ALASKA TOUR 2014

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Areas Birded: Anchorage, Homer. Seward, Nome, Barrow, Denali National Park, Denali Highway

1. Greater White-fronted Goose a few flocks were seen in Barrow
2. Snow Goose just a few seen in Barrow
3. Brant nice flocks in Homer and Nome
4. Cackling Goose good looks on the road to Teller
5. Canada Goose seen well in Anchorage
6. Trumpeter Swan on the nest at Tern Lake and Nash Road
7. Tundra Swan many were seen on the Council Road past Safety Lagoon
8. Gadwall a few seen with an unusual sighting of one in Barrow
9. Eurasian Wigeon a lone male in with American Wigeon past Safety Lagoon
10. American Wigeon quite a few seen in many locations
11. Mallard not many of this specie that is so common in the lower 48
12. Northern Shoveler not many
13. Northern Pintail seen in many locations
14. Green-winged Teal seen in a quite a few locations though never in big numbers
15. Canvasback just a few on the Council Road
16. Ring-necked Duck one or two only
17. Greater Scaup a lot and studied well at Westchester Lagoon
18. Lesser Scaup very few but studied well at Westchester Lagoon
19. Steller’s Eider a few pairs seen well especially in the Dry Lake area
20. Spectacled Eider a male in the Nome Harbor and a nearby pair on the Bering Sea
21. King Eider a pair seen well on Dry Lake
22. Common Eider many seen well on Safety Lagoon and the Bering Sea
23. Harlequin Duck great looks especially of the 8 at the Elmendorf Fish Hatchery
24. Surf Scoter several flocks seen in several locations
25. White-winged Scoter not many seen at all
26. Black Scoter a pair was seen well on Salmon Lake
27. Long-tailed Duck many seen in Nome and Barrow
28. Bufflehead not many of this handsome bird
29. Common Goldeneye mother with young seen on the Parks Road
30. Barrow’s Goldeneye a few nice males seen
31. Common Merganser one was on the pond by hotel in Seward and one elsewhere
32. Red-breasted Merganser not many
33. Willow Ptarmigan the state bird was seen a few times on the Kougarok Road
34. Rock Ptarmigan one near the Coffee Dome area and another at Denali NP
35. Red-throated Loon many on small ponds along the three roads out of Nome
36. Arctic Loon two close pairs on the Bering Sea past Safety Lagoon
37. Pacific Loon great looks at a pair on the road to Teller and elsewhere
38. Common Loon quite a few with some on the nest
39. Yellow-billed Loon a lone winter plumaged bird on Kachemak Bay with Karl
40. Red-necked Grebe seen well in many locations
41. Double-crested Cormorant not a lot but could compare to pelagics
42. Pelagic Cormorant quite a few of this long necked specie
43. Bald Eagle seen in many locations and showing well
44. Northern Harrier a lone male on the Kougarok Road
45. Sharp-shinned Hawk two flybys
46. Red-tailed Hawk about three of four sightings of soaring birds
47. Rough-legged Hawk just a few in the air and on the nest
48. Golden Eagle all soaring pretty high
49. Merlin two sightings of this fierce little raptor
50. Sandhill Crane a lot on the Council Road and elsewhere
51. American Golden-Plover quite a few near the roads outside of Nome
52. Pacific-Golden-Plover just two sightings of this fine looking bird
53. Semipalmated Plover seen in several locations and seen once or twice displaying
54. Greater Yellowlegs just a few
55. Lesser Yellowlegs nice looks at quite a few on spruce treetops
56. Solitary Sandpiper a few seen well at ponds along the Richardson Highway
57. Wandering Tattler great looks at a lone bird on the shore of Salmon Lake
58. Spotted Sandpiper seen in several locations showing its spots
59. Whimbrel a few seen well
60. Bristle-thighed Curlew two distant birds at MP 72 on the Kougarok after a tough hike
61. Bar-tailed Godwit only two birds on the Council Road
62. Rock Sandpiper a surprise find in the high arctic tundra off the Teller Road
63. Red Knot one bird in the high arctic tundra off the Teller Road
64. Sanderling one or two off of Cake Eater Road in Barrow
65. Semipalmated Sandpiper a lot and displaying nicely
66. Western Sandpiper a lot with and plenty showing their rufous cheeks
67. **Red-necked Stint** missed in Nome but seen well in Barrow
68. White-rumped Sandpiper one or two of this long tailed specie off Cake Eater Road
69. Baird’s Sandpiper one or two of this long tailed specie off Cake Eater Road
70. Pectoral Sandpiper a lot displaying and vocalizing at Barrow
71. Dunlin several of this handsome bird at Nome and Barrow
72. Long-billed Dowitcher a small flock right along Cake Eater one evening
73. Wilson’s Snipe many more heard overhead than seen on ground
74. Red-necked Phalarope many seen well and seen phalaroping in Nome and Barrow
75. Red Phalarope many seen well and seen phalaroping in Barrow
76. Pomarine Jaeger seen well in Barrow eating a Red Phalarope
77. Parasitic Jaeger seen well in Nome
78. Long-tailed Jaeger this graceful flyer was seen well along the roads Nome
79. Bonaparte’s Gull not many but seen well especially at Hood Lake in Anchorage
80. Mew Gull all over
81. Herring Gull a few mixed in with other gulls
82. Glaucous-winged Gull a lot of this big bird at Homer and Seward
83. Glaucous Gull a lot of this big bird at Nome and Barrow
84. Sabine’s Gull great looks and photos of five birds near Freshwater Lake
85. Black-legged Kittiwake many seen well at Homer and the Chiswell Islands
86. Arctic Tern all over
87. Aleutian Tern stunning view of one bird on flotsam in Kachemak Bay
88. Common Murre thousands from the balconies of Land’s End Hotel in Homer
89. Pigeon Guillemot seen well with red legs showing
90. Marbled Murrelet a lot on Kachemak Bay and Resurrection Bay
91. Kittlitz’s Murrelet several seen well at Aialek Glacier with Marbleds mixed in
92. Ancient Murrelet several small flocks from boat out of Seward
93. Rhinoceros Auklet a lot of small flocks from boat out of Seward
94. Horned Puffin O yes and seen well on the water in the air and on land
95. Tufted Puffin O yes and seen well on the water in the air and on land
96. Rock Pigeon seen though sometimes ignored
97. Snowy Owl seen in Barrow on telephone poles two “nights”
98. Northern Hawk-Owl one bird seen well on the Glenn Highway at MP 127
99. Short-eared Owl just one bird in Barrow flying overhead
100. Boreal Owl in a nest box at Sheep Mountain Lodge on day one
101. Rufous Hummingbird several of this elusive bird at feeder birds in Seward
102. Belted Kingfisher a few
103. Downy Woodpecker at feeders in Seward
104. Hairy Woodpecker at feeders in Seward
105. Northern Flicker finally a few seen along the Glenn Highway
106. Alder Flycatcher one or two seen and heard
107. Say’s Phoebe seen on the nest at Tangle River Inn
108. Northern Shrike a lone bird in the rain on the Denali Highway
109. Gray Jay seen in several locations and with young
110. Steller’s Jay a single bird seen in a small park in Homer
111. Black-billed Magpie many many seen well
112. Northwestern Crow many in Homer and Seward
113. Common Raven a lot at many locations with some on the nest
114. Tree Swallow a lot
115. Violet-green Swallow a lot though not as many as in the past for some reason
116. Bank Swallow nice looks at quite a few birds showing their breast band
117. Cliff Swallow nice looks at their buffy forehead from on top of bridges
118. Black-capped Chickadee seen well
119. Boreal Chickadee seen well
120. Red-breasted Nuthatch a family group seen well at feeders in Seward
121. American Dipper one adult see well near its nest at the Elmendorf Fish Hatchery
122. Ruby-crowned Kinglet seen well in many locations
123. Arctic Warbler seen well in many locations
124. Bluethroat seen displaying along the Kougarok Road
125. Northern Wheatear one bird seen on the rocky slopes off of the Teller Road
126. Gray-cheeked Thrush seen and heard well in many locations
127. Swainson’s Thrush seen and heard in several locations
128. Hermit Thrush seen and heard in several locations
129. American Robin all over
130. Varied Thrush ate lunch with them at Alyeska Ski Lodge
131. European Starling a few flocks were looked at while others were ignored
132. Eastern Yellow Wagtail a few pairs seen well in several locations like Salmon Lake
133. Bohemian Waxwing several pairs seen well at ponds along the Richardson Highway
134. Orange-crowned Warbler seen in many locations and once showing the orange crown
135. Yellow Warbler several seen well
136. Yellow-rumped Warbler several seen well and all of the Myrtle race
137. Townsend’s Warbler a few seen early on in the trip then not again
138. Northern Waterthrush seen and heard at many locations
139. Wilson’s Warbler several seen well
140. American Tree Sparrow nice looks at this well marked sparrow
141. Savannah Sparrow nice looks at a lot of birds with some even in the scope
142. Fox Sparrow nice looks at sooty and red birds
143. Song Sparrow nice looks at the dark race
144. Lincoln’s Sparrow nice looks at this handsome bird at Potter Marsh
145. White-crowned Sparrow many seen and heard singing like mad
146. Golden-crowned Sparrow many seen and heard singing like mad
147. Dark-eyed Junco seen in several locations and sometimes with young
148. Lapland Longspur many in Nome and Barrow
149. Snow Bunting a surprise bird off the Teller Road and many in Barrow
150. Red-winged Blackbird seen in marshes outside of Anchorage
151. Rusty Blackbird one in Nome and others along the Richardson Highway
152. Pine Grosbeak coming to feeders in Seward
153. White-winged Crossbill a small flock of immature birds along the Denali Highway
154. Common Redpoll seen in several locations
155. Hoary Redpoll seen in several locations, especially Nome
156. Pine Siskin coming to feeders in Seward

This list includes seen birds by the group only, not heard birds. Seen also but just by the guides were Blue-winged Teal from the Land’s End Hotel very late one night and Horned Lark high on the tundra off of the Teller Road. A Thayer’s Gull was seen in Homer before the tour started while guides were scouting.