

Birds seen at Nome, Alaska

May 30, 31 & June 1, 2002 with Dan Wetzel, 24 families and 96 species

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Nome by the Bering Sea enjoys a well-deserved reputation as Alaska's oldest birding destination. Taiga, tundra and marine biomes create 21 major avian habitats. Nome sits astride a strategic location with the Bering Sea and Asia west, and interior forest mountains east. This rich diversity of resident shorebirds and tundra species, Asiatic vagrants and migrants are some of the world's rarest birds. **There's no place like Nome for birdwatching.**

♣ **Target species** include Bristle-thighed Curlew, Bar-tailed Godwit, Pacific Golden-Plover, Red-necked Stint, Slaty-backed Gull, Aleutian Tern, Bluethroat, Arctic Warbler, Emperor Goose, Mongolian Plover, Willow and Rock Ptarmigan.

Loons

Red-throated Loon
Pacific Loon
Common Loon

Cormorants

Pelagic Cormorant

Swans, Geese, Ducks

Emperor Goose
Snow Goose
Canada Goose
Brant
Tundra Swan
American Wigeon
Mallard
Northern Shoveler
Northern Pintail
Green-winged Teal
Ring-necked Duck
Greater Scaup
Common Eider
Harlequin Duck
Black Scoter
Long-tailed Duck
Red-breasted Merganser

Hawks, Eagles

Northern Harrier
Rough-legged Hawk
Golden Eagle

Falcons

Gyr Falcon
Peregrine Falcon

Grouse, Ptarmigan

Willow Ptarmigan
Rock Ptarmigan

Cranes

Sandhill Crane

Plovers

Black-bellied Plover
American Golden-Plover
Pacific Golden-Plover
Semipalmated Plover

Sandpipers

Greater Yellowlegs
Wandering Tattler
Whimbrel
Bar-tailed Godwit
Ruddy Turnstone
Black Turnstone
Red Knot
Sanderling
Semipalmated Sandpiper
Western Sandpiper
Red-necked Stint
Pectoral Sandpiper
Dunlin
Ruff
Long-billed Dowitcher
Common Snipe
Red-necked Phalarope
Red Phalarope

Jaegers, Gulls

Parasitic Jaeger
Long-tailed Jaeger
Mew Gull
Herring Gull
Slaty-backed Gull
Glaucous-winged Gull
Glaucous Gull
Sabine's Gull
Ross's Gull
Ivory Gull
Arctic Tern
Aleutian Tern

Puffins

Common Murre
Pigeon Guillemot
Horned Puffin

Owls

Short-eared Owl

Flycatchers

Alder Flycatcher

Shrikes

Northern Shrike

Jays, Crows

Gray Jay
Common Raven

Lark's

Horned Lark

Swallow's

Bank Swallow
Cliff Swallow

Dippers

American Dipper

Old World Warbles

Arctic Warbler

Thrushes

Bluethroat
Northern Wheatear
Gray-cheeked Thrush
Swainson's Thrush
American Robin

Pipits, Wagtails

Yellow Wagtail
American Pipit

Warblers

Yellow Warbler
Blackpoll Warbler
Northern Waterthrush
Wilson's Warbler

American Sparrows

American Tree Sparrow
Savannah Sparrow
Fox Sparrow
White-crowned Sp.
Golden-crowned Sp.
Lapland Longspur
Snow Bunting

Finches

Common Redpoll
Hoary Redpoll