

Bird Checklist for US Army Garrison Alaska: Donnelly Training Area



Donnelly Training Area (DTA) occupies 650,000 acres of the middle Tanana River Basin. DTA supports a complex mosaic of ecosystems and is composed of many acres of wetlands, kettle lakes, alpine and tundra habitats. Parts of DTA were designated as an Important Bird Area of World significance by the IUCN for the large numbers of trumpeter swans and sandhill cranes that use the area.

This document lists all species which could be observed on Ft Wainwright, Alaska Donnelly Training Area Lands at some time during the year. The abundance of each species is disseminated by season.

Sp - spring - March to May
 Fa -Fall - August to October
 Su - Summer - June to July
 Wi - Winter - November to February

Seasonal abundance on Donnelly Training Area, Alaska is described as follows
 C - Common (certain to be seen in suitable habitat) widely distributed, and relatively easy to detect
 U - Uncommon (present but not certain to be seen; or locally distributed)
 R - Rare Present annually in very low numbers or locally distributed.
 Infrequently encountered, or seen only a few times annually.
 O - Occasional (seen only a few times in a five year period.)

Breeding status
 yes - Documented as breeding on DTA
 probable - Not documented as breeding on DTA but has been documented as breeding in close proximity to DTA.
 Possible - Not documented as breeding on DTA or close proximity but birds are observed during the breeding season.
 no - Not documented as breeding on DTA or close proximity.

| Common Name | Breeding Status | Sp | Su | Fa | Wi |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|----|----|----|----|
| LOONS | | | | | |
| Red-throated Loon | no | U | R | U | - |
| Pacific Loon | no | U | U | U | - |
| Common Loon | probable | U | U | U | - |
| GREEBES | | | | | |
| Horned Grebe | yes | U | U | U | - |
| Red-necked Grebe | probable | U | U | U | - |
| DUCKS GEESE and SWANS | | | | | |
| Trumpeter Swan | yes | U | U | U | - |
| Tundra Swan | no | U | O | U | - |
| Canada Goose | no | C | U | C | - |
| Greater White-fronted Goose | no | C | O | C | - |
| Lesser Snow Goose | no | O | - | O | - |
| Green-winged Teal | yes | C | C | C | - |
| Blue-winged Teal | no | U | U | U | - |
| Mallard | yes | C | C | C | - |
| Northern Pintail | yes | U | U | U | - |
| Northern Shoveler | yes | C | C | C | - |
| American Wigeon | yes | C | C | C | - |
| Redhead | possible | O | O | O | - |
| Canvasback | possible | U | U | U | - |
| Ring-necked Duck | probable | U | U | U | - |
| Greater Scaup | yes | U | U | U | - |
| Lesser Scaup | probable | U | U | U | - |
| Long-tailed Duck | no | U | O | O | - |
| Surf Scoter | no | U | U | U | - |
| Black Scoter | possible | O | O | O | - |
| White-winged Scoter | possible | U | U | U | - |
| Harlequin Duck | no | U | O | O | - |
| Common Goldeneye | yes | U | U | U | - |
| Barrow's Goldeneye | possible | U | U | U | - |
| Bufflehead | yes | U | U | U | - |
| Common Merganser | possible | U | U | U | U |
| Red-breasted Merganser | possible | U | U | U | - |
| HAWKS EAGLES and FALCONS | | | | | |
| Northern Harrier | probable | U | U | U | - |
| Sharp-shinned Hawk | probable | U | U | U | - |
| Northern Goshawk | yes | U | U | U | U |
| Swainson's Hawk | no | O | - | - | - |
| Red-tailed Hawk | yes | U | U | U | - |
| Rough-legged Hawk | possible | U | O | U | - |
| Bald Eagle | yes | U | U | U | U |
| Golden Eagle | yes | U | U | U | U |
| Osprey | yes | U | U | U | - |
| FALCONS | | | | | |
| American Kestrel | probable | U | U | U | - |
| Merlin | probable | U | U | U | - |
| Peregrin Falcon | yes | R | R | R | - |
| Gyr Falcon | possible | R | O | R | O |
| GALINACEOUS BIRDS | | | | | |
| Spruce Grouse | yes | U | U | U | U |
| Ruffed Grouse | yes | U | U | U | U |
| Sharp-tailed Grouse | yes | U | U | U | U |
| Willow Ptarmigan | yes | U | U | U | U |
| Rock Ptarmigan | yes | U | U | U | U |
| White-tailed Ptarmigan | possible | O | O | O | O |
| CRANES | | | | | |
| Sandhill Crane | possible | C | U | C | - |

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| JAEGER GULLS AND TERNS | | | | | |
| Parasitic Jaeger | no | R | R | - | - |
| Long-tailed Jaeger | no | R | R | - | - |
| Bonaparte's Gull | no | U | U | O | - |
| Mew Gull | yes | C | C | U | - |
| Herring Gull | no | U | U | U | - |
| Glaucous-winged Gull | no | - | O | O | - |
| Arctic Tern | possible | U | U | O | - |
| PLOVERS | | | | | |
| Black-bellied Plover | no | O | O | O | - |
| American Golden-Plover | probable | R | R | O | - |
| Semipalmated Plover | probable | U | U | U | - |
| SANDPIPERS, PHALAROPES and ALLIES | | | | | |
| Killdeer | no | O | O | O | - |
| Greater Yellowlegs | yes | R | R | - | - |
| Lesser Yellowlegs | yes | C | C | U | - |
| Solitary Sandpiper | yes | U | C | U | - |
| Wandering Tattler | no | O | O | O | - |
| Spotted Sandpiper | yes | U | C | U | - |
| Upland Sandpiper | yes | U | U | U | - |
| Whimbrel | possible | U | U | U | - |
| Long-billed Dowitcher | no | U | R | - | - |
| Ruddy Turnstone | no | R | - | - | - |
| Semipalmated Sandpiper | no | R | O | O | - |
| Western Sandpiper | no | R | - | R | - |
| Surfbird | possible | O | O | O | - |
| Least Sandpiper | possible | R | R | R | - |
| Dunlin | no | R | O | R | - |
| Wilson's Snipe | yes | U | C | C | - |
| Red-necked Phalarope | possible | U | U | U | - |
| DOVES | | | | | |
| Rock pigeon | possible | R | R | R | R |
| OWLS | | | | | |
| Great Horned Owl | yes | U | U | U | U |
| Snowy Owl | no | - | - | - | O |
| Northern Hawk Owl | yes | U | U | U | U |
| Great Gray Owl | probable | R | R | R | R |
| Boreal Owl | yes | U | U | U | U |
| Short-eared Owl | yes | U | U | O | - |
| KINGFISHER | | | | | |
| Belted Kingfisher | probable | U | U | U | - |
| WOODPECKERS | | | | | |
| Downy Woodpecker | yes | U | U | U | U |
| Hairy Woodpecker | yes | U | U | U | U |
| American Three-toed Woodpecker | yes | U | U | U | U |
| Black-backed Woodpecker | yes | R | R | R | R |
| Yellow-shafted Flicker | yes | U | U | U | - |
| FLYCATCHERS | | | | | |
| Olive-sided Flycatcher | yes | U | U | O | - |
| Western Wood-Pewee | yes | R | R | O | - |
| Alder Flycatcher | yes | C | C | U | - |
| Hammond's Flycatcher | yes | U | U | U | - |
| Say's Phoebe | probable | U | U | O | - |
| SHRIKES | | | | | |
| Northern Shrike | probable | U | U | U | U |
| CORVIDS | | | | | |
| Gray Jay | yes | U | U | U | U |
| Black-billed Magpie | possible | U | U | U | U |
| Common Raven | yes | C | C | C | C |
| LARKS | | | | | |
| Horned Lark | yes | R | R | O | - |

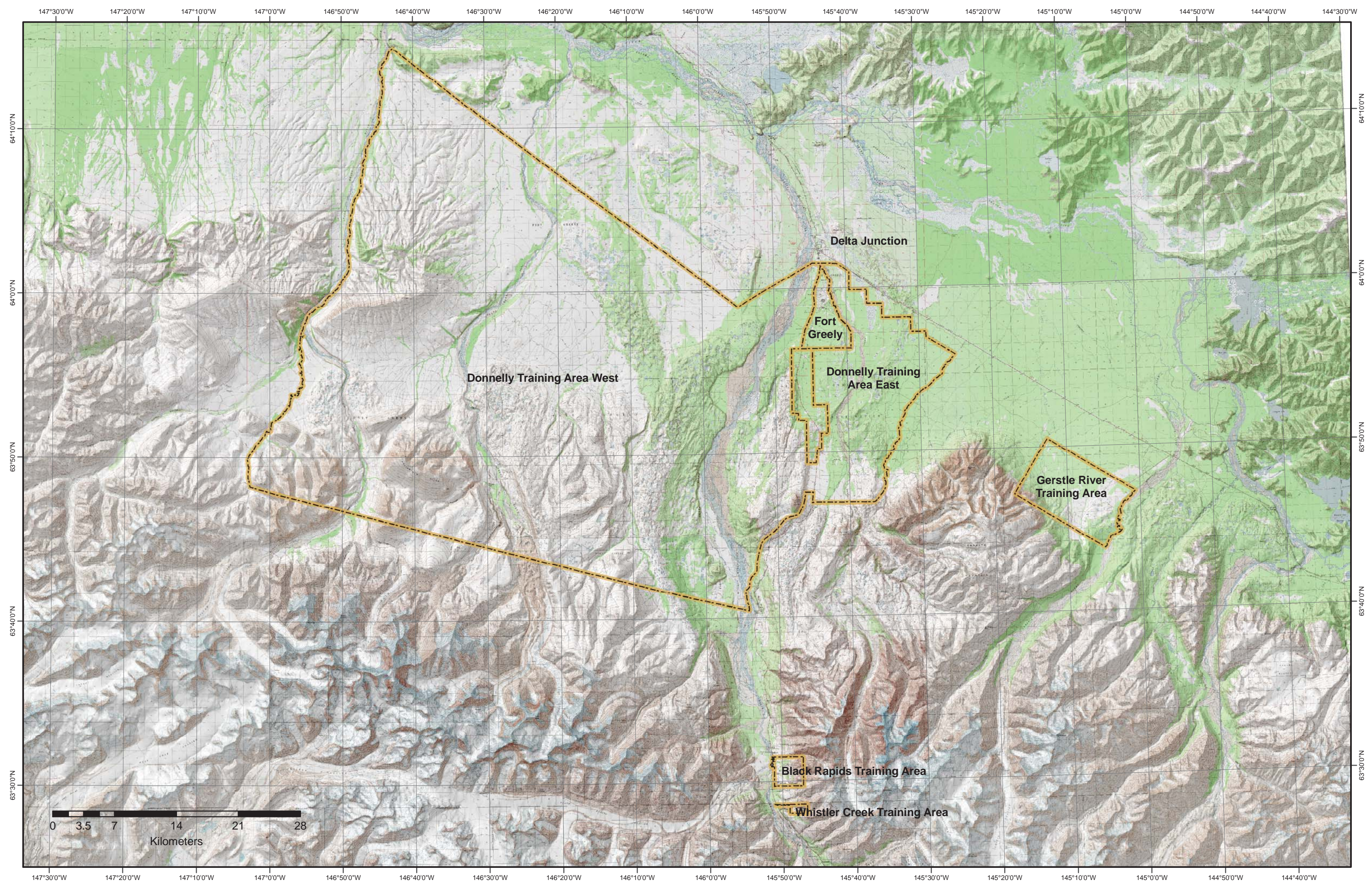
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| SWALLOWS | | | | | |
| Tree Swallow | yes | C | C | O | - |
| Violet-green Swallow | probable | C | C | O | - |
| Bank Swallow | yes | U | U | O | - |
| Cliff Swallow | yes | C | C | - | - |
| Barn Swallow | possible | O | O | O | - |
| CHICKADEES | | | | | |
| Black-capped Chickadee | yes | C | C | C | C |
| Boreal Chickadee | yes | C | C | C | C |
| NUTHATCHES | | | | | |
| Red-breasted Nuthatch | possible | R | R | R | R |
| CREEPERS | | | | | |
| Brown Creeper | no | R | R | R | R |
| DIPPERS | | | | | |
| American Dipper | probable | U | U | U | U |
| THRUSHES | | | | | |
| Northern Wheatear | possible | R | R | R | - |
| Townsend's Solitaire | possible | R | R | R | - |
| Mountain Bluebird | yes | R | R | R | - |
| Gray-cheeked Thrush | yes | U | U | U | - |
| Swainson's Thrush | yes | C | C | U | - |
| Hermit Thrush | yes | C | C | U | - |
| American Robin | yes | C | C | C | O |
| Varied Thrush | yes | C | C | U | - |
| KINGLETS | | | | | |
| Ruby-crowned Kinglet | yes | U | U | R | - |
| PIPPETS | | | | | |
| American Pipit | probable | U | U | R | - |
| WAXWINGS | | | | | |
| Bohemian Waxwing | probable | U | U | U | U |
| WOOD WARBLERS | | | | | |
| Orange-crowned Warbler | yes | C | C | U | - |
| Yellow Warbler | yes | C | C | U | - |
| Yellow-rumped Warbler | yes | C | C | U | - |
| Townsend's Warbler | yes | U | U | U | - |
| Blackpoll Warbler | yes | U | U | - | - |
| Wilson's Warbler | yes | C | C | U | - |
| Northern Waterthrush | yes | C | C | U | - |
| SPARROWS | | | | | |
| American Tree Sparrow | yes | U | U | U | - |
| Savannah Sparrow | yes | C | C | U | - |
| Fox Sparrow | yes | C | C | U | - |
| Chipping Sparrow | yes | U | R | R | - |
| Lincoln's Sparrow | yes | C | C | U | - |
| Golden-crowned Sparrow | no | U | U | O | - |
| White-crowned Sparrow | yes | C | C | U | - |
| Dark-eyed Junco | yes | C | C | C | O |
| Lapland Longspur | possible | C | U | U | - |
| Smith's Longspur | probable | R | R | R | - |
| Snow Bunting | no | U | R | R | R |
| BLACKBIRDS | | | | | |
| Red-winged Blackbird | no | R | R | O | - |
| Brown-headed Cowbird | no | O | O | O | - |
| Rusty Blackbird | possible | U | U | U | - |
| FINCHES | | | | | |
| Gray-crowned Rosy-finch | no | R | - | R | - |
| Pine Grosbeak | probable | U | U | U | U |
| White-winged Crossbill | yes | U | U | U | U |
| Common Redpoll | yes | C | C | C | C |
| Hoary Redpoll | no | U | - | U | U |
| Pine Siskin | no | U | U | U | U |



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