



Tens of millions of waterfowl, sea birds, and other species are dependent upon Alaska's islands, coastal plains, river valleys, and marine waters. They come every spring from all corners of the world—three continents, and every state of the union—some of them travelling more than 23,000 miles to get here.

Clockwise from the top are Bald Eagles, who stay here the year round, shown on Turnagain Arm near Anchorage; a Red-faced Cormorant, a Murre, and two Horned Puffins on St. Paul Island; a rookery of Murres with a scattering of Black Leg Kittiwakes at Kachemak Bay; and a Horned Puffin at St. Paul.

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