

Checklist of Spring Shorebird Sightings

Sandpipers & Phalaropes

- _____ Greater Yellowlegs
- _____ Lesser Yellowlegs
- _____ Wandering Tattler
- _____ Whimbrel
- _____ Bristle-thighed Curlew-R
- _____ Hudsonian Godwit-U
- _____ Bar-tailed Godwit-U
- _____ Marbled Godwit-U
- _____ Ruddy Turnstone-U
- _____ Black Turnstone
- _____ Surfbird
- _____ Red Knot-U
- _____ Sanderling-U
- _____ Solitary Sandpiper-R
- _____ Spotted Sandpiper
- _____ Semipalmated Sandpiper
- _____ Sharp-tailed Sandpiper-R
- _____ Stilt Sandpiper-R
- _____ Western Sandpiper
- _____ Least Sandpiper
- _____ Baird's Sandpiper-R
- _____ Pectoral Sandpiper
- _____ Rock Sandpiper-U
- _____ Dunlin
- _____ Short-billed Dowitcher
- _____ Long-billed Dowitcher-U
- _____ Wilson's Snipe
- _____ Red-necked Phalarope
- _____ Red Phalarope-R
- _____ Red-necked Stint-R
- _____ Temminck's Stint-R
- _____ Ruff-R

Plovers

- _____ Black-bellied Plover
- _____ American Golden-Plover-U
- _____ Pacific Golden-Plover-U
- _____ Semipalmated Plover
- _____ Killdeer-R

Oystercatchers

_____ Black Oystercatcher-U

U = uncommon

R = rare

Many other species of birds can be seen during the Festival as well, including quite a few that are hard to find elsewhere.

Early May brings the first warblers and swallows to Homer, along with Sandhill Cranes, Arctic and Aleutian Terns, Fork-tailed Storm-Petrels and Tufted and Horned Puffins. Red-faced Cormorants, Common Murres and Black-legged Kittiwakes can be found assembling near their nesting sites on Gull Island, and Common Eider, Pigeon Guillemot, Marbled and Kittlitz's Murrelets are visible on Kachemak Bay. Look for Eurasian Wigeons in Mud Bay or on Beluga Lake, and American Three-toed and Hairy Woodpeckers in the spruce wood areas. And, though not a shorebird, the always-sought-after Bald Eagle can be spotted frequently on the shores and in the skies. You may find many of the 236 species of birds that are recorded for Homer and Kachemak Bay during the Shorebird Festival weekend.

See complete species information and lists on the web at: birdinghomer.alaska.org