

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	-

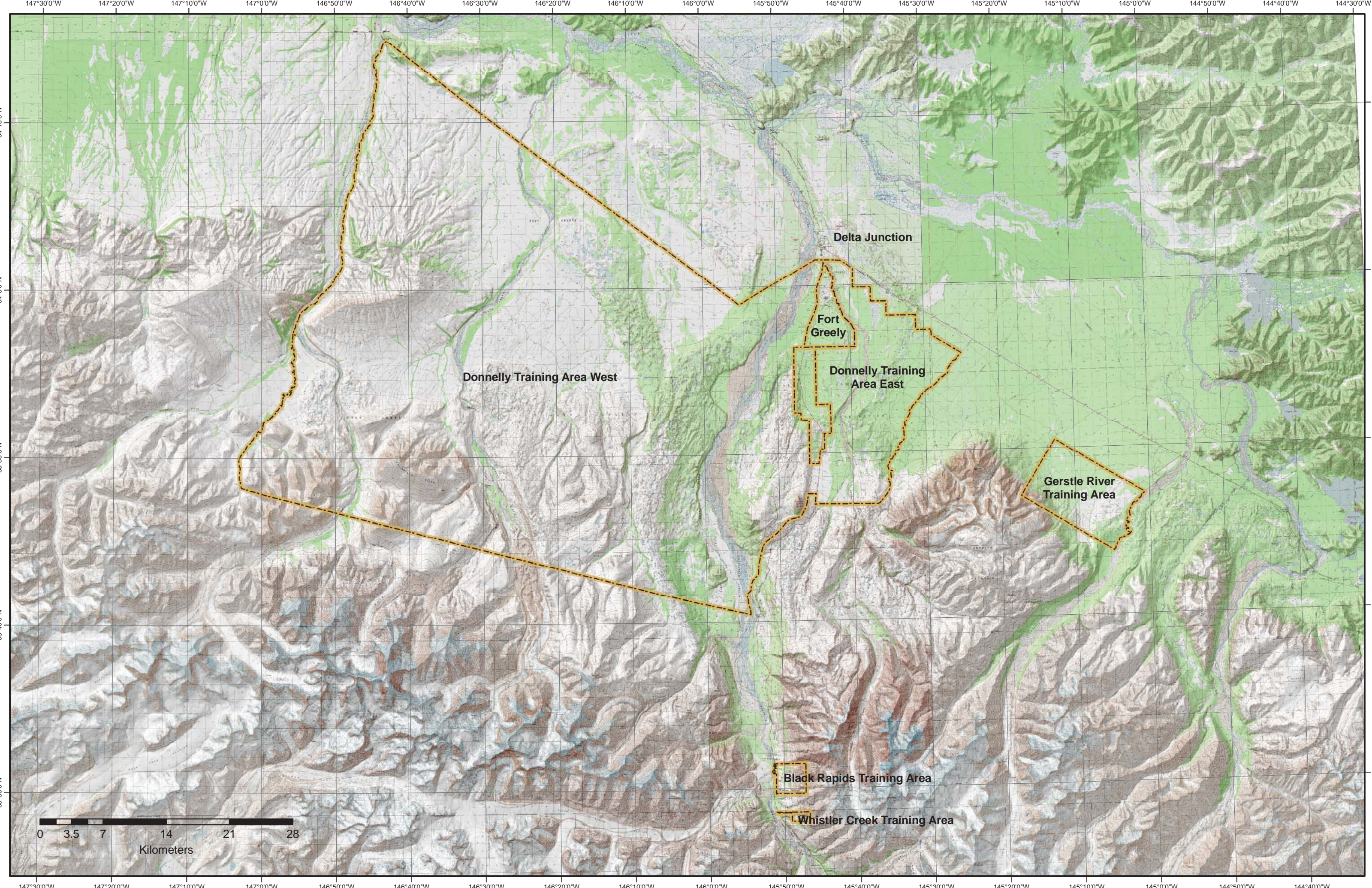
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SWALLOWS					
Tree Swallow	yes	C	C	O	-
Violet-green Swallow	probable	C	C	O	-
Bank Swallow	yes	U	U	O	-
Cliff Swallow	yes	C	C	-	-
Barn Swallow	possible	O	O	O	-
CHICKADEES					
Black-capped Chickadee	yes	C	C	C	C
Boreal Chickadee	yes	C	C	C	C
NUTHATCHES					
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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