

CHECKLIST OF BIRDS SEEN DURING RING OF FIRE TOUR

No of days recorded	Location	Abundance Scale (max. seen on 1 day)
1 2h means seen on 1 day and heard on 2 other days	T = Tokyo H = Hokkaido K = Kuril Islands S = Kamchatka, Siberia A = Aleutians and at sea P = Pribilofs (& St Matthew, Gambell) N = Nome, Alaska X = Anchorage	1 = 1 - 4 individuals 2 = 5 - 9 3 = 10 - 99 4 = 100 - 999 5 = 1,000 - 9,999 6 = 10,000 - 99,999

Location letters are not given for the most widely distributed species. A few taxonomic notes follow the list.

SPECIES	No of days recorded	Location	Abundance Scale	SCIENTIFIC NAME
Red-throated Diver	6		3	<i>Gavia stellata</i>
Black-throated Diver	3	SP	3	<i>Gavia arctica</i>
Pacific Diver	6	SPN	1	<i>Gavia pacifica</i>
White-billed Diver	3	KA	1	<i>Gavia adamsii</i>
Red-necked Grebe	1	X	3	<i>Podiceps grisegena</i>
Short-tailed Albatross	1	A	1	<i>Diomedea albatrus</i>
Laysan Albatross	8	KSA	4	<i>Diomedea immutabilis</i>
Black-footed Albatross	1	A	1	<i>Diomedea nigripes</i>
Northern Fulmar	16		6	<i>Fulmarus glacialis</i>
Mottled Petrel	3	A	3	<i>Pterodroma inexpectata</i>
Short-tailed Shearwater	9	KSA	5	<i>Puffinus tenuirostris</i>
Leach's Storm-Petrel	5	KA	4	<i>Oceanodroma leucorhoa</i>
Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel	7	KA	4	<i>Oceanodroma furcata</i>
Great Cormorant	1	T	3	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>
Temminck's (Japanese) Cormorant	1	K	2	<i>Phalacrocorax capillatus</i>
Pelagic Cormorant	12		3	<i>Phalacrocorax pelagicus</i>
Red-faced Cormorant	11		3	<i>Phalacrocorax urile</i>
Grey Heron	4	TH	2	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>
Great Egret	1	T	2	<i>Egretta alba</i>
Little Egret	1	T	1	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>
Whooper Swan	2	HS	1	<i>Cygnus cygnus</i>
Tundra Swan	1	N	2	<i>Cygnus columbianus</i>
Snow Goose	1	N	1	<i>Chen caerulescens</i>
Emperor Goose	1	P	1	<i>Chen canagica</i>
Canada Goose (note 1)	3	AN	3	<i>Branta canadensis</i>
Brent Goose (note 2)	1	S	1	<i>Branta bernicla</i>
Mandarin Duck	2	HK	2	<i>Aix galericulata</i>
Eurasian Wigeon	7	HKS	3	<i>Anas penelope</i>
American Wigeon	2	N	1	<i>Anas americana</i>
Falcated Duck	2	HK	1	<i>Anas falcata</i>
Eurasian Teal	2	HKS	2	<i>Anas crecca</i>
Mallard	9		2	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>
Spot-billed Duck	1	T	1	<i>Anas poecilorhyncha</i>
Northern Pintail	7		2	<i>Anas acuta</i>
Northern Shoveler	3	SN	1	<i>Anas clypeata</i>
Tufted Duck	4	HKS	2	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>
Greater Scaup	6		4	<i>Aythya marila</i>
Common Eider	4	APN	3	<i>Somateria mollissima</i>
King Eider	2	P	2	<i>Somateria spectabilis</i>
Spectacled Eider	1	P	1	<i>Somateria fischeri</i>
Harlequin Duck	11		3	<i>Histrionicus histrionicus</i>
Long-tailed Duck	3	PN	2	<i>Clangula hyemalis</i>
Black Scoter (note 3)	4	SAN	4	<i>Melanitta americana</i>
White-winged Scoter (note 4)	3	S	3	<i>Melanitta deglandi</i>

Common Goldeneye	3	HKS	1	<i>Bucephala clangula</i>
Smew	1	H	1	<i>Mergellus albellus</i>
Red-breasted Merganser	8		3	<i>Mergus serrator</i>
Goosander	6	HSP	3	<i>Mergus merganser</i>
Osprey	1	S	1	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>
Black Kite	4	H	3	<i>Milvus migrans</i>
White-tailed Eagle	4	HK	3	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>
Bald Eagle	2	AN	1	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>
Steller's Sea-Eagle	4	KS	2	<i>Haliaeetus pelagicus</i>
Eastern Marsh Harrier	2	H	1	<i>Circus spilonotus</i>
Eurasian Sparrowhawk	1	S	1	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>
Northern Goshawk	1	S	1	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>
Rough-legged Buzzard	4	KS	1	<i>Buteo lagopus</i>
Eurasian Kestrel	1	S	1	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>
Eurasian Hobby	1	S	1	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>
Gyr Falcon	1	K	1	<i>Falco rusticolus</i>
Peregrine Falcon	6	HKS	1	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>
Willow Ptarmigan	2	S	2	<i>Lagopus lagopus</i>
Sandhill Crane	3	PN	3	<i>Grus canadensis</i>
Red-crowned Crane	4	H	1	<i>Grus japonensis</i>
Eurasian Oystercatcher	1	S	1	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>
Pacific Golden Plover	1	N	1	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>
American Golden Plover	1	N	1	<i>Pluvialis dominica</i>
Grey Plover	1	T	3	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>
Semipalmated Plover	2	PN	1	<i>Charadrius semipalmatus</i>
Kentish Plover	1	T	1	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>
Lesser Sand Plover	1	T	1	<i>Charadrius mongolus</i>
Latham's Snipe	4	H	2	<i>Gallinago hardwickii</i>
Common Snipe	2	1h S	1	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>
Wilson's Snipe (note 5)	-	1h N	-	<i>Gallinago delicata</i>
Eurasian Woodcock	1	H	1	<i>Scolopax rusticola</i>
Short-billed Dowitcher	1	X	2	<i>Limnodromus griseus</i>
Black-tailed Godwit	1	S	1	<i>Limosa limosa</i>
Hudsonian Godwit	1	X	3	<i>Limosa haemastica</i>
Bar-tailed Godwit	2	TN	3	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>
Whimbrel	2	KN	1	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>
Eastern Curlew	1	S	1	<i>Numenius madagascariensis</i>
Common Redshank	1	T	1	<i>Tringa totanus</i>
Greenshank	1	S	1	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>
Lesser Yellowlegs	1	1h NX	1	<i>Tringa flavipes</i>
Wood Sandpiper	1	S	1	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>
Common Sandpiper	1	S	1	<i>Tringa hypoleucos</i>
Grey-tailed Tattler	2	TS	1	<i>Heterosceles brevipes</i>
Ruddy Turnstone	2	TN	2	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>
Great Knot	1	T	2	<i>Calidris tenuirostris</i>
Semipalmated Sandpiper	1	N	2	<i>Calidris pusilla</i>
Western Sandpiper	1	N	3	<i>Calidris mauri</i>
Red-necked Stint	1	T	1	<i>Calidris ruficollis</i>
Long-toed Stint	5	KS	1	<i>Calidris subminuta</i>
Least Sandpiper	1	N	2	<i>Calidris minutilla</i>
Dunlin	2	KN	1	<i>Calidris alpina</i>
Rock Sandpiper	2	P	3	<i>Calidris ptilocnemis</i>
Red-necked Phalarope	4	SPN	2	<i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>
Grey (Red) Phalarope	5	AP	2	<i>Phalaropus fulicarius</i>
Pomarine Skua	5	SAP	1	<i>Stercorarius pomarinus</i>
Arctic Skua	5	APN	1	<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>
Long-tailed Skua	4	APN	2	<i>Stercorarius longicaudus</i>
Black-tailed Gull	4	HKS	1	<i>Larus crassirostris</i>
Mew (Common) Gull (note 6)	4	SN	4	<i>Larus canus</i>
Glaucous-winged Gull	7	KAP	4	<i>Larus glaucescens</i>
Glaucous Gull	3	PN	4	<i>Larus hyperboreus</i>
Vega (Herring) Gull (note 7)	2	P	1	<i>Larus argentatus</i>
Slaty-backed Gull	14	HKS	5	<i>Larus schistisagus</i>

Common Black-headed Gull	7	HS	3	<i>Larus ridibundus</i>
Little Gull	1	S	1	<i>Larus minutus</i>
Red-legged Kittiwake	5	AP	3	<i>Rissa brevirostris</i>
Black-legged Kittiwake	17		4	<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>
Common Tern	3	SA	1	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>
Arctic Tern	2	AN	4	<i>Sterna paradisaea</i>
Little Tern	1	T	1	<i>Sterna albifrons</i>
Aleutian Tern	2	SN	3	<i>Sterna aleutica</i>
Common Guillemot	15		6	<i>Uria aalge</i>
Brunnich's Guillemot	13		5	<i>Uria lomvia</i>
Pigeon Guillemot (note 8)	8	KAP	4	<i>Cepphus columba</i>
Spectacled Guillemot	1	K	3	<i>Cepphus carbo</i>
Long-billed Murrelet (note 9)	2	S	2	<i>Brachyramphus perdix</i>
Kittlitz's Murrelet	1	A	1	<i>Brachyramphus brevirostris</i>
Ancient Murrelet	6	KSA	3	<i>Synthliboramphus antiquus</i>
Parakeet Auklet	4	SAP	4	<i>Cyclorhynchus psittacula</i>
Crested Auklet	11	KAP	6	<i>Aethia cristatella</i>
Whiskered Auklet	3	K	5	<i>Aethia pygmaea</i>
Least Auklet	5	AP	6	<i>Aethia pusilla</i>
Rhinoceros Auklet	1	K	3	<i>Cerorhinca monocerata</i>
Horned Puffin	7	KAP	3	<i>Fratercula corniculata</i>
Tufted Puffin	16		5	<i>Fratercula cirrhata</i>
Feral Pigeon	6		3	<i>Columba livia</i>
Rufous Turtle Dove	4	H	2	<i>Streptopelia orientalis</i>
Common Cuckoo	4	2h HS	1	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>
Oriental Cuckoo	-	3h HS	-	<i>Cuculus saturatus</i>
White-throated Needletail	1	H	3	<i>Hirundapus caudacutus</i>
Pacific Swift	3	HK	3	<i>Apus pacificus</i>
Wryneck	-	2h H	-	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>
Japanese Pygmy Woodpecker	1	H	1	<i>Dendrocopos kizuki</i>
Great Spotted Woodpecker	2	H	1	<i>Dendrocopos major</i>
Downy Woodpecker	1	X	1	<i>Picoides pubescens</i>
Grey-headed Woodpecker	1	H	1	<i>Picus canus</i>
Alder Flycatcher	1	X	1	<i>Empidonax alnorum</i>
Eurasian Skylark	7	HKS	2	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>
Tree Swallow	2	NX	3	<i>Tachycineta bicolor</i>
Violet-green Swallow	1	X	2	<i>Tachycineta thalassina</i>
Sand Martin	4	HKX	3	<i>Riparia riparia</i>
Barn Swallow	2	TH	2	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>
Asian Martin	4	TH	2	<i>Delichon dasypus</i>
White Wagtail	2	PN	1	<i>Motacilla alba</i>
Black-backed Wagtail (note 10)	13	HKS	3	<i>Motacilla lugens</i>
Japanese Wagtail	1	H	1	<i>Motacilla grandis</i>
Yellow Wagtail	8		3	<i>Motacilla flava</i>
Grey Wagtail	2	1h HKS	1	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>
Olive-backed Pipit	5	HS	3	<i>Anthus hodgsoni</i>
Pechora Pipit	1	S	1	<i>Anthus gustavi</i>
Red-throated Pipit	2	KS	1	<i>Anthus cervinus</i>
Buff-bellied Pipit (note 11)	4	K	3	<i>Anthus rubescens</i>
Brown-eared Bulbul	2	TH	1	<i>Hypsipetes amaurotis</i>
Goldcrest	-	1h H	-	<i>Regulus regulus</i>
Winter Wren	2	3h HKP	1	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>
Brown Thrush	4	K	2	<i>Turdus chrysolaus</i>
American Robin	1	N	1	<i>Turdus migratorius</i>
Japanese Bush Warbler	2	1h H	1	<i>Cettia diphone</i>
Lanceolated Warbler	1	1h S	1	<i>Locustella lanceolata</i>
Black-browed Reed Warbler	2	H	1	<i>Acrocephalus bistrigiceps</i>
Oriental Reed Warbler	1	T	1	<i>Acrocephalus orientalis</i>
Arctic Warbler	1	S	1	<i>Phylloscopus borealis</i>
Sakhalin Leaf Warbler (note 12)	2	H	1	<i>Phylloscopus borealoides</i>
Eastern Crowned Warbler	4	HK	3	<i>Phylloscopus coronatus</i>
Grey-streaked Flycatcher	1	S	1	<i>Muscicapa griseisticta</i>
Siberian Flycatcher	2	S	1	<i>Muscicapa sibirica</i>

Brown Flycatcher	4		HS	1	<i>Muscicapa dauurica</i>
Narcissus Flycatcher	1		K	1	<i>Ficedula narcissina</i>
Taiga (Red-throated) Flycatcher (note 13)	3		SA	2	<i>Ficedula albicilla</i>
Japanese Robin	1		H	1	<i>Erithacus akahige</i>
Siberian Rubythroat	7	1h	HKS	2	<i>Luscinia calliope</i>
Rufous-tailed Robin	-	1h	S	-	<i>Luscinia sibilans</i>
Siberian Blue Robin	1	1h	H	1	<i>Luscinia cyane</i>
Red-flanked Bluetail	-	1h	H	-	<i>Tarsiger cyanurus</i>
Siberian Stonechat (note 14)	4		H	1	<i>Saxicola maura</i>
Northern Wheatear	1		K	1	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>
Long-tailed Tit	3		H	1	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>
Marsh Tit	3		H	1	<i>Parus palustris</i>
Willow Tit	1	1h	HS	1	<i>Parus montanus</i>
Coal Tit	3		H	1	<i>Parus ater</i>
Great Tit	2		H	1	<i>Parus major</i>
Black-capped Chickadee	1		X	1	<i>Parus atricapillus</i>
Eurasian Nuthatch	3		H	1	<i>Sitta europaea</i>
Eurasian Tree-creeper	-	1h	H	-	<i>Certhia familiaris</i>
Japanese White-eye	1		H	1	<i>Zosterops japonica</i>
Bull-headed Shrike	1		H	1	<i>Lanius bucephalus</i>
Brown Shrike	1		S	1	<i>Lanius cristatus</i>
Eurasian Jay	1		H	1	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>
Eurasian Magpie (note 15)	2		S	1	<i>Pica pica</i>
Black-billed Magpie (note 15)	1		X	2	<i>Pica hudsonia</i>
Azure-winged Magpie	1		T	1	<i>Cyanopica cyana</i>
Eurasian Nutcracker	1		K	1	<i>Nucifraga caryocatactes</i>
Carrion Crow	9			3	<i>Corvus corone</i>
Large-billed Crow	7		THK	3	<i>Corvus macrorhynchos</i>
Common Raven	9		KSN	2	<i>Corvus corax</i>
Red-cheeked Myna	1		H	1	<i>Sturnus philippensis</i>
Grey Starling	2		TH	3	<i>Sturnus cineraceus</i>
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	5		THS	3	<i>Passer montanus</i>
Brambling	3		SA	1	<i>Fringilla montifringilla</i>
Grey-crowned Rosy Finch (note 16)	2		P	3	<i>Leucosticte tephrocotis</i>
Asian Rosy Finch (note 16)	2		KS	1	<i>Leucosticte arctoa</i>
Common Rosefinch	2	1h	S	2	<i>Carpodacus erythrinus</i>
Common Redpoll	4		ANX	2	<i>Carduelis flammea</i>
Arctic Redpoll	1		N	1	<i>Carduelis hornemanni</i>
Eurasian Siskin	-	1h	H	-	<i>Carduelis spinus</i>
Oriental Greenfinch	6		HK	3	<i>Carduelis sinica</i>
Bullfinch	2	1h	HS	1	<i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>
Hawfinch	3		HA	1	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>
Japanese Grosbeak	1		H	1	<i>Eophona personata</i>
Long-tailed Rosefinch	1		H	1	<i>Uragus sibiricus</i>
Wilson's Warbler	1		X	1	<i>Wilsonia pusilla</i>
Rustic Bunting	2		S	3	<i>Emberiza rustica</i>
Black-faced Bunting	3		H	3	<i>Emberiza spodocephala</i>
Japanese Grey Bunting	2		KS	1	<i>Emberiza variabilis</i>
Reed Bunting	6		HKS	2	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>
American Tree Sparrow	1		N	1	<i>Spizella arborea</i>
Savannah Sparrow	1		N	2	<i>Passerculus sandwichensis</i>
White-crowned Sparrow	1		N	1	<i>Zonotrichia leucophrys</i>
Dark-eyed Junco	1		X	1	<i>Junco hyemalis</i>
Lapland Bunting	5		APN	3	<i>Calcarius lapponicus</i>
Snow Bunting	2		P	1	<i>Plectrophenax nivalis</i>
McKay's Bunting	1		P	3	<i>Plectrophenax hyperboreus</i>

TAXONOMIC NOTES (following *Birds of the World: A Checklist* by J. Clements, 5th edition, 2000, plus updates). A more appropriate name might be 'Splitting Headaches.'

- Note 1 Canada Geese seen in the Aleutians were of the small (and rare) Aleutian subspecies *leucopareia*.
 Note 2 The Brent Goose seen in Siberia was of the dark form *nigricans*, which may be split in future and called Black Brant.
 Note 3 Black Scoter is a split from Common Scoter (previously regarded as the American/Pacific subspecies).

- Note 4 White-winged Scoter is a split from Velvet Scoter (previously regarded as the American/Pacific subspecies).
- Note 5 Wilson's Snipe is a recent split from Common Snipe for North American forms.
- Note 6 Mew or Common Gull - the large form that nests in Kamchatka (nearly the size of a Herring Gull) may be split in future as Kamchatka Gull (*Larus kamtschatschensis*).
- Note 7 Herring Gull – those in eastern Siberia may be split in the future as a separate species: Vega Gull (*Larus vegae*).
- Note 8 Pigeon Guillemots of the Southern Kurils are of the dark-winged subspecies *snowii*.
- Note 9 Long-billed Murrelet – this is a recent split from Marbled Murrelet (the Siberian/Japanese population).
- Note 10 Black-backed Wagtail is a recent split from White Wagtail.
- Note 11 Buff-bellied Pipit: sometimes known as American Pipit. Birds seen on the Kurils were of the heavily spotted subspecies *japonicus*, which may be split in future.
- Note 12 Sakhalin Leaf Warbler: this new name follows a recent split from Pale-legged Leaf Warbler, *P. tenellipes*.
- Note 13 Taiga or Red-throated Flycatcher is a recent split from the Red-breasted Flycatcher of Eastern Europe.
- Note 14 Siberian Stonechat is a recent split from Eurasian Stonechat.
- Note 15 The magpies of Eurasia and America have recently been split.
- Note 16 The Rosy Finches have been split once again. The species from the Aleutians and Pribilofs and Alaska is the Grey-crowned Rosy Finch, while the Asian species is found on the continent.

MAMMALS

Red Fox	3	HKN	1	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>
Arctic Fox	2	P	3	<i>Alopex lagopus</i>
Brown (Grizzly) Bear	1	S	3	<i>Ursos arctos</i>
Sea Otter	4	KS	4	<i>Enhydra lutris</i>
Dall's Porpoise	8	KSA	3	<i>Phocoenoides dalli</i>
Orca (Killer Whale)	6	KSA	2	<i>Orcinus orca</i>
Fin Whale	1	A	1	<i>Balaenoptera physalus</i>
Minke Whale	2	AP	1	<i>Balaenoptera acutorostrata</i>
Humpback Whale	1	A	1	<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>
Gray Whale	1	P	2	<i>Eschrichtius robustus</i>
Sperm Whale	4	KA	2	<i>Physeter catodon</i>
Baird's Beaked Whale	1	A	1	<i>Berardius bairdii</i>
Steller's Sea Lion	4	KS	3	<i>Eumetopias jubatus</i>
Harbour (Common) Seal	8		4	<i>Phoca vitulina</i>
Northern Fur Seal	2	KP	3	<i>Callorhinus ursinus</i>
Sika Deer	3	H	2	<i>Cervus nippon</i>
Caribou (feral)	1	P	1	<i>Rangifer tarandus</i>
Moose	1	NX	1	<i>Alces alces</i>
Muskox	1	N	1	<i>Ovibos moschatus</i>
Siberian Chipmunk	1	H	1	<i>Tamius sibiricus</i>
Arctic Ground Squirrel	1	N	2	<i>Citellus parryi</i>

OTHER ANIMALS included a vole on St Matthew Island, and a non-venomous snake in Hokkaido.

This list represents those birds and other animals seen by party members of this tour.

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