

Comments on 31st Alaska Checklist (see also Withrow et al. 2025)

Changes from the 30th Alaska Checklist:

- ▶ In Family Anatidae delete *Anser serrirostris* Tundra Bean-Goose and delete the English name Taiga Bean-Goose. Instead maintain *Anser fabalis* **Bean Goose** ★ as a single, polytypic species [in which include subspecies *A. f. serrirostris*].
- ▶ In Family Columbidae add one species: *Columba livia* **Rock Pigeon** [introduced within Alaska].
- ▶ Re-order Family Charadriidae and reclassify and/or re-name four species:
 - Pluvialis squatarola* Black-bellied Plover
 - Pluvialis apricaria* European Golden-Plover ★
 - Pluvialis dominica* American Golden-Plover
 - Pluvialis fulva* Pacific Golden-Plover
 - Eudromias morinellus* Eurasian Dotterel ★
 - Charadrius vociferus* Killdeer
 - Charadrius hiaticula* Common Ringed Plover ✓
 - Charadrius semipalmatus* Semipalmated Plover
 - Charadrius dubius* Little Ringed Plover ☼
 - Vanellus vanellus* Northern Lapwing ☼
 - Anarhynchus mongolus* **Siberian** Sand-Plover
 - Anarhynchus alexandrinus* Kentish Plover ☼
 - Anarhynchus nivosus* Snowy Plover ☼.
- ▶ In Family Scolopacidae delete one subspecies of *Numenius phaeopus* and add one species: *Numenius hudsonicus* **Hudsonian Whimbrel**. Re-name *Numenius phaeopus* **Eurasian Whimbrel** ✓ [with subspecies *N. p. variegatus* known in Alaska].
- ▶ In Family Scolopacidae emend the spelling of the specific epithet of *Calidris pygmaea*.
- ▶ In Family Procellariidae add one species: *Pterodroma ultima* **Murphy's Petrel** ☼.
- ▶ In Family Sulidae add one species: *Sula brewsteri* **Brewster's Booby** ★ [not Cocos Booby].
- ▶ Re-order Family Ardeidae and reclassify or re-name three species:
 - Botaurus lentiginosus* American Bittern ★
 - Botaurus sinensis* Yellow Bittern ☼
 - Egretta tricolor* Tricolored Heron ☼
 - Egretta eulophotes* Chinese Egret ☼
 - Egretta garzetta* Little Egret ☼
 - Nycticorax nycticorax* Black-crowned **Night Heron** ★ [no hyphen]
 - Butorides virescens* Green Heron ☼
 - Ardeola bacchus* Chinese Pond-Heron ★

Ardea alba Great Egret ★
Ardea intermedia Intermediate Egret ☸ [still a single species]
Ardea ibis Cattle Egret ★ [still a single species]
Ardea cinerea Gray Heron ★
Ardea herodias Great Blue Heron

- ▶ In Family Accipitridae add one species: *Pernis ptilorhynchus* **Oriental Honey-Buzzard** ☸.
- ▶ In Family Accipitridae, remove goshawks to their own genus: *Astur gentilis* Eurasian Goshawk ☸ and *Astur atricapillus* American Goshawk.
- ▶ In Family Accipitridae add one species: *Accipiter nisus* **Eurasian Sparrowhawk** ★.
- ▶ In Family Accipitridae add one species: *Ictinia mississippiensis* **Mississippi Kite** ☸.
- ▶ In Family Turdidae delete one species: *Turdus eunomus* ★ [and add one subspecies to *Turdus naumanni* **Dusky Thrush**: *T. n. eunomus*].
- ▶ In Family Motacillidae delete one subspecies of *Anthus rubescens* and add one species: *Anthus japonicus* **Siberian Pipit** ✓.
- ▶ In Family Fringillidae delete one species: *Acanthis hornemannni* **Hoary Redpoll** [and maintain three subspecies of *Acanthis flammea* **Redpoll**—*A. f. flammea*, *A. f. hornemanni*, and *A. f. exilipes*].
- ▶ In Family Calcariidae delete one species: *Plectrophenax hyperboreus* **McKay's Bunting** [and maintain three subspecies of *Plectrophenax nivalis* Snow Bunting—*P. n. nivalis*, *P. n. hyperboreus*, and *P. n. townsendi*].

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