



WORLD-CLASS BIRDING
SMALL GROUP COMFORT



Red-legged Kittiwake
Photo: Colin Bradshaw

PRIBILOF ISLANDS St. Paul Island

May 21 - 26, 2022

The Pribilof Islands lie in the middle of the Bering Sea about 600 miles from landfall. St. Paul Island, where we stay, hosts many of the largest colonies of alcids (auklets & other seabirds) in the world as well as the largest Northern Fur Seal colony in the world. St. Paul is an isolated and charming island with a small Aleut population. Asian vagrants regularly visit St. Paul in late May, and we expect to see a number of them along with the resident species. We spend the first night in Anchorage.

Huge colonies of seabirds next on the cliffs and in the rocks on the island including Parakeet, Least and Crested Auklets; Horned and Tufted Puffins; Thick-billed & Common Murres' Northern Fulmar; Black-legged & Red-legged Kittiwakes.



TOUR AT A GLANCE

TOUR PRICE	US \$4200 Single Supplement: US \$350. Deposit: US \$500.00.
TOUR SIZE	Limited to twelve participants, with local guide and High Lonesome leader
INCLUDES	From Anchorage. Pickup and drop-off at Anchorage Airport, 5 nights lodging, all meals, transport, guide, taxes, & tips (guide tip optional).

SUMMARY OF ITINERARY

May 21	Arrival: Anchorage International Airport; transfer to Coast Inn at Lake Hood
May 22	Flight to St. Paul Island. Birding & Overnight
May 23-24,25	Full days birding. Overnights at St. Paul Island
May 26	Morning and early afternoon birding. Depart for Anchorage about 4 PM.

DETAILED ITINERARY

DAY 1

Arrival: Anchorage International Airport; transfer to Coast International Inn

We'll meet in Anchorage at the Coast Inn at Lake Hood at 6:30 PM for dinner downtown at Orso, one of the finest restaurants in Alaska. After dinner, we'll do a

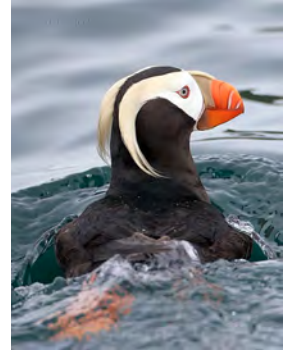


hour or so of birding. We can usually find a pair of nesting Pacific Loons close-by and, if we're lucky, nesting Northern Goshawk.

DAY 2

Flight to St. Paul Island & Overnight

Breakfast at the Coast. Proceed to airport at 9:30 AM for our flight to St. Paul, departing about 11:30 AM. Arrive St. Paul about 3:30 PM. We'll be staying this year at the airport hotel in newly renovated quarters. We'll go birding before dinner, probably getting our first good looks at Red-legged Kittiwake. Dinner at the airport restaurant. Birding afterwards. We'll be looking especially for the White-tailed Eagle that has been seen a number of times over the last three years.



Tufted Puffin
Photo: Carl Sheely

DAY 3, 4, 5 Overnight & birding

Breakfast at 7:00. Birding until lunch at 12:00. Birding from 1:30 until dinner at 5:30.



Parakeet Auklets
Photo: Colin Bradshaw

Birding from 7:30 until 10 or later, depending upon what we might find. This will be our schedule for the entire stay on the island. We will spend at least one morning at the sea cliffs observing the vast array of nesting birds: Red-faced and Pelagic Cormorant; Northern Fulmar; Black-legged & Red-legged Kittiwake; Tufted and Horned Puffin; Common and Thick-billed Murre; Crested,

Parakeet, & Least Auklet all breed along these cliffs. Ancient Murrelets are seen in small numbers. We usually find a couple of Steller's Eiders and Emperor Geese. Yellow-billed Loon is often seen from the shore. We'll also spend some time looking for vagrant species that



have been seen here frequently over the years such as Wood Sandpiper, Tundra Bean Goose, Smew, Common Pochard, Common Greenshank, Lesser Sand Plover, Common Cuckoo, Brambling, Rustic Bunting, Eye-browed Thrush and many others.

DAY 6



Crested Auklet
Photo: Colin Bradshaw

Departure flight to Anchorage

Bags can be packed in the morning, and we will spend the rest of the day birding until about 2:00 PM when we prepare to depart the island. The plane typically leaves between 4 and 4:30, and we get back to Anchorage by about 7:15 PM or so. Trip ends upon return to Anchorage.

FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Deposit can be paid securely on our web-site. Remaining balance must be paid 90 days prior to departure **by check** to High Lonesome BirdTours. Please mail to address below.

The tour price includes:

- R/T air from Anchorage to St. Paul Island
- Free shuttle from Anchorage Airport to Coast International Hotel
- 4 nights lodging
- all meals
- Ground transportation
- All land use and entrance fees
- Taxes and local tips (guide tip optional)

The tour price excludes:

- Airfares to Alaska
- Drinks



- Telephone calls, laundry and other items of a personal nature

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