhupanova River Mouth.
121. Hermit Thrush *Catharus guttatus*
several seen on 4 of the 5 first days.
122. American Robin *Turdus migratorius*
a few seen on Kodiak Island.
123. Varied Thrush *Ixoreus naevius*
several heard and one seen on trails at Kodiak Island.

124. **Eastern Yellow Wagtail** *Motacilla tschutschensis*
a few seen at the Zhupanova River Mouth.
125. **White (*Black-backed) Wagtail** *Motacilla alba lugens*
several at the Zhupanova River Mouth and also upriver.
126. **Olive-backed Pipit** *Anthus hodgsoni*
several seen, one for 5 minutes in the scope, at Sergey's in Petropavlovsk.
127. **Pechora Pipit** *Anthus gustavi*
two on shoreline at Zhupanova River Mouth.
128. American Pipit *Anthus rubescens*
a few seen on Semidi, Unga and Baby Islands.
129. Orange-crowned Warbler *Vermivora celata*
a few seen on first two days of the tour.
130. Yellow Warbler *Dendroica petechia*
a few seen on the first and fourth day of the tour.
131. Wilson's Warbler *Wilsonia pusilla*
a few seen on tour days 2-4.
132. Savannah Sparrow *Passerculus sandwichensis*
a few seen on Semidi and Unga Islands and Dutch Harbor.
133. Fox Sparrow [**Sooty group**] *Passerella iliaca*
It is possible that Fox Sparrow will soon be split into four species. The ones we saw on this tour would fall into the "Sooty Fox Sparrow" group. We saw several individuals of this race on five of the first six tour days.
134. Song Sparrow *Melospiza melodia*
seen on 5 days, but most notable was the huge ones seen on Attu Island that are almost as big as Fox Sparrows.
135. White-crowned Sparrow *Zonotrichia leucophrys*
one heard in dense grasses along shore in Geographic Bay.
136. Golden-crowned Sparrow *Zonotrichia atricapilla*
several seen on three days, with scope views on Unga Island.
137. Lapland Longspur *Calcarius lapponicus*
common on many of the islands visited on 7 tour days.
138. **Rustic Bunting** *Emberiza rustica*
one pair finally seen well by all in forest near Sergey's place, Petropavlovsk and a few on the Zhupanova River.
139. **Yellow-breasted Bunting** *Emberiza aureola*
one seen from my Zodiac on the Zhupanova River.
140. Snow Bunting *Plectrophenax nivalis*
a few in Dutch Harbor and on St. Paul Island.
141. Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch *Leucosticte tephrocotis*
common on some of the islands visited on 7 tour days.
142. Pine Grosbeak *Pinicola enucleator*
a few only on Semidi and Unga Islands.

143. **Common Rosefinch** *Carpodacus erythrinus*
half a dozen in the vegetation at the Zhupanova River Mouth.
144. Red Crossbill *Loxia curvirostra*
a few seen on Kodiak Island.
145. Common Redpoll *Acanthis flammea*
one heard in Geographic Harbor and one seen on Unga Island.
146. Pine Siskin *Spinus pinus*
a few on Kodiak and Unga Islands.
147. **Oriental Greenfinch** *Chloris sinica*
several dozen in the vegetation at the Zhupanova River Mouth and also upriver.
148. Eurasian Tree Sparrow *Passer montanus*
common in Petropavlovsk.