

SVALBARD · NORWAY

Svalbard

High Arctic islands halfway to the North Pole: polar bears on the sea ice, walrus on the beaches and seabird cliffs under the midnight sun.

39 species to look for: 13 mammals and 26 birds.



☐ Tick it when you see it Note the date and place *Italic notes* say where to look

Seen _____ of 39

SPECIES		DATE AND PLACE
01 Land mammals		3
☐	Polar Bear <i>On expedition cruises around the north and east coasts, often on the pack ice</i>	
☐	Arctic Fox	
☐	Reindeer <i>The short-legged Svalbard reindeer, even in Longyearbyen</i>	
02 Seals, whales and walrus		10
☐	Walrus <i>Haul-outs at Poolepynten and Torellneset</i>	
☐	Bearded Seal <i>Resting on ice floes in the fjords</i>	
☐	Ringed Seal	
☐	Harbour Seal <i>Prins Karls Forland: the most northerly in the world</i>	
☐	Beluga <i>Pods along glacier fronts</i>	
☐	Minke Whale	
☐	Fin Whale	
☐	Humpback Whale	
☐	Blue Whale <i>Off the west and north coasts in summer</i>	
☐	White-beaked Dolphin	

SPECIES	DATE AND PLACE
03 Seabirds	12
☐ Little Auk <i>Huge colonies on scree slopes; Longyearbyen and Ny-Ålesund</i>	
☐ Brünnich's Guillemot <i>Alkefjellet bird cliffs in Hinlopen</i>	
☐ Black Guillemot	
☐ Puffin	
☐ Fulmar	
☐ Kittiwake	
☐ Glaucous Gull	
☐ Ivory Gull <i>Near the pack ice; the Arctic bird most visitors hope for</i>	
☐ Arctic Tern <i>If one dives at you, back away: you are too near its nest</i>	
☐ Arctic Skua	
☐ Long-tailed Skua	
☐ Great Skua	
04 Ducks, geese and waders	12
☐ Eider	
☐ King Eider <i>Tundra pools and fjords in early summer</i>	
☐ Long-tailed Duck	
☐ Red-throated Diver	
☐ Barnacle Goose	
☐ Pink-footed Goose	

SPECIES	DATE AND PLACE
04 Ducks, geese and waders	CONTINUED
☐ Brent Goose	
☐ Grey Phalarope <i>Spinning on tundra ponds</i>	
☐ Purple Sandpiper	
☐ Turnstone	
☐ Dunlin	
☐ Ringed Plover	

SPECIES	DATE AND PLACE
05 Land birds	2
☐ Ptarmigan <i>Svalbard's own form, the only bird that stays all winter</i>	
☐ Snow Bunting <i>Singing from buildings in Longyearbyen</i>	

My trip

FROM _____ TO _____

TRAVELLING WITH _____

STAYING AT _____ SEEN _____ of 39

FIRST ANIMAL WE SAW _____

BEST MOMENT _____

FIELD NOTES AND SKETCHES

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