



SeaBC Sea Bird Count Kids Checklist

Ahoy Kids Birding Aboard!

How many of the seabird families can you find?

Check off each type of seabird—try to collect them all!

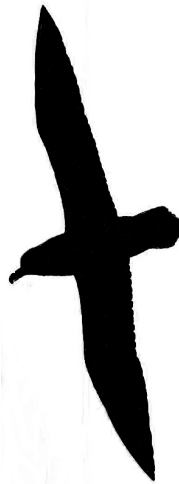
The pictures below are *silhouettes*. The birds may be white, gray, black, or brown in real life, depending on the type of bird and whether it is a young bird or an adult.

Brown Booby at the helm by ©Katharine Lowry, *s/v Lista Light*.

Gulls (and Fulmar) — *The Garbage Pickers*

Gulls come in all sizes, hefty Great Black-a Northern

from the tiny Little Gull to the backed Gull. Also look for Fulmar, which looks like a gull with a weight-lifter neck. Gulls and fulmars follow your boat to pick garbage like food scraps or your pumped pooper. Ewwww!

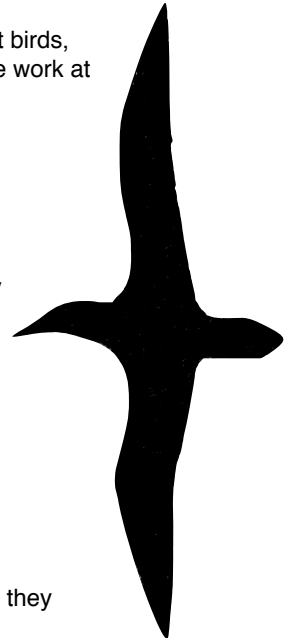


Phalaropes — *The Shorebirds at Sea*

Sandpipers that float on the ocean! Unlike most birds, the females are colorful and make the plain drab males do all the work at the nest.

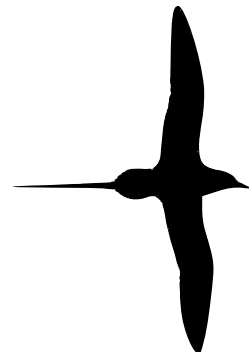
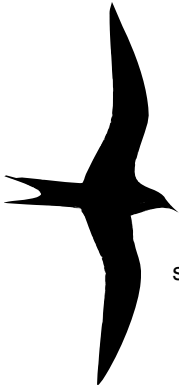
Boobies and Gannets — *The Plunge-Divers*

Large-bodied heavy birds with big dagger-like bills. They feed by plunging straight down into the ocean, making a big splash!



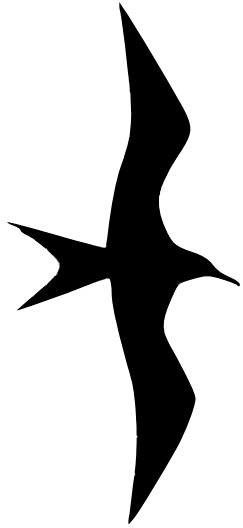
Terns (and Noddies) — *The Graceful Fliers*

Delicate, gull-like birds, with pointed wings and usually forked tails. Terns and noddies like to rest on little pieces of driftwood or lines of seaweed.



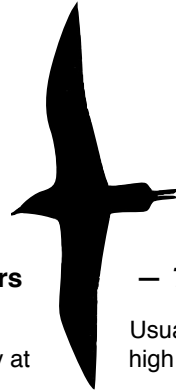
Tropicbirds — *The Longtails*

Glamorous white birds, the adults have long streaming tails. These birds are meaner than they look, often killing the chicks of other seabirds!



Frigatebirds — *The Pirate Birds*

Dark, sinister-looking birds, a “flying cross” often seen floating high overhead. They get their food by stealing from other birds, chasing them at sea like pirates.



Skuas and Jaegers

— ***The Bullies***

Usually seen high speed.

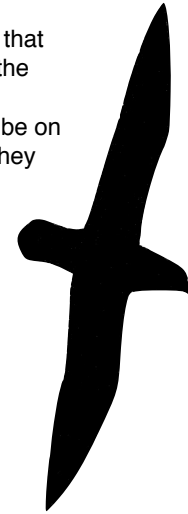
Hefty big-bodied birds like dark gulls with big muscles. attacking other seabirds to steal their food, or racing by at Jaeger means “hunter” in German.

Shearwaters and Petrels

Straight-winged gliders that wingtip to wingtip over the petrels, fulmars, and because they have a tube on like a runny nose. But they they need to get rid of

— ***The Wave Slicers***

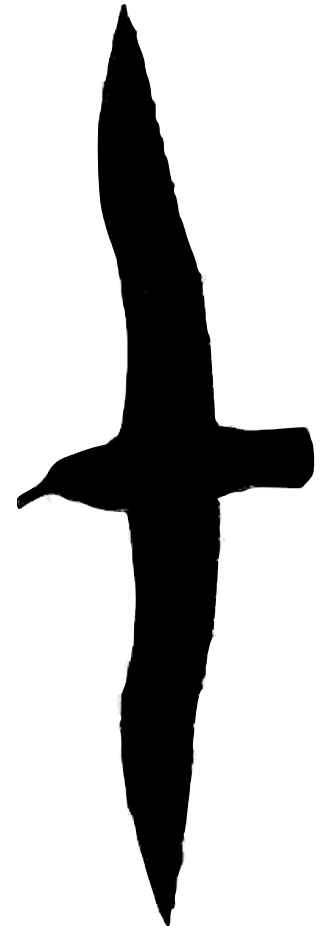
seem to fly without flapping, banking waves. These birds (along with storm-albatrosses) are called “tube-noses” the top of their bills, dripping out salt water live at sea, so can only drink salt water, and that salt somehow!



Albatrosses —

The Globe Trotters

Large soaring ocean birds with a wing span as wide as your boat! 7 feet or more! Every birder-aboard dreams about seeing an albatross at sea, so if you see one you are very fortunate!



Storm-Petrels — *The Water Dancers*

Small martin-sized birds that patter, skip, or bounce along the ocean surface as they pick food. They are the “swallows of the sea.”

Alcids — *The Penguin Look-a-likes*

Small black-and-white chunky birds that look like little penguins! But it’s not a penguin unless you are sailing near the South Pole!

