CHUGACH NATIONAL FOREST BIRD CHECKLIST

- **American Robin**
  
  **COOL FACT**
  The American Robin is one of the most common birds in North America. The oldest recorded American Robin was 13 years and 11 months old.

  **FIELD MARKS**
  Medium-sized songbird • Black and white streaked throat • Rusty red breast and sides • Yellow bill (often with black tip)

- **Black-capped Chickadee**

  **COOL FACT**
  Chickadee calls are complex and language-like, communicating information on identity and recognition of other flocks as well as predator alarms and contact calls. The more dee notes in a chickadee-dee-dee call, the higher the threat level.

  **FIELD MARKS**
  Small songbird • Black cap and throat • White cheek and nape • Buff or orangish sides • Brownish gray back

- **Common Redpoll**

  **COOL FACT**
  Common Redpolls can survive temperatures of -65° Fahrenheit.

  **FIELD MARKS**
  Small, compact-bodied songbird • Small, conical yellow bill • Black on face at base of bill • Red cap with rosy tinge on breast of males

- **Northern Shoveler**

  **COOL FACT**
  When flushed off the nest, a female Northern Shoveler often defecates on its eggs, apparently to deter predators.

  **FIELD MARKS**
  Medium-sized duck • Very long bill, wider at tip than at base • Male has iridescent green head, white chest and rusty sides

- **Common Raven**

  **COOL FACT**
  Common Ravens can mimic the calls of other bird species. They can even imitate human words.

  **FIELD MARKS**
  Very large black bird • Long, shaggy throat feathers • Long, thick beak • Long feathers covering nostrils and base of bill
Black-billed Magpie

**COOL FACT**
On their expedition, Lewis and Clark reported magpies boldly entering their tents to steal food.

**FIELD MARKS**
Long and slender-bodied • Distinctive black and white plumage • White belly contrasts with head and chest

Steller’s Jay

**COOL FACT**
The Steller’s Jay can mimic birds, squirrels, cats, dogs, chickens and some mechanical objects.

**FIELD MARKS**
Large, stocky, songbird • Black upper body transitioning to deep, iridescent blue on wings and belly • Tall, spiky crest

Bald Eagle

**COOL FACT**
Bald Eagles can live a long time, with a longevity record of 38 years in the wild.

**FIELD MARKS**
Very large raptor with long, broad wings • White head and tail • Powerful yellow bill • Powerful talons

Mew Gull

**COOL FACT**
The Mew Gull is the only “white-headed” gull that regularly uses trees for nesting.

**FIELD MARKS**
Medium-sized to small gull • Unmarked yellow bill • Head and underparts white • Back medium gray • Wingtips black with white spots • Yellow legs

Willow Ptarmigan

**COOL FACT**
It was named the official state bird of Alaska in 1955. The Willow Ptarmigan changes color from light brown in summer to snow white in winter for effective camouflage from predators.

**FIELD MARKS**
Medium to large chicken-like bird • Thick bodied • Tail moderately short, rounded and black • Completely white in winter • Streaked rusty brown in summer

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