

Birds seen on the Dalton Highway Tour

with Dan Wetzel, 1981 to 2003, 29 families and 147 species.

- Loons** (Gaviidae)
Red-throated Loon
Pacific Loon
Common Loon
Yellow-billed Loon
- Grebes** (Podicipedidae)
Horned Grebe
Red-necked Grebe
- Swans, Geese, Ducks**
(Anatidae)
Greater White-fronted
Goose
Snow Goose
Canada Goose
Brant
Trumpeter Swan
Tundra Swan
Gadwall
American Wigeon
Mallard
Blue-winged Teal
Northern Shoveler
Northern Pintail
Green-winged Teal
Canvasback
Redhead
Greater Scaup
Lesser Scaup
Spectacled Eider
King Eider
Common Eider
Harlequin Duck
Surf Scoter
White-winged Scoter
Long-tailed Duck
Bufflehead
Common Goldeneye
Barrow's Goldeneye
Common Merganser
Red-breasted Merganser
- Hawks, Eagles** (Accipitridae)
Bald Eagle
Northern Harrier
Northern Goshawk
Swainson's Hawk
Harlan's Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk
Rough-legged Hawk
Golden Eagle
- Falcons** (Falconidae)
American Kestrel
Merlin
Gyr Falcon
Peregrine Falcon
- Grouse, Ptarmigan**
(Phasianidae)
Ruffed Grouse
Spruce Grouse
Willow Ptarmigan
Rock Ptarmigan
- Cranes** (Gruidae)
Sandhill Crane
- Plovers** (Charadriidae)
Black-bellied Plover
American Golden-Plover
Semipalmated Plover
Killdeer
- Sandpipers** (Scolopacidae)
Lesser Yellowlegs
Solitary Sandpiper
Wandering Tattler
Gray-tailed Tattler
Spotted Sandpiper
Upland Sandpiper
Whimbrel
Bar-tailed Godwit
Ruddy Turnstone
Semipalmated Sandpiper
Least Sandpiper
Baird's Sandpiper
Pectoral Sandpiper
Dunlin
Stilt Sandpiper
Buff-breasted Sandpiper
Long-billed Dowitcher
Common Snipe
Red-necked Phalarope
Red Phalarope
- Jaegers, Gulls, Terns**
(Laridae)
Pomarine Jaeger
Parasitic Jaeger
Long-tailed Jaeger
Bonaparte's Gull
Mew Gull
Herring Gull
Glaucous Gull
Sabine's Gull
Ross's Gull
Arctic Tern
- Owls** (Strigidae)
Great Horned Owl
Snowy Owl
Northern Hawk-Owl
Great Gray Owl
Short-eared Owl
- Kingfishers** (Alcedinidae)
Belted Kingfisher
- Woodpeckers** (Picidae)
Downy Woodpecker
Hairy Woodpecker
Three-toed Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
- Flycatchers** (Tyrannidae)
Olive-sided Flycatcher
Alder Flycatcher
Hammond's Flycatcher
Say's Phoebe
- Shrikes** (Laniidae)
Northern Shrike
- Jays, Crows** (Corvidae)
Gray Jay
Black-billed Magpie
Common Raven
- Larks** (Alaudidae)
Horned Lark
- Swallows** (Hirundinidae)
Tree Swallow
Violet-green Swallow
Bank Swallow
Cliff Swallow
- Chickadees** (Paridae)
Black-capped Chickadee
Boreal Chickadee
- Kinglets** (Regulidae)
Ruby-crowned Kinglet
- Old World Warblers**
(Sylviidae)
Arctic Warbler
- Thrushes** (Turdidae)
Bluethroat
Northern Wheatear
Townsend's Solitaire
Gray-cheeked Thrush
Swainson's Thrush
Hermit Thrush
American Robin
Varied Thrush
- Pipits, Wagtails**
(Motacillidae)
Yellow Wagtail
American Pipit
- Waxwings** (Bombycillidae)
Bohemian Waxwing
- Warblers** (Parulidae)
Orange-crowned Warbler
Yellow Warbler
Yellow-rumped Warbler
Townsend's Warbler
Blackpoll Warbler
Northern Waterthrush
Wilson's Warbler
- American Sparrows**
(Emberizidae)
American Tree Sparrow
Savannah Sparrow
Fox Sparrow
White-crowned Sparrow
Golden-crowned Sparrow
Dark-eyed Junco
Lapland Longspur
Smith's Longspur
Snow Bunting
- Marsh Blackbirds** (Icteridae)
Red-winged Blackbird
Rusty Blackbird
- Finches** (Fringillidae)
Gary-crowned Rosy-Finch
Pine Grosbeak
White-winged Crossbill
Common Redpoll
Hoary Redpoll
Pine Siskin

The occurrence of resident birds found along the **Dalton Highway** reflects the diversity of ecology and physiography - habitats. Kessel(1979) describes 28 avian habitats in Alaska. Wetzel, et al(1992) in a broader delineation for birders, describes 14 habitats along the Dalton Highway. As is the nature of birding, new or unexpected birds may be seen, yet more common, regular species missed. Some species are erratic or eruptive in abundance: Snowy Owl at Prudhoe Bay may be scattered across the tundra during years of abundant lemmings, but the next year totally absent.