

## SeaBC Sea Bird Count Kids Checklist



*Ahoy Kids Birding Aboard!*

How many of the bird families listed below can you find?

Check off each type of seabird you can find!

(These pictures 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.

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**Gulls (and Fulmar) — *The Garbage Pickers***

Gulls come in all sizes, from the tiny Little Gull to the hefty Great Black-backed Gull. Also look for a Northern 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!



**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.

**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!



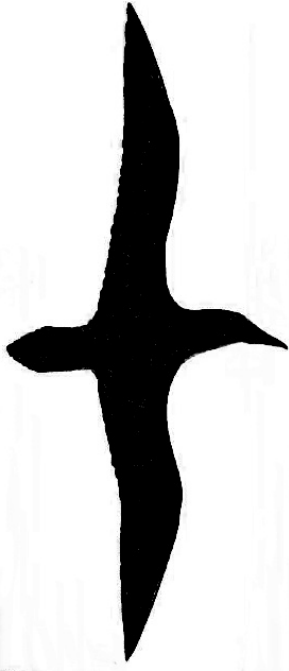
**Phalaropes — *The Shorebirds at Sea***

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.



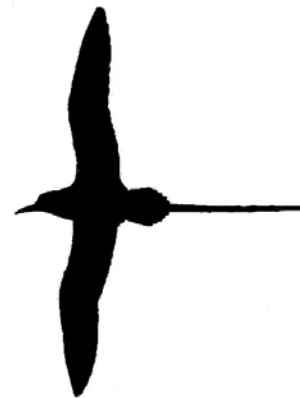
**Boobies and Gannets — *The Plunge-Divers***

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



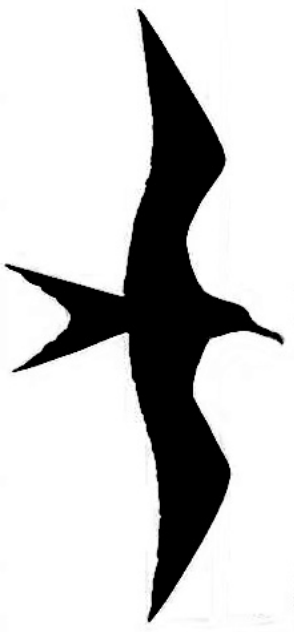
**Tropicbirds — *The Longtails***

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***

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



**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.”



**Shearwaters and Petrels — *The Wave Slicers***

Straight-winged gliders that seem to fly without flapping, banking wingtip to wingtip over the waves. These birds (along with storm-petrels, fulmars, and albatrosses) are called “tube-noses” because they have a tube on the top of their bills, dripping out salt water like a runny nose. But they live at sea, so can only drink salt water, and they need to get rid of that excess salt somehow!



**Albatrosses — *The Globe Trotters***

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

