

ANNOTATED BIRD LIST
PACIFIC COAST
ANIAKCHAK NATIONAL MONUMENT AND PRESERVE
17 AUGUST - 3 SEPTEMBER 1987

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Rare =	observed < 5% of outings
Occasional =	observed 5-15% of outings
Uncommon =	observed 16-35% of outings
Common =	observed 36-70% of outings
Abundant =	observed 71-100% of outings

RTLO
Red-Throated Loon: UNCOMMON; Seen and heard flying along the coast. More frequently observed in the early part of the trip than the latter.

NOFU
Northern Fulmar: RARE; One carcass found on the beach between the Aniakchak River and Aniakchak Lagoon entrance.

SHS
Short-Tailed Shearwater: OCCASIONAL; Seen in small (15-25) flocks offshore of Kumlik Island.

FSP
Fork-Tailed Storm Petrel: RARE; One carcass found on beach off mouth of unnamed creek between Aniakchak and Amber Bays.

COR
Cormorant: ABUNDANT; Small flocks (15-25) seen on island west of Kumlik Island, a larger flock on unnamed island and some rafts between unnamed island and lagoon entrance.

SACK
Lesser Sandhill Crane: COMMON; Several family groups of 3-4 birds frequenting ponds above coastal bluffs of Cape Ayutka and flying to the Aniakchak Lagoon in the evening. On 1 September, spotted 17 birds flying in one flock toward the lagoon at 2030 hours.

TOSW
Tundra Swan: OCASSIONAL; Four pair seen from Peak 1441 (nw of APA cabin) in ponds above coastal bluffs of Cape Ayutka. One group of 3 flew past the APA cabin the evening of 27 August.

MPL
Mallard: OCCASIONAL; Two males seen at different times on ponds above Cape Ayutka coastal bluffs.

ABWT
Green-Winged Teal: OCCASIONAL; Two groups of 3 males seen flying near mouth of Main Creek.

PWT
Pintail: UNCOMMON; One raft/group of 21 females seen in nearshore waters off Cape Ayutka. Same probable group seen flying over cabin two days later.

WWSC
White-Winged Scoter: OCCASIONAL; Small flocks (5-15) seen off unnamed island and Kumlik Island.

HARQ
Harlequin: OCCASIONAL; One group of 3 females seen around Aniakchak Bay on several occasions.

COME RBMS
Common Merganser; RARE; One carcass found on beach between Aniakchak River and Lagoon.

RBMS
Red-breasted Merganser: RARE; One female with 6 young seen on Main Creek.

BLOX
Black Oystercatcher: COMMON; Pairs seen on Kumlik Island, unnamed island, and on rocky coastal areas.

DAFO
Bar-tailed Godwits (?): RARE; One group of 3 flew over cabin on 30 August.

LIVE WHTR
Lesser Yellowlegs: ABUNDANT; Seen frequently along rivers (Main Creek, Aniakchak River, and Northfork River) and rocky coastal areas.

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Wandering Tattler: RARE; Three seen off Cape Ayukta on 30 August.

Red-necked Phalarope: OCCASIONAL; Small flocks (5-10) seen on unnamed island.

Common Snipe: COMMON; Seen in coastal marsh areas of Cape Ayukta, Kumlik Island, and North Fork.

Black Turnstone: UNCOMMON; Medium-sized flocks (25-40) seen on unnamed island and coastal area between cabin and unnamed creek.

Surfbird: OCCASIONAL; Ten seen on reef in front of cabin and on offshore islands.

Rock Sandpiper: ABUNDANT; Seen everywhere in medium-sized flocks (5-15).

Western Sandpiper: COMMON; Seen in small flocks (5-10) on reef in front of cabin and at mouth of unnamed creek.

Jaeger sp.: RARE; One seen between Kumlik Island and cabin.

BOOG GWGW
Bonaparte's Gull: OCCASIONAL; Winter-plummaged adults and immatures observed infrequently in pairs or solitary.

Glaucous-winged Gull: COMMON; Individuals seen periodically in all areas of coast. Large flock (45-60) often at mouth of unnamed creek.

BLKI
Black-legged Kittiwake: ABUNDANT; Large staging flock (reaching an estimated 1200 birds) at mouth of Aniakchak River. Storm of 30 August pushed approximately 1000 of those elsewhere.

ARTE
Arctic Tern: OCCASIONAL; Four birds followed zodiac back to cabin early in trip. Seen on two other occasions while boating.

COMU
Common Murre: COMMON; Several large flocks (total of 88 minimum) seen around Kumlik Island. Three carcasses found on beach between Lagoon and Aniakchak River.

PIGU
Pigeon Guillemot: ABUNDANT; Often seen near offshore islands (Kumlik, unnamed) in small numbers (6-10). Still feeding young in rocky crevices throughout trip.

MAMU
Marbled Murrelet: ABUNDANT; Frequently encountered offshore.

KIMU
Kittlitz's Murrelet: ABUNDANT; Frequently encountered offshore.

ANMU
Ancient Murrelet: COMMON; Seen less frequently than other murrelets, primarily enroute from Kumlik to Kujulik Bay.

HOPU
Horned Puffin: ABUNDANT; Seen in large numbers (254 around one point of Kumlik Island) offshore.

TUPU
Tufted Puffin: RARE; One seen between Kumlik Island and Kujulik Bay.

BAEA
Bald Eagle: ABUNDANT; Several pairs nesting on Aniakchak River floodplain and another pair on coast between Cape Ayutka and Main Creek. Often foraging on coastline near cabin.

NOHA
Northern Harrier (?): RARE; Possibly one seen at Cape Ayukta.

RLHA
Rough-legged Hawk: ABUNDANT; As many as 4 seen foraging simultaneously on coastal bluffs near cabin. One nest on first point north of cabin beach.

PEFR
Peregrine Falcon: COMMON; Solitary birds seen foraging near cabin (5 occasions, once trying to capture Belted Kingfisher). Birds were thought to be one or more immatures. Immature seen foraging (similar to Northern Harrier) at mouth of unnamed creek and adjacent coastal bluffs.

PTPR
Ptarmigan sp.: RARE; One bird seen from long distance while hiking Peak 1481. Some ptarmigan feathers found at raptor perch site on Peak 1481 also.

SEOW
Short-eared Owl: UNCOMMON; One seen roosting and foraging at mid-day on Cape Ayukta. Another in marshy area on Main Creek.

BEX
Belted Kingfisher: COMMON; Solitary birds seen regularly at mouth of Aniakchak River and Lagoon.

BIANS
Bank Swallow: UNCOMMON; Nesting colony (15-20) on coastal bluff north of cabin in recently eroded bank.

BBMA
Black-billed Magpie: COMMON; Pair seen regularly between mouth of Aniakchak River and cabin.

GRB
Common Raven: ABUNDANT; Pairs or individuals seen frequently over coastal bluffs.

BCCH
Black-capped Chickadee: UNCOMMON; Small numbers seen in mixed flocks in shrub habitats above cabin.

WWR
Winter Wren: OCCASIONAL; One seen each on Kumlik Island and in shrub habitat behind cabin.

WWA
Wilson's Warbler: RARE; One seen in shrubby area behind cabin.

NSHR
Northern Shrike: UNCOMMON; Pairs or individuals seen in shrubby habitats around cabin.

WAPS
Water Pipit: ABUNDANT; Seen frequently in coastal areas.

GCSP
Golden-crowned Sparrow: ABUNDANT; Seen regularly in grassland and strand habitats on Mainland and Kumlik Island.

SANS
Savannah Sparrow: ABUNDANT; Seen and heard regularly in grassland and strand habitats on Mainland.

ROFI
Rosy Finch: RARE; Pair seen on unnamed island.

R - rare	< 5%	times out of 15
O - occasional	5-15	1
U - uncommon	15-35	3
C - common	35-70	6
A - abundant	70-100	10
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Short-tailed shearwater - Occasional - seen in small (15-25) flocks offshore of Kumlik Island.

Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel - RARE - one carcass found on beach at mouth of unnamed creek.

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L. Sandhill cranes - common - Several family groups of 3-4 birds frequenting ponds above ^{northern} coastal bluffs and flying to Lagoon in the evening. 17 large flock on 1 Sept at 2030 hrs

Tundra Swans - - 4pr Seen from PK 1481 in ponds above ^{northern} coastal bluffs. One group of 3 flew past cabin the evening of 8/27.

Mallard - Occasional - Two males seen at different times on ponds above northern coastal bluffs.

Green-winged teal - Occasional - two groups of 3 males seen flying near mouth of Main Creek mid-trip.

Pintails - Uncommon - One roft/group of 21 females seen offshore of unnamed, same group (probably) seen flying over cabin 2 days later.

White-winged Scoter - Occasional - loose flocks ⁽⁵⁻¹⁵⁾ seen off of unnamed island and Kumlik Island.

Harlequin ducks - occasional - one group of 3 ♀'s seen around Aniakchak Bay on several occasions.

Common Merganser - RARE - one carcass found on beach between Aniakchak River and Lagoon.

Redbreasted Merganser - One ♀ with 6 young seen on Main Creek.

Black Oystercatcher - ^{Common} - Rains seen on Kumlik Island, unnamed island, and on rocky coastal areas.

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Lesser Yellowlegs - Abundant - seen frequently along rivers (Main Creek, Aniakchak, and North Fork), and ^{Rocky} COASTAL AREAS.

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8/30.

-3 Seen off Cape Ayukta on

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~~Yellow~~ Golden-crowned Sparrow - abundant - Seen regularly in strand/grassland habitats on Mainland and Kumlak Island.

Fox Sparrow - abundant - seen/heard (primarily immatures)
seen regularly in grassland/strand habitats on Mainland and Kumlak Is.

Savannah Sparrow - abundant - seen/heard regularly in grass(land)/strand habitats on Mainland.

Rosy Finch - Rare - Pair seen on unnamed island.