

Birds which may occur in Palmer Hay Flats State Game Refuge

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Common Name	Scientific Name	Status	Season
Common Loon	<i>Gavia immer</i>	U	s
Pacific Loon	<i>Gavia pacifica</i>	U	s*
Red-throated Loon	<i>Gavia Stellata</i>	R	s*, m
Yellow-billed Loon	<i>Gavia adamsii</i>	hypothetical	
Red-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps grisegena</i>	C	s*
Horned Grebe	<i>Podiceps aritus</i>	C	s*
Pied-billed Grebe	<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>	R	m
Great Blue Heron	<i>Ardea herodias</i>	U	a
Tundra Swan	<i>Cygnus columbianus</i>	C	m
Trumpeter Swan	<i>Cygnus buccinator</i>	C	s*, m
Canada Goose	<i>Branta canadensis</i>	C	s*, m
Black Brant	<i>Branta bernicla</i>	R	m
Greater White-fronted Goose	<i>Anser albifrons</i>	C	m
Snow Goose	<i>Chen caerulescens</i>	C	m
Mallard	<i>Anas</i>	C	s*
	<i>platyrhynchos</i>	U	w
Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>	U	m
Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>	C	s*
Green-winged Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>	C	s
Blue-winged Teal	<i>Anas discors</i>	Ca	s
Cinnamon Teal	<i>Anas cyanoptera</i>	U	m
Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>	C	s*
Eurasian Wigeon	<i>Anas penelope</i>	R	m
American Wigeon	<i>Anas americana</i>	C	s*
Canvasback	<i>Aythya valisineria</i>	U	s*
Redhead	<i>Aythya americana</i>	R	s*, m
Ring-necked Duck	<i>Aythya collaris</i>	R	m
Greater Scaup	<i>Aythya marila</i>	C	s*
Lesser Scaup	<i>Aythya affinis</i>	R	m
Common Goldeneye	<i>Bucephala clangula</i>	U	m
Barrow's Goldeneye	<i>Bucephala islandica</i>	U	m
		R	w
Bufflehead	<i>Bucephala albeola</i>	U	m
Long-tailed Duck	<i>Clangula hyemalis</i>	R	s
Harlequin Duck	<i>Histrionicus histrionicus</i>	R	s
White-winged Scoter	<i>Melanitta fusca</i>	R	m
Surf Scoter	<i>Melanitta perspicillata</i>	R	m
Black Scoter	<i>Melanitta nigra</i>	R	m
Common Merganser	<i>Mergus merganser</i>	U	m
		R	w
Red-breasted Merganser	<i>Mergus serrator</i>	U	m
Hooded Merganser	<i>Lophodytes cucullatus</i>	Ca	w
Northern Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>	U	s, w
Sharp-shinned Hawk	<i>Accipiter</i>	U	s
	<i>straitus</i>	Ca	w

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Red-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	U	s*
Rough-legged Hawk	<i>Buteo lagopus</i>	U	m
Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>	U	m
Bald Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	C U R	s* s w
Northern Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>	U U	m s*
Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	R	m
Gyrfalcon	<i>Falco rusticolus</i>	Ca	w
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	R	m
Merlin	<i>Falco columbarius</i>	R Ca	s w
American Kestrel	<i>Falco sparverius</i>	R	m
Ruffed Grouse	<i>Bonasa umbellus</i>	U	s*,w
Spruce Grouse	<i>Falcapennis canadensis</i>	U	s*,w
Willow Ptarmigan	<i>Lagopus lagopus</i>	U	w
Rock Ptarmigan	<i>Lagopus mutus</i>	U	w
White-tailed Ptarmigan	<i>Lagopus leucurus</i>		?
Sandhill Crane	<i>Grus canadensis</i>	C	s*
American Coot	<i>Fulica americana</i>	Ca	s, m
Semipalmated Plover	<i>Charadrius semipalmatus</i>	C	s*
Killdeer	<i>Charadrius vociferus</i>	R	s
American Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis dominicus</i>	U	m
Black-bellied Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	R	m
Hudsonian Godwit	<i>Limosa haemastica</i>	R	s
Marbled Godwit	<i>Limosa fedoa</i>	Ca	
Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	U	m
Upland Sandpiper	<i>Bartramia longicauda</i>	Ca	
Greater Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa melanoleuca</i>	C	s*
Lesser Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa flavipes</i>	C	s*
Solitary Sandpiper	<i>Tringa solitaria</i>	U	s*
Spotted Sandpiper	<i>Actitis macularia</i>	C	s*
Wandering Tattler	<i>Heteroscelus incanus</i>	U	s
Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	R	m
Red-necked Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>	C	s
Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	C	s
Short-billed Dowitcher	<i>Limnodromus griseus</i>	C	s*
Long-billed Dowitcher	<i>Limnodromus scolopaceus</i>	R	s*
Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>	R	m
Red Knot	<i>Calidris canutus</i>	hypothetical	
Semipalmated Sandpiper	<i>Calidris pusilla</i>	R	m
Western Sandpiper	<i>Calidris mauri</i>	C	m
Least Sandpiper	<i>Calidris minutilla</i>	C	s
Baird's Sandpiper	<i>Calidris bairdii</i>	R	m
Pectoral Sandpiper	<i>Calidris melanotos</i>	U	m
Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>	R	m
Parasitic Jaeger	<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>	R	m

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Long-tailed Jaeger	<i>Stercorarius longicaudus</i>	R	m
Glaucous Gull	<i>Larus hyperboreus</i>	R	v
Glaucous-winged Gull	<i>Larus glaucescens</i>	C U	s w
Herring Gull	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	C R	m w
Mew Gull	<i>Larus canus</i>	C	s*
Bonaparte's Gull	<i>Larus philadelphia</i>	C	s
Arctic Tern	<i>Sterna paradisaea</i>	C	s
Rock Dove	<i>Columbia livia</i>	C	s, w
Mourning Dove	<i>Zenaidra macroura</i>	Ca	
Great Horned Owl	<i>Bubo virginianus</i>	U	s*, w
Snowy Owl	<i>Nyctea scandiaca</i>	Ca	m
Northern Hawk Owl	<i>Sumia ulula</i>	U	m, w
Great Gray Owl	<i>Strix nebulosa</i>	R	s*, w,
Short-eared Owl	<i>Asio flammeus</i>	U	s*
Boreal Owl	<i>Aegolius funereus</i>	U	s, w
Northern Saw-whet Owl	<i>Aegolius acadicus</i>	hypothetical	
Rufous Hummingbird	<i>Selasphorus rufus</i>	R	s
Belted Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle alcyon</i>	U R	s w
Northern Flicker	<i>Colaptes auratus</i>	U	s
Hairy Woodpecker	<i>Picoides villosus</i>	U	s, w
Downy Woodpecker	<i>Picoides pubescens</i>	U	s*, w
Three-toed Woodpecker	<i>Picoides tridactylus</i>	R	s*, w
Black-backed Woodpecker	<i>Picoides arcticus</i>	U	s, w
Eastern Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus tyrannus</i>	hypothetical	
Say's Phoebe	<i>Sayornis saya</i>	R	m
Alder Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax alhorum</i>	C	s*
Western Wood-Pewee	<i>Contopus sordidulus</i>	U	s
Olive-sided Flycatcher	<i>Contopus cooperi</i>	C	s*
Horned Lark	<i>Eremophila alpestris</i>	U	s
Violet-green Swallow	<i>Tachycineta thalassina</i>	C	s
Tree Swallow	<i>Tachycineta bicolor</i>	C	s*
Bank Swallow	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	C	s
Cliff Swallow	<i>Petrochelidon pyrrhonota</i>	U	s
Purple Martin	<i>Progne subis</i>	hypothetical	
Gray Jay	<i>Perisoreus canadensis</i>	U	s, w
Steller's Jay	<i>Cyanocitta stelleri</i>	hypothetical	
Black-billed Magpie	<i>Pica hudsonia</i>	C	s*, w
Common Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	C	s*, w
Black-capped Chickadee	<i>Poecile atricapillus</i>	C	s*, w
Boreal Chickadee	<i>Poecile hudsonicus</i>	C	s, w
Red-breasted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta canadensis</i>	U	s, w
Brown Creeper	<i>Certhia americana</i>	U	s*, w
American Dipper	<i>Cinclus mexicanus</i>	U	s, w
Winter Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	Ca	s, w
American Robin	<i>Turdus migratorius</i>	C R	s* w

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Varied Thrush	<i>Ixoreus naevius</i>	C	s*
Hermit Thrush	<i>Catharus guttatus</i>	U	s
Swainson's Thrush	<i>Catharus ustulatus</i>	C	s*
Gray-cheeked Thrush	<i>Catharus minimus</i>	U	s
Townsend's Solitaire	<i>Myadestes townsendi</i>	R	s
Golden-crowned Kinglet	<i>Regulus satrapa</i>	U	s, w
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	<i>Regulus calendula</i>	C	s*
American Pipit	<i>Anthus rubescens</i>	C	s
Bohemian Waxwing	<i>Bombycilla garrulus</i>	U	s, w
Northern Shrike	<i>Lanius excubitor</i>	U	s, w
European Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	R	v
Red-eyed Vireo	<i>Vireo olivaceus</i>	Ca	
Orange-crowned Warbler	<i>Vermivora celata</i>	C	s*
Yellow Warbler	<i>Dendroica petechia</i>	U	s*
Townsend's Warbler	<i>Dendroica townsendi</i>	U	s
Blackpoll Warbler	<i>Dendroica striata</i>	U	s
Northern Waterthrush	<i>Seiurus noveboracensis</i>	U	s
Wilson's Warbler	<i>Wilsonia pusilla</i>	C	s
Red-winged Blackbird	<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>	R	s*
Rusty Blackbird	<i>Euphagus carolinus</i>	C	s*
		R	w
Pine Grosbeak	<i>Pinicola enucleator</i>	U	s, w
Hoary Redpoll	<i>Carduelis homemanni</i>	R	w
Common Redpoll	<i>Carduelis flammea</i>	R	s*, w
Pine Siskin	<i>Carduelis pinus</i>	U	s
Red Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>	Ca	v
White-winged Crossbill	<i>Loxia leucoptera</i>	U	s, w
Savannah Sparrow	<i>Passerculus sandwichensis</i>	C	s*
Dark-eyed Junco	<i>Junco hyemalis</i>	C	s*
		U	w
American Tree Sparrow	<i>Spizella arborea</i>	U	s
		R	w
White-crowned Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia leucophrys</i>	C	s*
		R	w
Golden-crowned Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia atricapilla</i>	C	s
Fox Sparrow	<i>Passerella iliaca</i>	C	s*
		R	w
Lincoln's Sparrow	<i>Melospiza lincolni</i>	C	s*
Song Sparrow	<i>Melospiza melodia</i>	C	s
Lapland Longspur	<i>Calcarius lapponicus</i>	C	m
Snow Bunting	<i>Plectrophenax nivalis</i>	U	m

C = Common... species occurs in all or nearly all proper habitats, but some areas of presumed suitable habitat are occupied sparsely or not at all and/or the region regularly hosts large numbers of the species. **U = Uncommon**... species occurs regularly, but utilizes only some or very little of the suitable habitat, and/or the region regularly hosts relatively small numbers of the species; not observed regularly even in proper habitats. **R = Rare**... species occurs, or probably occurs regularly with the region, but in very small numbers. **Ca = Casual**... species has been recorded no more than a few times, but irregular observations are likely over a period of years. ***** = known breeder. **s = summer**. **w = winter**. **m = spring and/or fall migration**. **Hypothetical = likely to occur** though no sightings have been reported.