IMPORTANT BIRD AREAS *of* ALASKA

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The Important Bird Area ("IBA") Program is an international initiative to identify essential habitat for birds. To qualify as an IBA, a site must regularly support significant numbers of species of conservation concern; attract large numbers of breeding, wintering, or migrating birds; or support species characteristic of a unique habitat. The IBA Program is coordinated around the world by BirdLife International, and today more than 130 countries participate in this truly global effort. In the United States, the IBA Program is carried out by the National Audubon Society. Audubon Alaska, the state office of the National Audubon Society, began the work of identifying IBAs in Alaska in 2000.

Identifying and conserving IBAs is an ongoing effort. If you have new information about any of the IBAs identified on this map or other sites that may qualify as IBAs, please contact the Director of Bird Conservation at Audubon Alaska.

Recognition of a site or area as an IBA is based on avian science. It has no legal standing, nor does it have any regulatory implications in Alaska. Audubon hopes that Alaskans will take pride in the many sites recognized throughout the state as being essential for birds.

Further information on the IBA program can be found at www.audubon.org/bird/iba/ or at www.audubonalaska.org. More information about the global IBA Program can be found at www.birdlife.org.

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Bird Conservation Regions Key

Alaska IBA Sites

These sites are organized in Bird Conservation Regions (BCR), which are used across North America to group avian habitats. There are five BCRs in Alaska.

Level of Significance:
- Global
- Continental
- State
- Potential *(likely but requires further assessment)*

BCR 1 Aleutian Islands and Bering Sea

AI-01 Attu Island
AI-02 Agattu Island
AI-03 Semichi Islands
AI-04 Buldir Island
AI-05 Kiska Island
AI-06 Segula-Davidof Islands
AI-07 Amchitka Island
AI-08 Semisopochnoi Island
AI-09 Ganelot Island
AI-10 Kanaga Island
AI-11 Kulak Bay
AI-12 Sitkin Sound, marine
AI-13 Kasatochi Island
AI-14 Koniuji Island
AI-15 Amlia Island
AI-16 Chagulak Island
AI-17 Kagamil Pass, marine
AI-18 Kagamil Island
AI-19 Ananiuliak Island
AI-20 Vsevidof Island
AI-21 Emerald Island
AI-22 Bogoslof Island (& Fire Island)
AI-23 Ogangan Island
AI-24 Baby Islands-Akutan Pass
AI-25 Akutan Harbor
AI-26 Avatanak Strait Islands
AI-27 Kaligagan Island
AI-28 Aiktak Island
AI-29 Unimak Pass, marine
AI-30 St. George Island
AI-31 St. Paul Island
AI-32 Bering Sea Shelf Edge, marine
AI-33 St. Matthew Island
AI-34 South of St. Lawrence Island, marine
AI-35 St. Lawrence Island
AI-36 King Island
AI-37 Little Diomede Island & Fairway Rock
AI-38 Bering Strait, marine

BCR 2 Western Alaska

W-01 Slime Bank Inner Front, marine
W-02 Uriliia Bay
W-03 Bechevin Bay
W-04 Amak Island
W-05 Izembek-Moffet Lagoons
W-06 Nelson Lagoon-Mud Bay
W-07 Port Moller-Herendeen Bay
W-08 Outer Shumagin Islands
W-09 Ivanof Bay
W-10 Cape Sarsyvein
W-11 Seal Islands
W-12 Port Heiden
W-13 Chignik Bay
W-14 Semidi Islands
W-15 Cinder River-Hook Lagoon
W-16 Ugashik Bay
W-17 Wide Bay
W-18 Ugaiik Bay & Veikoda Bay
W-19 Chinaik Bay
W-20 Northwest Afognak Island
W-21 Barren Islands
W-22 Cook Inlet, marine
W-23 Contact Point
W-24 Amakdedulia Cove
W-25 Upper Naknek River
W-26 Egegik Bay
W-27 Kechak Bay
W-28 Nushagak Bay, marine
W-29 Nushagak Bay
W-30 Walrus Islands
W-31 Cape Peirce
W-32 Nanvak Bay
W-33 North Bristol Bay, marine
W-34 Cape Newenham
W-35 Chagvan Bay
W-36 Goodnews Bay
W-37 Quinhagak-Cape Newenham, marine
W-38 Carter Bay
W-39 Kuskokwim Bay, marine
W-40 Kuskokwim River Delta
W-41 Nunivak Island
W-42 Central Yukon-Kuskokwim
W-43 Andreafsky Wilderness
W-44 Yukon River Delta
W-45 Mouth of Yukon River, marine
W-46 Stebbins-St. Michael
W-47 East Norton Sound, marine
W-48 Norton Bay
W-49 Golovin Lagoon
W-50 Bluff Cotoneva
W-51 Safety Sound
W-52 Central Seward Peninsula
W-53 Lopp Lagoon
W-54 Shishmaref Inlet
W-55 Nugnugaluktuk River Mouth
W-56 Cape Espenberg
W-57 Puffin Island
W-58 Noatak River Delta

BCR 3 Arctic Plains and Mountains

AP-01 Kouweatern Lagoon
AP-02 Cape Thompson
AP-03 Southeast Chukchi, marine
AP-04 Cape Lisburne-Thompson, marine
AP-05 Cape Lisburne
AP-06 Ledyard Bay, marine
AP-07 Kasegaluk Lagoon
AP-08 Peard Bay
AP-09 Elson Lagoon
AP-10 Cooper Island
AP-11 Teshekpuk Lake-E. Dease Inlet
AP-12 Lower Colville River
AP-13 Colville River Delta
AP-14 Eastern Beaufort Sea Lagoons & Barrier Islands
AP-15 Canning River Delta
AP-16 Northeast Arctic Coastal Plain

BCR 4 Northwestern Interior Forest

NI-01 Tuxedni Bay
NI-02 Redoubt Bay
NI-03 Trading Bay
NI-04 Susitna Flats
NI-05 Kahiltna Flats-Petersville Road
NI-06 Anchor River
NI-07 Homer Spit
NI-08 Fox River Flats
NI-09 Clam Gulch
NI-10 Kenai River Flats
NI-11 Swanson Lakes
NI-12 Anchorage Coastal
NI-13 Campbell Creek
NI-14 Goose Bay
NI-15 Palmer Hay Flats
NI-16 Jim Creek Basin
NI-17 Sheep Mountain
NI-18 Iditarod River Lowlands
NI-19 Alaska Range Foothills
NI-20 Upper Tanana River Valley
NI-21 Creamer's Field
NI-22 Yukon-Charley Rivers
NI-23 Yukon Flats

BCR 5 Northern Pacific Rainforest

NP-01 Chugach Islands
NP-02 Kachemak Bay, South Shore
NP-03 Alaska Bay & Northwestern Fjord
NP-04 Northern Gulf of Alaska, marine
NP-05 Middleton Island
NP-06 Northern Montague Island
NP-07 Harriman Fjord
NP-08 Copper River Delta
NP-09 Icy Bay
NP-10 Yakutat Bay
NP-11 Blackaand Spit
NP-12 Glacier Bay
NP-13 Gustavus Flats
NP-14 Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve
NP-15 Berners Bay
NP-16 Mendenhall Wetlands
NP-17 Port Snettisham
NP-18 Seymour Canal
NP-19 St. Lazaria Island
NP-20 Keku Strait-Rocky Pass
NP-21 Stikine River Delta
NP-22 Forrester Island

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