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Wildlife Spotting List - Birds

Species / observation	Date	Location
Arctic Tern	August 28	At sea
Northern Fulmar	August 27	At sea
Black-legged Kittiwake	August 27	Kangerlussuatsiaq
Common Raven	August 28	Sisimiut
Glaucous Gull	August 27	Kangerlussuatsiaq
Great Black-backed Gull	August 27	Kangerlussuatsiaq
Pomarine Jaeger	August 28	At sea
Northern Wheatear	August 29	Ilulissat
Canada Goose	August 29	Ilulissat
Iceland Gull	August 29	Ilulissat
Snow Bunting	August 29	Ilulissat
Thick-billed Murre	August 29	At sea
Common Loon	August 30	Qeqertarsuaq
Red-breasted Merganser	August 30	Qeqertarsuaq
Double-crested Cormorant	August 30	Qeqertarsuaq
Eider sp.	August 30	Qeqertarsuaq
Dovekie	August 30	At sea
Snow Bunting	August 29	Ilulissat
Canada Geese	August 29	Ilulissat
Common Loon (head)	August 30	Disko Island
Red-throated Loon	August 30	Disko Island
Parasitic Jaeger	August 31	Davis Strait
Lesser Black-backed Gull	August 30	Disko Island
Black Guillemot	August 31	Davis Strait
Purple Sandpiper	September 5	Resting on vessel
Common Eider - group of approximately 12	September 7	Prince of Wales Island
Snowy Owl	September 7	Prince of Wales Island
Snow Goose	September 8	Pasley Bay
Brant	September 8	Pasley Bay

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Mammals

Species / observation	Date	Location
Seals	September 1	Pond Inlet
Seals	September 2	Cape Hay
Harp Seals (group of 14)	September 2	Cape Hay
6 Polar Bears	September 2	Cape Hay
5 Polar Bears (mom & cubs on land; 3 bears on ice)	September 3	Croker Bay
Bearded Seal	September 3	By Glacier - Croker Bay
Ring Seals	September 3	By Glacier - Croker Bay
Tuktu - Caribou	August 26	Kangerlussuaq
Bearded Seal - 1	September 4	Beechey Island / Northumberland House
Approximately 20 Harp Seals (creating feeding frenzy with birds)	September 4	At grave site by spit
Harp Seals (also travelling south)	September 4	At Northumberland House
Pod of Belugas - approximately 5	September 5	Powell Inlet
Polar Bear	September 5	Powell Inlet
At least 22 Walrus on haul-out site	September 5	Powell Inlet
Musk Ox - 3	September 5	Powell Inlet
Bowhead Whale blows	September 6	Peel Sound
Polar Bear	September 7	Willis Bay Coast
5 Musk Ox (3 adults; 2 young)	September 8	Pasley Bay
1 young Arctic Fox pup	September 8	Pasley Bay
Husky dogs	September 9	Cambridge Bay
2 Ground Squirrels	September 10	Port Epworth

Other wildlife and signs

Species / observation	Date	Location
Moon Jelly	August 28	Sisimiut Coast
Pelagic Snails - Pteropods (“Black Berries”)	September 3	By Glacier - Croker Bay
Arctic Char - 22	September 1	Pond Inlet Hunters & Trappers Freezer
Seal kill remains from Polar Bear kill	September 3	On iceberg in Croker Bay
Lemming burrows everywhere	September 7	Transition Bay
Polar Bear skeleton	September 8	Pasley Bay