



Wedgewood Wildlife Sanctuary WILDLIFE REPORT for MAY 14, 2012



Wedgewood Resort Fairbanks Alaska

Spring has arrived at the Wedgewood Wildlife Sanctuary! Every day more and more birds arrive at Wander Lake to begin courting, feeding, nesting and breeding. If you look around in the trees you can see nests that the birds are starting to construct. Throughout the day you can hear many different birds calling and singing to each other as they work to start their summer lives here at Wedgewood Wildlife Sanctuary!

The trees are also starting to come alive. With our days averaging a temperature of 60 degrees the trees have plenty of warmth. The sun comes up at 4:30 AM and goes down around 11:00 PM, giving our trees all the sunshine they need to for the leaves to start popping. The Sanctuary is starting to look green! The best time for spotting our littler birds who like to sit in trees is before there are leaves on the limbs so make sure to plan a bird watching trip before the leaves come out completely.

Recently seen around the Wander Lake have been our resident beavers; look for their lodge on the north end of the lake. They like to swim around and have been spotted on the south side of the lake in the reeds a few times. A muskrat has been seen too. Also keep an eye out for snowshoe hares along the trails in the forest.

Bird Sightings!

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| Canada Goose | Belted Kingfisher |
| Trumpeter Swan | Gray Jay |
| Mallard | Black-billed Magpie |
| American Wigeon | Common Raven |
| Northern Shoveler | Black-capped Chickadee |
| Northern Pintail | Boreal Chickadee |
| Lesser Scaup | Ruby-crowned Kinglet |
| Horned Grebe | American Robin |
| Red-necked Grebe | Bohemian Waxwing |
| Sandhill Crane | Orange-crowned Warbler |
| Mew Gull | Yellow-rumped Warbler |
| Herring Gull | Dark-eyed Junco |
| Lesser Yellowlegs | Common Redpoll |



Gray Jay



Common Redpoll



Black-capped Chickadee



Common Raven

Visit the Alaska Bird Observatory and watch the bird feeders from their education center.