

ANNOTATED CHECKLIST TO THE BIRDS OF THE 2018 ST. MATTHEW ISLAND EXPEDITION – A SUPPLEMENT TO “FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE AVIFAUNA OF ST. MATTHEW AND HALL ISLANDS, BERING SEA, ALASKA”

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Species	Status in <u>Winker (2002)</u>	2018 Observations
<i>Anser canagica</i> (Emperor Goose)	Casual in summer	One individual seen 6–7 June.
<i>Anser albifrons (frontalis)</i> (Greater White-fronted Goose)	Casual in spring	Four individuals seen 9 June, two 11–13 June.
<i>Branta bernicla nigricans</i> (Brant)	Rare in summer	Two individuals seen 10–11 June, and five individuals 13 June.
<i>Branta hutchinsii leucoperia</i> (Cackling Goose)		First island record (ML107537951). See Robinson et al. 2020.
<i>Cygnus columbianus columbianus</i> and <i>bewickii</i> (Tundra Swan)	Uncommon in summer	First confirmed breeding. See Robinson et al. 2020.
<i>Mareca penelope</i> (Eurasian Wigeon)	Rare in spring	Four individuals seen 7 June.
<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i> (Mallard)	Rare in summer	One individual seen 6 June.
<i>Anas acuta</i> (Northern Pintail)	Uncommon or fairly common migrant; rare in summer, when possibly rare breeder	First confirmed breeding. See Robinson et al. 2020.
<i>Anas crecca crecca</i> and <i>carolinensis</i> (Green-winged Teal)	Rare migrant (both subspecies) and in summer	First confirmed breeding. See Robinson et al. 2020.
<i>Aythya fuligula</i> (Tufted Duck)	Casual in summer	One individual, a male seen 10 June (ML115707221).
<i>Aythya marila</i> (Greater Scaup)	Uncommon in spring and rare in summer	We observed individuals and pairs regularly throughout our stay on the island, including birds on inland ponds. Additionally, we flushed females on occasion from tall grass in riparian areas,

<i>Polysticta stelleri</i> (Steller's Eider)	Uncommon in summer	however were unable to locate any nests or young. Thus, we consider this taxon to be a possible breeder.
<i>Somateria spectabilis</i> (King Eider)	Rare in summer; uncommon in winter	One individual seen 10 June.
<i>Somateria mollissima v-nigrum</i> (Common Eider)	Common breeder, uncommon in winter	One individual, a female seen 23 June (ML 107547321).
<i>Histrionicus histrionicus</i> (Harlequin Duck)	Fairly common throughout year; non-breeder	We observed small groups of this species throughout stay, but only found one nest on 16 June with 3 eggs.
<i>Melanitta nigra (Americana)</i> (Black Scoter)	Casual in spring and summer	We observed this species throughout our time on the island, with large flocks of about 200–300 birds on 19 June and 1 July on the west side of the island.
<i>Clangula hyemalis</i> (Long-tailed Duck)	Common throughout year	A pair seen 6 June.
<i>Bucephala albeola</i> (Bufflehead)	Casual in spring and summer	We observed pairs on inland ponds throughout our stay on the island, but did not find evidence of nesting.
<i>Bucephala clangula</i> (ssp.) (Common Goldeneye)	Casual in spring and summer	Two individuals seen at Cape Upright 6 June, three individuals seen 7 June.
<i>Mergus serrator</i> (Red-breasted Merganser)	Uncommon migrant and in summer	Single individuals seen 11, 12, and 26 June.
<i>Podiceps grisegena (holboellii)</i> (Red-necked Grebe)	Rare in spring and casual in summer	Four individuals seen 7 June, four individuals seen 8 June, 16 June, 23–24 June, and two individuals seen 27 June.
<i>Antigone Canadensis</i> (Sandhill Crane)	Rare or uncommon migrant and in summer; possible breeder	Single individuals seen 13 and 23 June.
<i>Pluvialis fulva</i> (Pacific Golden-Plover)	Common migrant; casual in midsummer	First confirmed breeding (ML 115710441, 115710451). See Robinson et al. 2020.
		Apparent breeder. We observed multiple pairs throughout our time on the island, as well as flight displays, alarming individuals, and interspecific territoriality. Winker et al. (2002) lists this taxon as a

<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i> (Common Ringed-Plover)	Not distinguished from <i>C. semipalmata</i>	‘possible rare breeder.’ We elevate this to ‘apparent breeder’ given our observations. Newly documented species (ML 107540781). See Robinson et al. 2020 . Multiple individuals seen throughout our stay, including in flight displays and distraction displays.
<i>Charadrius semipalmatus</i> (Semipalmated Plover)	Rare breeder	
<i>Bartramia longicauda</i> (Upland Sandpiper)		First island record. See Robinson et al. 2020 .
<i>Numenius phaeopus (variegatus)</i> (Whimbrel)	Rare migrant	Single individuals seen 9 June on Hall Island, and 10 June.
<i>Limosa lapponica (bauri)</i> (Bar-tailed Godwit)	Uncommon migrant	One individual seen 7 June.
<i>Arenaria interpres (interpres)</i> (Ruddy Turnstone).	Uncommon or fairly common in spring and common in fall; possibly has nested].	One individual seen 11 and 12 June..
<i>Calidris canutus</i> (ssp.) (Red Knot)		First island record. See Robinson et al. 2020 .
<i>Calidris alpine (pacifica)</i> (Dunlin)	Uncommon or fairly common migrant; possible breeder	Probable breeder. See Robinson et al. 2020 .
<i>Calidris ptilocnemis ptilocnemis</i> (Rock Sandpiper)	Common breeder	Observed daily, and breeding.
<i>Calidris minutilla</i> (Least Sandpiper)	Rare breeder	One individual seen 7 June (ML 143703301).
<i>Calidris melanotos</i> (Pectoral Sandpiper)	Uncommon or fairly common migrant	One individual seen 13 June.
<i>Calidris pusilla</i> (Semipalmated Sandpiper)	Casual migrant	Single individuals seen 6 and 7 June.
<i>Calidris mauri</i> (Western Sandpiper)	Uncommon migrant and breeder	First confirmed nesting. See Robinson et al. 2020 .
<i>Gallinago gallinago</i> (Common Snipe)	Not distinguished from <i>G. delicata</i>	Newly documented species (ML 107539621). See Robinson et al. 2020 .
<i>Gallinago delicata</i> (Wilson’s Snipe)	Not distinguished from <i>G. gallinago</i>	New species. See Robinson et al. 2020 .
<i>Actitis hypoleucis</i> (Common Sandpiper)	Casual in spring	One individual seen 7 June.

<i>Xenus cinereus</i> (Terek's Sandpiper)		First island record. See Robinson et al. 2020 .
<i>Heteroscelus brevipes</i> (Gray-tailed Tattler)	Rare migrant	One individual seen 23 June (ML 107543761).
<i>Heteroscelus incanus</i> (Wandering Tattler)	Uncommon migrant	Individuals seen 11–13 June and 24 June (ML 115711011).
<i>Tringa flavipes</i> (Lesser Yellowlegs)	First record Johnson et al. (2003)	One individual seen 14 June.
<i>Tringa nebularia</i> (Common Greenshank)		First island record (ML 107547201, 107547211). See Robinson et al. 2020 .
<i>Phalaropus lobatus</i> (Red-necked Phalarope)	Uncommon breeder	Observed regularly throughout our stay when in appropriate habitat. Nest found with four eggs on 13 June.
<i>Phalaropus fulicaria</i> (Red Phalarope)	Common migrant and in summer; rare breeder	Observed in flocks regularly throughout our stay.
<i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i> (Pomarine Jaeger)	Uncommon migrant and in summer	Single individuals seen 8–9 June, and three individuals seen 16 June.
<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i> (Parasitic Jaeger)	Uncommon migrant and in summer.	Confirmed breeder. See Robinson et al. 2020 .
<i>Stercorarius longicaudus pallescens</i> (Long-tailed Jaeger)	Uncommon breeder	Three breeding pairs seen near camp. Observed daily, with new arrivals in early July (high count 14 on 2 July).
<i>Alle alle</i> (Dovekie)	Rare probable breeder	Single individuals on 07 June and 26 June.
<i>Uria aalge inornata</i> (Common Murre)	Abundant breeder	Observed daily and breeding
<i>Uria lomvia arra</i> (Thick-billed Murre)	Abundant breeder	Observed daily and breeding
<i>Cephus columba</i> (Pigeon Guillemot)	Fairly common breeder	Observed daily and breeding
<i>Synthliboramphus antiquus</i> (Ancient Murrelet)	Rare in summer	Single individual seen 10 June at Bull Seal Point, and two individuals seen offshore near North Lake 23 June (ML 107547461).
<i>Aethia psittacula</i> (Parakeet Auklet)	Common breeder	Observed daily and breeding.

<i>Aethia pusilla</i> (Least Auklet)	Abundant breeder	Observed daily and breeding.
<i>Aethia cristatella</i> (Crested Auklet)	Abundant breeder	Observed daily and breeding.
<i>Fratercula corniculata</i> (Horned Puffin)	Common breeder	Observed daily and breeding.
<i>Fratercula cirrhata</i> (Tufted Puffin)	Fairly common breeder	Observed daily and breeding.
<i>Rissa tridactyla pollicaris</i> (Black-legged Kittiwake)	Common breeder	Observed daily and breeding.
<i>Rissa brevirostris</i> (Red-legged Kittiwake)	Casual or accidental in summer	First confirmed nesting. See Robinson et al. 2020 , 2020.
<i>Xema sabini</i> (Sabines Gull)	Uncommon in summer	Single individuals seen 6 and 7 June, and two individuals seen on North Lake 23 June (ML 154618961).
<i>Larus ridibundus</i> (Black-headed Gull)	Casual in spring and summer	Two individuals seen 1 July.
<i>Rhodostethia rosea</i> (Ross's Gull)		First island record. See Robinson et al. 2020 .
<i>Larus argentatus (vegae)</i> (Herring Gull)	Rare in summer	First confirmed breeding. See Robinson et al. 2020 .
<i>Larus schistisagus</i> (Slaty-backed Gull)	Uncommon throughout year; possible breeder	Single individuals observed 6 and 27–28 June, and 4 July.
<i>Larus glaucescens</i> (Glaucous-winged Gull)	Fairly common throughout the year; breeds	Observed daily, and breeding. See Robinson et al. 2020 .
<i>Larus hyperboreus (pallidissimus)</i> (Glaucous Gull).	Fairly common throughout the year; breeds	Observed daily, and breeding. See Robinson et al. 2020 .
<i>Gavia stellata</i> (Red-throated Loon)	Fairly common breeder	Common. One nest with one egg found 10 June on a pond northwest of camp between Bull Seal Point and North Lake.
<i>Gavia pacifica</i> (Pacific Loon)	Rare in spring and summer	Single individuals seen 6 and 10 June at North Lake, and three individuals seen 28 June offshore near camp.
<i>Gavia arctica (viridigularis)</i> (Arctic Loon)	Not distinguished from <i>G. pacifica</i>	First island record (ML 107548221, 107551341). See Robinson et al. 2020 .
<i>Gavia immer</i> (Common Loon)	Casual in spring and summer	Single individual seen 7 June (ML 107538601).

<i>Fulmarus glacialis rogersii</i> (Northern Fulmar)	Abundant breeder	Abundant and breeding. Primarily light morphs. We observed only four dark morph birds during our presence on the island.
<i>Ardenna tenuirostris</i> (Short-tailed Shearwater)	Common in summer	Single individual seen 5 July inshore near Bull Seal Point. Two beach cast carcasses found 5 and 6 July.
<i>Phalacrocorax auritus (cincinatus)</i> (Double-crested Cormorant)	Casual or accidental in summer	Single individuals seen 7 and 13 June.
<i>Phalococorax pelagicus</i> (Pelagic Cormorant)	Common breeder	Common, observed breeding in appropriate habitat.
<i>Pandion haliaetus</i> (ssp.) (Osprey)		First island record (ML 107539381). See Robinson et al. 2020.
<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i> (Bald Eagle)		First island record (ML 183399941). See Robinson et al. 2020.
<i>Bubo scandiaca</i> (Snowy Owl)	Uncommon resident breeder	Two individuals, a male and female, observed 17 and 26 June, and 2 July near the north facing slope below Glory of Russia Cape. We were unable to document breeding. We add an additional historical documentation of breeding for the species as noted in Louis Aggassiz Fuertes field notes from a stop by the Herriman Expedition in 1899, where he notes “a nest with four young was found”.
<i>Asio flammeus (flammeus)</i> (Short-eared Owl)	Rare in spring and summer	Single individuals seen 6, 7, 10, 12, and 24 June (ML 107547971).
<i>Sayornis saya</i> (Say’s Phoebe)		First island record. See Robinson et al. 2020.
<i>Corvus corax</i> (Common Raven)	Rare in summer	Possible breeder. We observed numerous individuals regularly, often in large family groups numbering up to 17 individuals.

<i>Hirundo rustica</i> (ssp.) (Barn Swallow)	Casual or accidental in summer	A white-bellied bird (<i>H. r. rustica</i> or <i>gutturialis</i>) seen 07 June.
<i>Phylloscopus examinandus</i> (Kamchatka Leaf Warbler)	Casual in summer	New information. See Robinson et al. 2020 .
<i>Muscicapa griseisticta</i> (Gray-streaked Flycatcher)	First record Johnson et al. 2003	One individual seen 10 June.
<i>Catharus minimus aliciae</i> (Gray-cheeked Thrush)	Casual in spring and summer	Two individuals seen on Hall Island 9 June (ML 107538971).
<i>Motacilla flava tschutschensis</i> or <i>simillima</i> (Eastern Yellow Wagtail)	Rare or uncommon in spring and fairly common in fall; rare in summer; possible breeder	Single individuals seen 12–13 June, 23 June.
<i>Motacilla alba ocularis</i> and <i>lugens</i> (White Wagtail)	Rare in spring and summer	One individual seen on Hall Island 9 June, one individual, ssp. <i>ocularis</i> , seen 13 June, one individual, ssp. <i>lugens</i> , seen 11 June, both on St. Matthew Island.
<i>Motacilla cinerea</i> (Gray Wagtail)	Casual or Accidental	One individual seen 11 June.
<i>Leucosticte tephrocotis umbrina</i> (Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch)	Uncommon breeder	New information. See Robinson et al. 2020 .
<i>Acanthis flammea flammea</i> (Common Redpoll)	Rare or uncommon in summer; rare breeder	Single individuals seen 19 and 23 June, and five individuals seen 24 June.
<i>Calcarius lapponicus alascensis</i> (Lapland Longspur)	Abundant breeder	Observed daily and breeding.
<i>Plectrophenax nivalis nivalis</i> (Snow Bunting)	Uncommon in spring; possibly breeds	Newly documented species. (ML 107598001 , 179298591). See Robinson et al. 2020 .
<i>Plectrophenax hyperboreus</i> (McKay's Bunting)	Common breeder	Observed daily and breeding.
<i>Fringilla montifringilla</i> (Brambling)	Casual in spring	One individual seen on Hall Island 09 June.
<i>Zonotrichia atricapilla</i> (Golden-crowned Sparrow)		First island record. See Robinson et al. 2020 .

