

Enjoy Your Seldovia Birding!

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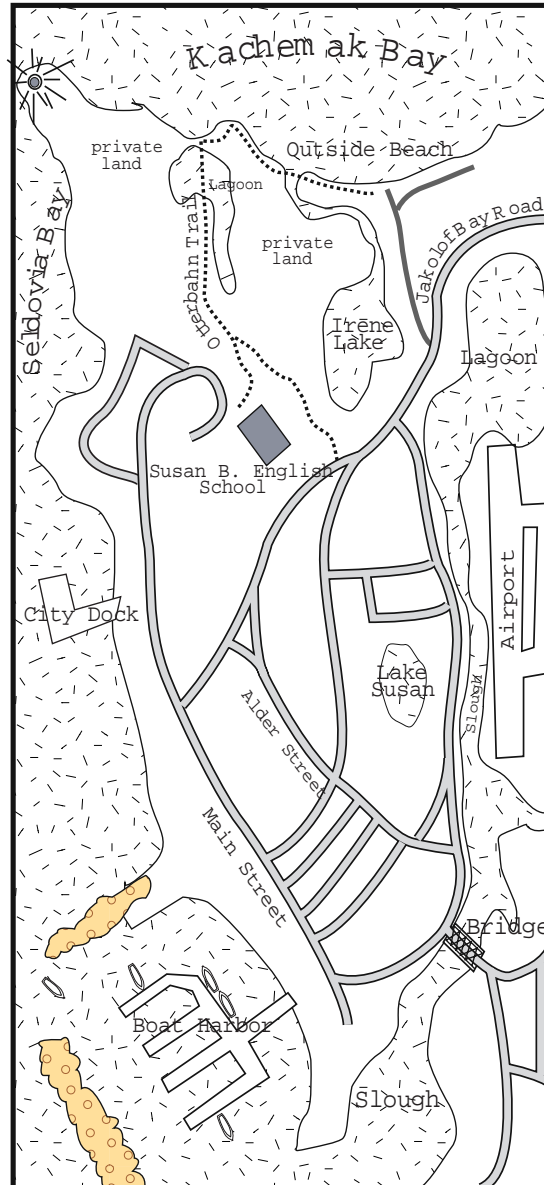
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Seldovia, Alaska

A Guide to Local Birding

Seldovia is located at the mouth of Kachemak Bay on the Kenai Peninsula. Although a part of the Southcoastal marine ecosystem, Seldovia has some distinctive bird differences. Chestnut-backed and Boreal Chickadees are residents here. The Common Black-capped Chickadee were seen in migration here this year.

Song sparrows heard and seen along the Seldovia's harbor and in back yard feeders are larger and darker than those found on the Homer side of Kachemak Bay. Distinctive to the area are the Bald Eagles dominating the sky over Seldovia's encircling mountains. The eagle's treacle can be heard from shoreline to inland, fresh water and saltwater, deep woods and edge woods.

The abundance of birds is definitively tied to habitat and to season. Pelagic species one might see in the Fall are large rafts of Red-necked Phalaropes, Murres, Red-faced and Pelagic Cormorants, all three Scooters, Sooty Shearwaters, Fork Tailed Storm Petrels and occasionally sightings of Fulmers. A variety of Peeps and Pipers from Whimbrels to Semipalmated Plovers and Spotted Sandpipers also enjoy the varied habitat offered by Seldovia. The rattle of the Kingfisher is heard along the Slough and outside Beach; the trill of the Varied Thrush is enjoyed throughout our community.

Some of the birds seen during the June, 2000 International Migratory Bird Count as well as birds observed by birders living in Seldovia are cited here.

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