

# Alaska – America's Last Frontier

Naturetrek Tour Report

14 - 26 June 2016



American Beaver



Grizzly Bear



Pectoral Sandpiper



Tufted Puffin

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## Summary

Alaska never ceases to delight and amaze me, and our latest adventure there was no exception. During this first Naturetrek trip to Alaska, we were blessed with exceptionally good weather almost everywhere.

The highlights were too numerous to mention, but included: Bald Eagle, Spruce Grouse, Spectacled Eiders, Steller's and King Eiders, Yellow-billed Diver, a fantastic array of breeding waders including delightful Red and Red-necked Phalaropes, Hudsonian Godwit, Sabine's Gulls, Marbled, Kittlitz's and Ancient Murrelets, Parakeet, and Rhinoceros Auklets, Horned and Tufted Puffins, Snowy Owl, Varied Thrush, Sooty Fox Sparrow, Two-barred Crossbills and Pine Grosbeaks.

We also found a good number of mammals: Brown Bear (11 seen, including a female with 3 cubs!), Sea Otter at close range, Humpback and Killer Whales next to the boat, Moose, Caribou and a couple of Beavers feeding only metres away!

## Day 1

**Tuesday 14th June**

After a long but uneventful flight from London Heathrow, we finally arrived in Anchorage at 10.18pm. Here we met our tour leader Gerald Broddelez.

Our shuttle to the Hotel only took a few minutes and, after checking in, we tried to get some sleep.

## Day 2

**Wednesday 15th June**

After a great breakfast, we left the Hotel, driving south to Seward. On the way we visited the Potters Marsh where we saw our first Alaskan birds: Tree Swallow, American Wigeon, Red-necked Grebe, Arctic Tern and the local Rusty Blackbird. We also made some other stops along the road by the Turnagain Arm. At Beluga Point, high on the cliffs we found a small party of Dall Sheep.

We then drove for lunch along the Crook Creek Road in the company of Mountain Goat, Northwestern Crow and Golden Eagle.

On route to Seward we made a few further stops and had great views of Great Northern Divers in summer plumage, Barrow's Goldeneye, Lincoln's Sparrow and amazing scenery all around!

After our dinner in Seward, we drove to Lowell Point, where we had our first close views of Sea Otters, Bald eagles and many Harlequin Ducks in the warm evening light.

## Day 3

**Thursday 16th June**

Today was a perfect day for our cruise in the waters of the Kenai Fjords National Park; sunshine and a flat sea were excellent conditions to discover the wildlife of the Resurrection Bay and the Northwestern Fjord.

After breakfast we went on board the cruise boat of Kenai Fjords Tours. Even before the boat left, we saw a female Black Bear with three cubs on the mountain slope above the harbour! A good omen!

On the way to Fox Island, we saw our first Marbled Murrelet, Pelagic Cormorant, Harbour Seals and Sea Otter. Then the first of the nearly 20 Humpback Whales we were to see today made his appearance and kept us entertained for the next half hour.

After Fox Island, we came into the Gulf of Alaska, with a lot of Common Murres (Common Guillemots), Horned and Tufted Puffins. Here we also saw three Dall's Porpoises. Around the Chiswell Islands, we observed the rare Steller Sea Lion, Parakeet and Rhinoceros Auklets, together with a few Ancient Murrelets.

Then we finally arrived at the Northwestern Glacier. Here a lot of pictures were taken, both of the glacier and of the many Harbour Seals sunning themselves on the small ice floes in the bay. The scenery was amazing, especially with the sunny and windless conditions we were experiencing.

On the way back to Seward, we saw Kittlitz's Murrelets, and again a lot of Puffins and Common Murres. A group of six Orcas gave a wonderful show around the boat with a couple even swimming under the boat and a young mammal breaching continuously!

We finally had also good sightings of the very rare Red-faced Cormorant breeding on the steep cliffs, before returning to Seward where we enjoyed a great dinner.

## Day 4

## Friday 17th June

After breakfast we visited the Exit Glacier area. At the start of the trail to the glacier, we saw Orange-crowned Warbler and Sooty Fox Sparrow. Above the slowly retreating glacier were Mountain Goats and Hermit Thrush. After collecting our luggage from the hotel, we made a stop at a house outside town with feeders, where we could easily observe some birds of the spruce forests. Pine Grosbeak, Red Crossbill, Pine Siskin, Hairy Woodpecker, Black-capped Chickadee, Song Sparrow and of course the Rufous Hummingbird were all seen and photographed exceptionally well. It was a rare opportunity to see some of these normally very shy birds at very close range for as long as we wanted!

On the way back to Anchorage, we had our lunch along the road near a river. Here we observed the Alaska race of Steller's jay and the smart Varied Thrush. We also made a second stop at Potters Marsh and here we had very close views of Arctic terns, found a couple of rare Blue-winged Teal, Rusty Blackbird, American Wigeon and Green-winged Teal.

## Day 5

## Saturday 18th June

Today we flew from Anchorage to Barrow, with a stop at Prudhoe Bay. Barrow is the most northerly point of Alaska and lies 330 miles above the Arctic Circle. After dropping our luggage at the hotel, we drove along the ice-dotted waters of the Beaufort Sea where we saw our first King Eider, many Long-tailed Ducks and Snow Buntings (breeding in the skull of a Bowhead whale!).

We had our lunch at the local restaurant. During the afternoon we visited Freshwater Lake. Slowly driving along the gravel roads, we had close sightings, with plenty of photo opportunities, of smart Grey and Red-necked Phalaropes, Long-billed Dowitchers, and Pectoral and Semi-palmated Sandpipers. At the lake itself we found a pair of Pacific Loon and a couple of smart Sabine's Gulls allowing scope views.

Watching the Arctic Ocean pack ice in the warm evening light, on our way back to the hotel, was another highlight and an experience not to be missed.

## Day 6

**Sunday 19th June**

During breakfast we suddenly saw a Snowy Owl flying overhead in the village and landing on one of the lamp posts further up the street. Everybody ran outside, abandoning coffee and breakfast, to get good views and /or pictures of this magnificent bird. Another highlight of the tour.

This morning we took the road to the Spit where we saw a nice group of King Eiders on the ice and at least four different Yellow-billed Loons(Divers).

We then took the road inland and, by checking the many small pools, quickly found our quarry. We had excellent scope views of both male and female Steller's and Spectacled Eider (both can be quite rare and hard to find some years), closely watched by both Pomarine and Arctic Skua and a lone Peregrine Falcon.

We had a late soup lunch in town, and then visited the Freshwater Lake area again. The many waders and especially the Phalaropes kept us entertained and let us get close for photographs.

With the sun never setting, some of us went for a stroll into town after dinner (it has to be seen to be believed)!

## Day 7

**Monday 20th June**

In the morning we drove along the Gaswell Road again, where we found more Spectacled and Steller's Eider and an off-route Osprey. On the way back we stopped along the Arctic Ocean again, and were rewarded with our last sightings of three Eider species (Common, Spectacled and King), together in an open lead, watched by some Ringed Seals swimming nearby.

During the afternoon we visited the Native Museum where we could learn a lot about the life and culture of the Inuit people and the important role of the whales and seals in their life.

In the late afternoon we flew back to Anchorage.

## Day 8

**Tuesday 21st June**

After breakfast we visited the West Chester Lagoon where we saw a small group of seldom-seen Hudsonian Godwit, accompanied by Short-billed Dowitcher, Lesser Scaup and many Red-necked Grebes on the nest.

On the drive to the Denali National Park we found our first Moose grazing along the road. We stopped at one of the viewpoints for lunch where we also had a short look at Mount Denali, at 6,190 metres it is the highest mountain of North America. Denali is the Athabascan name for this mountain and means 'the great one'.

After checking into our hotel, we drove along the entrance road of the National Park where we had a close encounter with a female Moose and her three calves, cameras clicking away... From the viewpoint we also saw our first Blackpoll Warbler, White-crowned Sparrow and a lone Caribou.

## Day 9

## Wednesday 22nd June

This morning we had breakfast at 5.30am, because we needed to be in time for our bus ride through the National Park. Our bus driver, aptly named "Bear", welcomed us with a very loud 'Are You ready?'

The bus took us inside the park to Eielson Visitor Center, some 66 miles from the park entrance. Along the way we had a few stops. Besides the spectacular landscapes, we had good viewings of Grizzly Bears ( a total of 15, including five cubs), nearly 300 Caribou, Moose and Arctic Ground Squirrel.

By mid-afternoon we were back and, after a coffee in the Denali Visitor Centre, we went to the Horseshoe Lake area. Here we did a walk and had prolonged and excellent views of a Moose feeding on the juicy water plants and two Beavers, eating from the Chiming Bluebells only a couple of metres away! What a sighting!

We also telescoped some pretty male Two-barred Crossbill, Boreal Chickadee and Myrtle Warbler. The flora was also abundant, with Monkshood, Canadian Dwarf Dogwood, Prickly Rose, Tall Jacob's-ladder and Hairy Arctic Milk Vetch, amongst others species.

## Day 10

## Thursday 23rd June

As a compensation for yesterday we had a late breakfast and then we left for a drive along the Denali Highway. The Highway was once the original travel route to Denali National Park and runs parallel to the south side of the Alaska Range for its entire 135-mile length between Paxson and Cantwell. It always rewards the traveller with outstanding scenery, good opportunities to view wildlife, and best of all, wilderness in all directions.

Along the road, we observed Moose, Sooty Fox Sparrow, Wilson's, Blackpoll and Myrtle Warbler, Hermit and Gray-cheeked Thrush and a family of Trumpeter Swans. An American Dipper was breeding under a bridge.

## Day 11

## Friday 24th June

Today we were driving to Fairbanks. We had a special coffee stop at Skinny Dick's Halfway Inn, and lunch in Fairbanks.

After lunch we paid a visit to the famous Natural Museum. The museum's research collections – numbering 1.4 million artefacts and specimens – represent millions of years of biological diversity and thousands of years of Alaska's cultural traditions, and serves as a valuable resource for research on climate change, genetics, contaminants and other issues facing Alaska and the circumpolar north.

Late afternoon saw us visiting the forest nearby, and Smith's Lake. During our walk we found a very tame American Red Squirrel, Bohemian Waxwings displaying overhead, a Ruby-crowned Kinglet actually showing its ruby crest, Swainson's Thrush, Spotted Sandpiper and Bonaparte's Gull.

Two Beaver were spotted swimming along the lake edge and several smart Buffleheads were seen nearby, on the adventurous way back.

## Day 12

**Saturday 25th June**

During the morning we visited the Creamer's Field Migratory Waterfowl Refuge, and had good sightings of dancing Sandhill Cranes, rare Hammond's Flycatcher and Yellow Warbler. Nesting American Cliff Swallows gave us very good opportunities to take pictures.

We then went to the Pipeline View Point and learned a lot about the famous Alaska pipeline built between 1974 and 1977; it connects Prudhoe Bay on the Arctic Ocean with Valdez, about 800 miles away through tundra and taiga!

On the way back to Fairbanks we saw a rare Woodchuck along the Road.

For lunch we drove to the Chena Lake Recreation Area. On our walk in the afternoon, we saw Hammond's Flycatcher again and, new for the trip, Three-toed Woodpecker. Several species of Dragonflies were spotted by the river and small lakes and traces of Moose were everywhere.

We had a rather early dinner and retired to bed because of the early start tomorrow.

## Day 13

**Sunday 26th June**

Today we had to leave the hotel at 4.30am, for our flight back to Seattle with connection to London, after an amazing experience of Alaska – America's Last Frontier.

## Day 14

**Monday 27th June**

Arrival in London.

## Naturetrek Facebook

We are delighted to launch the Naturetrek Facebook page so that participants of Naturetrek tours can remain in touch after the holiday and share photos, comments and future travel plans.

Setting up a personal profile at [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) is quick, free and easy. The [Naturetrek Facebook page](#) is now live; do please pay us a visit!

## Species Lists

Birds (✓=recorded but not counted; H = heard only)

	Common name	Scientific name	June												
			15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
1	Greater White-fronted Goose	<i>Anser albifrons</i>				✓	✓	✓							
2	Canada Goose	<i>Branta canadensis</i>	✓		✓				✓						
3	Brant Goose	<i>Branta bernicla</i>					✓	✓							
4	Trumpeter Swan	<i>Cygnus buccinator</i>									✓				
5	Tundra Swan	<i>Cygnus columbianus</i>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓							
6	American Wigeon	<i>Anas americana</i>	✓		✓				✓				✓	✓	
7	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	✓		✓				✓						
8	Blue-winged Teal	<i>Anas discors</i>			✓										
9	Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>	✓		✓	✓			✓			✓	✓	✓	
10	Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>				✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	
11	Green-winged Teal	<i>Anas carolinensis</i>	✓		✓			✓					✓	✓	
12	Ring-necked Duck	<i>Aythya collaris</i>										✓			
13	Greater Scaup	<i>Aythya marila</i>	✓								✓				
14	Lesser Scaup	<i>Aythya affinis</i>							✓			✓			
15	Steller's Eider	<i>Polysticta stelleri</i>					✓	✓							
16	Spectacled Eider	<i>Somateria fischeri</i>					✓	✓							
17	King Eider	<i>Somateria spectabilis</i>				✓	✓	✓							
18	Common Eider	<i>Somateria mollissima</i>				✓	✓	✓							
19	Harlequin Duck	<i>Histrionicus histrionicus</i>	✓												
20	Surf Scoter	<i>Melanitta perspicillata</i>							✓						
21	White-winged Scoter	<i>Melanitta deglandi</i>		✓											
22	Long-tailed Duck	<i>Clangula hyemalis</i>				✓	✓	✓							
23	Bufflehead	<i>Bucephala albeola</i>									✓				
24	Barrow's Goldeneye	<i>Bucephala islandica</i>	✓												
25	Common Merganser (Goosander)	<i>Mergus merganser</i>			✓										
26	Red-breasted Merganser	<i>Mergus serrator</i>					✓								
27	Spruce Grouse	<i>Falcipennis canadensis</i>							✓		✓				
28	Pacific Loon	<i>Gavia pacifica</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓							



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29	Great Northern Diver (Loon)	<i>Gavia immer</i>	✓		✓											
30	White-billed Diver (Loon)	<i>Gavia adamsii</i>				✓	✓	✓								
31	Red-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps grisegena</i>	✓		✓				✓			✓				
32	Pelagic Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax pelagicus</i>	✓	✓												
33	Red-faced Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax urile</i>		✓												
34	Double-crested Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax auritus</i>		✓												
35	Western Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>						✓	✓							
36	Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>	✓							✓	✓					
37	Bald Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	✓	✓	✓				✓							
38	Red-tailed Hawk	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	✓	✓								✓				
39	Sandhill Crane	<i>Grus canadensis</i>										✓	✓			
40	Black Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus bachmani</i>		✓												
41	American Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis dominica</i>				✓	✓	✓								
42	Wilson's Snipe	<i>Gallinago delicata</i>					✓									
43	Short-billed Dowitcher	<i>Limnodromus griseus</i>							✓							
44	Long-billed Dowitcher	<i>Limnodromus scolopaceus</i>				✓	✓	✓								
45	Hudsonian Godwit	<i>Limosa haemastica</i>							✓							
46	Lesser Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa flavipes</i>	✓						✓		✓	✓	✓			
47	Solitary Sandpiper	<i>Tringa solitaria</i>											✓			
48	Wandering Tattler	<i>Tringa incana</i>														
49	Spotted Sandpiper	<i>Actitis macularius</i>										✓				
50	Semipalmated Sandpiper	<i>Calidris pusilla</i>				✓	✓	✓								
51	Western Sandpiper	<i>Calidris mauri</i>				✓	✓									
52	Baird's Sandpiper	<i>Calidris bairdii</i>				✓										
53	Pectoral Sandpiper	<i>Calidris melanotos</i>				✓	✓	✓								
54	Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>				✓	✓									
55	Red-necked Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>				✓	✓	✓								
56	Red Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus fulicarius</i>				✓	✓	✓								
57	Black-legged Kittiwake	<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>		✓												
58	Sabine's Gull	<i>Xema sabini</i>				✓										
59	Bonaparte's Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus philadelphia</i>										✓				
60	Mew (Common) Gull	<i>Larus canus</i>	✓		✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			



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61	Glaucous-winged Gull	<i>Larus glaucescens</i>	✓	✓												
62	Glaucous Gull	<i>Larus hyperboreus</i>	✓			✓	✓	✓								
63	American Herring Gull	<i>Larus smithsonianus</i>	✓									✓				
64	Arctic Tern	<i>Sterna paradisaea</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
65	Pomarine Skua	<i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i>					✓	✓								
66	Arctic Skua (Parasitic Jaeger)	<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>				✓	✓	✓								
67	Long-tailed Skua (Jaeger)	<i>Stercorarius longicaudus</i>						✓								
68	Brunnich's Guillemot	<i>Uria lomvia</i>		✓												
69	Common Guillemot (Murre)	<i>Uria aalge</i>		✓												
70	Pigeon Guillemot	<i>Cepphus columba</i>		✓												
71	Black Guillemot	<i>Cepphus grylle</i>					✓									
72	Marbled Murrelet	<i>Brachyramphus marmoratus</i>		✓												
73	Kittlitz's Murrelet	<i>Brachyramphus brevirostris</i>		✓												
74	Ancient Murrelet	<i>Synthliboramphus antiquus</i>		✓												
75	Parakeet Auklet	<i>Ptychoramphus aleuticus</i>		✓												
76	Rhinoceros Auklet	<i>Cerorhinca monocerata</i>		✓												
77	Horned Puffin	<i>Fratercula corniculata</i>		✓												
78	Tufted Puffin	<i>Fratercula cirrhata</i>		✓												
79	Snowy Owl	<i>Bubo scandiacus</i>					✓	✓								
80	Rufous Hummingbird	<i>Selasphorus rufus</i>			✓											
81	Belted Kingfisher	<i>Megasceryle alcyon</i>								✓						
82	Downy Woodpecker	<i>Picoides pubescens</i>	✓													
83	Hairy Woodpecker	<i>Picoides villosus</i>			✓											
84	American Three-toed Woodpecker	<i>Picoides dorsalis</i>										✓	✓			
85	Northern Flicker	<i>Colaptes auratus</i>							✓							
86	Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>		✓			✓									
87	Alder Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax alnorum</i>	✓						✓		✓		✓			
88	Hammond's Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax hammondi</i>											✓			
89	Grey Jay	<i>Perisoreus canadensis</i>								✓	✓			✓		
90	Steller's Jay	<i>Cyanocitta stelleri</i>			✓											
91	Black-billed Magpie	<i>Pica hudsonia</i>	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
92	Northwestern Crow	<i>Corvus caurinus</i>	✓	✓												

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			15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
93	Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
94	Bohemian Waxwing	<i>Bombycilla garrulus</i>									✓	✓			
95	Black-capped Chickadee	<i>Poecile atricapillus</i>			✓								✓		
96	Boreal Chickadee	<i>Poecile hudsonicus</i>								✓	✓				
97	Tree Swallow	<i>Tachycineta bicolor</i>	✓		✓							✓	✓		
98	Violet-green Swallow	<i>Tachycineta thalassina</i>	✓		✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
99	Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica erythrogaster</i>													
100	American Cliff Swallow	<i>Petrochelidon pyrrhonota</i>									✓	✓	✓		
101	Golden-crowned Kinglet	<i>Regulus satrapa</i>			✓										
102	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	<i>Regulus calendula</i>			✓							✓			
103	Red-breasted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta canadensis</i>			✓										
104	Varied Thrush	<i>Ixoreus naevius</i>			✓						✓				
105	Grey-cheeked Thrush	<i>Catharus minimus</i>									w				
106	Swainson's Thrush	<i>Catharus ustulatus</i>								✓		✓			
107	Hermit Thrush	<i>Catharus guttatus</i>	✓		✓						✓				
108	American Robin	<i>Turdus migratorius</i>	✓		✓				✓		✓	✓	✓		
109	American Dipper	<i>Cinclus mexicanus</i>									✓				
110	Pine Grosbeak	<i>Pinicola enucleator</i>			✓										
111	Common Redpoll	<i>Acanthis flammea</i>			✓						✓				
112	Arctic Redpoll	<i>Acanthis hornemanni</i>				✓	✓	✓							
113	Red Crossbill	<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>			✓										
114	Two-barred Crossbill	<i>Loxia leucoptera</i>								✓	✓				
115	Pine Siskin	<i>Spinus pinus</i>			✓										
116	Northern Waterthrush	<i>Parkesia noveboracensis</i>			✓								✓		
117	Orange-crowned Warbler	<i>Leiothlypis celata</i>	✓		✓										
118	American Yellow Warbler	<i>Setophaga aestiva</i>	✓		✓								✓		
119	Blackpoll Warbler	<i>Setophaga striata</i>							✓		✓				
120	Myrtle Warbler	<i>Setophaga coronata</i>	✓		✓				✓	✓	✓	✓			
121	Wilson's Warbler	<i>Cardellina pusilla</i>	✓							✓					
122	Rusty Blackbird	<i>Euphagus carolinus</i>	✓		✓						✓				
123	Red Fox Sparrow	<i>Passerella iliaca</i>								✓					
124	Sooty Fox Sparrow	<i>Passerella unalaschcensis</i>			✓										

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			15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
125	Song Sparrow	<i>Melospiza melodia</i>		✓	✓										
126	Lincoln's Sparrow	<i>Melospiza lincolnii</i>	✓										✓		
127	White-crowned Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia leucophrys</i>	✓						✓	✓	✓		✓		
128	Golden-crowned Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia atricapilla</i>	✓												
129	Dark-eyed Junco	<i>Junco hyemalis</i>	✓		✓					✓	✓	✓	✓		
130	Savannah Sparrow	<i>Passerculus sandwichensis</i>				✓	✓				✓				
131	American Tree Sparrow	<i>Spizelloides arborea</i>									✓				
132	Lapland Longspur (Bunting)	<i>Calcarius lapponicus</i>				✓	✓	✓							
133	Snow Bunting	<i>Plectrophenax nivalis</i>				✓	✓	✓							

## Mammals

1	American Red Squirrel	<i>Tamiasciurus hudsonicus</i>								1		1			
2	Arctic Ground Squirrel	<i>Spermophilus parryi</i>								10+					
3	American Beaver	<i>Castor canadensis</i>								2		2			
4	N Red-backed Vole	<i>Myodes rutilus</i>							1						
5	Red Fox	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>												1	
6	American Black Bear	<i>Ursus americanus</i>		4											
7	Brown Bear	<i>Ursus arctos</i>								11					
8	Harbour Seal	<i>Phoca vitulina</i>	5	100+											
9	Sea Otter	<i>Enhydra lutris</i>	3	10+											
10	Steller's Sea Lion	<i>Eumetopias jubatus</i>		50+											
11	Moose	<i>Alces americanus</i>							7	5	3	2			
12	Reindeer (Caribou)	<i>Rangifer tarandus</i>							1	250+					
13	Mountain Goat	<i>Oreamnos americanus</i>	3		3										
14	Dall's Sheep	<i>Ovis dalli</i>	15		1										
15	Humpback Whale	<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>		20+											
16	Killer Whale	<i>Orcinus orca</i>		6											
17	Dall's Porpoise	<i>Phocoenoides dalli</i>		5											
18	Snowshoe Hare	<i>Lepus americanus</i>												1	
19	Ringed Seal	<i>Pusa hispida</i>				1	5	3							
20	Muskrat	<i>Ondatra zibethicus</i>	2		1										
21	Woodchuck	<i>Marmota monax</i>											1		

## Other Taxa

Swallowtail sp.  
Clouded Sulphur

Canadian Swallowtail  
White Admiral

Western White

Western tailed Blue

Northern Bluet

Four-spotted Chaser

White-faced Dragonfly

Darner Dragonfly sp.

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Moose



Kenai fjords



Steller's Eider