

**BIOLOGICAL MONITORING AT BULDIR ISLAND, ALASKA IN 2008: SUMMARY APPENDICES**



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East Cape, Buldir viewed from the seabird productivity plots at Spike camp

"I should mention also the great scientific value [of Buldir]; a strictly isolated island with an isolated fauna in which the elements may interact unhindered. This will be of great value and interest to the biologist of the future"

- Olaus Murie, 1936  
*in* Biological investigations of the Aleutian Islands and southwestern Alaska

"We were a weather station, but in reality we soon realized that they did not care about our weather reports. They were getting them from other places, but if we failed to come on the air they could assume the Japanese had returned...Our group [of 5] which was there for 7 months had to have the other radio operator relieved. Went a bit balmy and we were afraid he was going to take a gun to us..."

- Dave Grehl, 1943  
U.S. Army weatherman stationed on Buldir Island

"The cliffs of Buldir are forbidding; marine erosion is rapidly and steadily removing the island by peripheral attack."

- Robert Coats, 1953  
*in* The Geology of Buldir Island, Alaska

"We hope the weather gods allow a landing [at Buldir]"

- Robert D. Jones, 1961  
Refuge Manager, Aleutian Islands National Wildlife Refuge

"It is the writer's intent to convey the impression of land, sea, and sky alive with birds in all of their activities. Such a concentration of birds produces an immense volume of sound. Add to this the grunting and roaring of about 10,000 Steller's sea lions and you have the *bedlam of Buldir*."

- Robert D. Jones, ~1964  
Refuge Manager, Aleutian Islands National Wildlife Refuge

"Every blade of grass [on Buldir] holds a quart of water..."

- G. Vernon Byrd, 1975  
Quote from the film *Chain of Life*

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## INTRODUCTION

The Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge (AMNWR) annually monitors selected species of seabirds at 9 ecological monitoring sites throughout Alaska. The objective of this long term program is to collect baseline status and trend information for a suite of species representing piscivorous and planktivorous trophic guilds. Members of these guilds include species which feed in both nearshore and offshore waters and include key species that serve as indicators of ecosystem health. Many of these species such as puffins (*Fratercula* spp.), kittiwakes (*Rissa* spp.), auklets (*Aethia* spp.), and murre (*Uria* spp.) are particularly well-suited as indicators of fluctuations in the marine food web. By correlating data with environmental conditions and information from other sites, ecosystem processes may be better understood. Data also provide a basis for directing management and research actions, and in assessing effects of management.

Seabirds at Buldir Island, one of the nine monitoring sites, have been studied annually since 1988 when intensive season-long monitoring began. However, historical data exists from as early as 1974, particularly for storm-petrels and auklets, and these are used for comparison purposes. Buldir is almost unique among Aleutian Islands in that it escaped the widespread introduction of arctic foxes (Bailey 1993) and rats, both of which apply heavy predation pressure on breeding seabirds. The island's isolation and difficulty of access, as well as the absence of non-native predators, have made Buldir the most diverse (21 nesting species) and possibly largest seabird colony in Alaska (perhaps 4,000,000 individuals; Byrd 1978, Byrd and Day 1986, Byrd and Williams 1994).

The specific monitoring goals in 2008 were to estimate: 1) reproductive success indices for 15 seabird species, 2) breeding chronology and for kittiwakes, puffins, auklets and murre, 3) productivity indices for storm-petrels, kittiwakes, murre, auklets, puffins, and cormorants, 4) food habits data for storm-petrels, kittiwakes, auklets, and puffins, and 5) survival data for adult red-legged kittiwakes.

Detailed results of the 2008 monitoring program are contained in these appendices and archived at the Refuge headquarters in Homer, Alaska. Summary data were entered into the Pacific Seabird Monitoring Database and will be included in the annual Alaska Consolidated Seabird Monitoring report of the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge.

## STUDY AREA

Buldir Island (52°21' N, 176°56' E) is the westernmost island in the Rat Islands group of the Aleutian chain. This 2000-ha island is approximately 6.4 km long and 3.2 km wide. Located about 110 km from both Shemya to the west and Kiska to the east, it is the most isolated island in the Aleutians, providing the only landfall in a 220 km-wide pass.

The weather is typical of a northern maritime climate, with moderate year-round temperatures and strong winds. Fog and rain are characteristic, and violent storms occur frequently. The average temperature at sea level is about 7.7°C in the summer and 3.7°C annually. Precipitation averages 80.6 cm annually. Snow accumulation at sea level rarely exceeds 0.5 m, however passes and higher elevations can have drifts in excess of 10m. There is no permafrost. (Data for Shemya Island from Western Region Climate Center).

Buldir Island is a few thousand years old and composed of basalts and basaltic andesites from two volcanic cones: the older Buldir Volcano and newer East Cape Volcano. These two volcanic centers, each of which had two main eruptive periods, were separated by considerable time and later subjected to intense marine erosion continuing to the present day. There are no historic records of eruptions and the island is considered inactive. Only portions of each volcano remain today.

The highest point on the island, Buldir Eccentric (655m), is part of a rim of an old summit tuff cone of Buldir Volcano. The center of the volcano, only a remnant of which is left today, was about 800m in diameter and centered about 800m south of Buldir Eccentric's summit. Glissade Valley is a fault line that separates the older portion of Buldir Volcano, represented by Buldir Eccentric, from the later parasitic cone of Buldir Volcano known today as Owl Knob. Kittiwake Lake is not the main crater of this later parasitic cone, but rather a small maar blasted from the side of the cone. Most of the main part of Owl Knob was eroded prior to the later eruption of East Cape Volcano. The rocks of Buldir Volcano are chiefly olivine basalts and olivine hypersthene basalts.

The East Cape Volcano consists of two parts: the older principle eruptive center of Slide Mountain and a smaller flank eruption volcanic dome of Round Mountain. Round Mountain is the most recent manifestation of eruptive activity on the island. Much of the cone of East Cape Volcano is mantled by a chaotic crumble breccia derived from the underlying plug dome of hypersthene-bearing hornblende basalts and basaltic andesites. This chaotic crumble breccia, a mixture of boulders in a dirt matrix, is especially evident at beach cliffs that are actively undergoing marine erosion. The northern portion of Slide Mountain is believed to have slid into the ocean during one of many earthquakes. The high ridgeline of East Cape sweeps northeasterly off the flanks of Round Mountain and is believed to be a lava flow now nearly removed by erosion.

There are only two areas of alluvial deposit on Buldir because of its mountainous nature and incessant marine erosion. The primary area is the valley containing North Marsh and South Marsh. This flat area is composed of sand, gravel, reworked cinders and ash and is retreating rapidly as evidenced by its vertical cliff face at the beach. At the time of deposition this area was most likely protected by now eroded portions of Buldir Volcano and its parasitic cone (Owl Knob). The other area is an area known as "The Dip" which was formed by material collected behind a bar formed by a landslide off Round Mountain (all geologic information from Coats 1953).

Vegetation on the island is composed of two distinct plant complexes: lowland tall-plant and upland short-plant (Byrd 1984). The lowland tall-plant complex is found generally below 300m and contains eight recognizable plant communities, over 90% of which consists of only three communities *Leymus*-umbel, *Leymus*-umbel-fern, and *Carex*-fescue meadow. The lowland short-plant complex is composed of four communities of which the moss-willow tundra is most widespread. Over 119 plants have been identified on the island – fewer than on most other Aleutian Islands. There are no erect trees or shrubs.

Buldir Island is surrounded by deep water and is representative of a pelagic seabird colony where prey is diverse and availability is variable among years (Springer et al. 1996). Most prey species taken by birds are members of the Oceanic and Outer-shelf Zooplankton community (Cooney 1981), or are deep-dwelling vertical migrants (e.g. squid and Myctophids). The shallow water surrounding Buldir, Middle and Tahoma reefs to the southeast and south serve as surrogate meso-scale continental shelf-like habitats for coastal marine fauna in this otherwise deep water environment. The three reefs are important feeding areas for many birds breeding on Buldir (Dragoo and Byrd 1999). In particular, the juxtaposition of the



Buldir reef escarpment (60-100m) to the Buldir Depression, an 18x55 km basin with depths to 2000 m, creates a physiographic structure conducive to foraging by a wide variety of seabirds. Sea surface temperatures measured in North Bight are normally 3-4° C in late May and rise to 6-7° C in late August. Occasionally, anomalous events occur such as in 1998 when sea surface temperature rose to an unusually high 12° C.

Humans have occupied Buldir since at least 800 AD. The midden site on North Bight Beach is large and contains evidence of substantial-sized houses. Although there was a relatively long period of use in the late prehistoric period, occupation of the site was typically intermittent with long breaks between uses. According to Corbett et al. (1997), it is unclear why Aleuts used Buldir at all. The site does not appear to have been a seasonal hunting camp in an annual subsistence cycle and the resources were not unusually rich. Inhabitants fed mainly on Steller's sea lions. Large numbers of birds, primarily alcids, were taken by inhabitants for food, clothing or decorations on clothing.

Buldir has been designated a federal Research Natural Area (RNA). RNAs are reserves where natural processes are allowed to dominate and where management is designed to preserve a given ecosystem or feature. There are three characteristics shared by most RNAs: 1) minimal human interference and a reasonable assurance of long-term existence, 2) the availability of diverse or multiple data sets for analysis of factor interrelationships or temporal sequences, and 3) the association of scientists of different disciplines leading toward scientific discoveries unlikely to occur without such association.

Buldir is also a component of the Aleutian Islands Biosphere Reserve under UNESCO's Man and the Biosphere program (MAB). Biosphere reserves are areas intended to conserve the diversity and integrity of biotic plants and animals in the natural ecosystem and to safeguard their genetic diversity. Biosphere Reserves also provide areas for ecological and environmental research and baseline studies.

## METHODS

*Personnel.*--Three USFWS observers, Scott Freeman (Camp Leader), Kevin Payne (Technician), and Bob Keller (Volunteer) were present on Buldir Island from 26 May through 27 August 2008. Two students from Memorial University, Newfoundland were present from 26 May through 5 August to conduct auklet resightings.

*Data Collection and Analysis.*--We followed data collection and analysis methods as outlined in Williams *et al.* (2002) with the following exceptions:

- In addition to the intensive Type II productivity monitoring of kittiwakes at Spike Camp, nesting birds at Kittiwake Lane were monitored by a Type I "Boom or Bust" method. Nests were counted in June and chicks were counted in late July and the middle of August to estimate maximum productivity potential and allow a means of success rate comparison between the two colonies.
- A digital camera was used to take pictures inside puffin burrows that were difficult to see. If these pictures positively determined the contents of a burrow they were used to determine productivity. This method was not particularly successful.



## **INTERESTING OBSERVATIONS**

- Productivity was lower than average for horned puffins (35%). This was primarily caused by a 35% chick loss. Crested and whiskered auklet productivity was very good this year with productivity rates at 83% and 85%, respectively
- Parakeet auklet productivity was average this year but they experienced a high chick loss rate of 39%
- Black-legged kittiwake productivity reached the second highest levels ever. This year 39% of nesting attempts resulted in the production of at least one fledgling. Productivity measured by the boom bust method was higher than all previous years. This method indicated a 79% productivity rate at the Kittiwake Lane plots.
- Red-legged kittiwake productivity reached the highest levels ever. This year 47% of nesting attempts resulted in the production of at least one fledgling. Productivity measured by the boom bust method was the second highest since data has been collected with this method. This method indicated a 66% productivity rate at the Kittiwake Lane plots.

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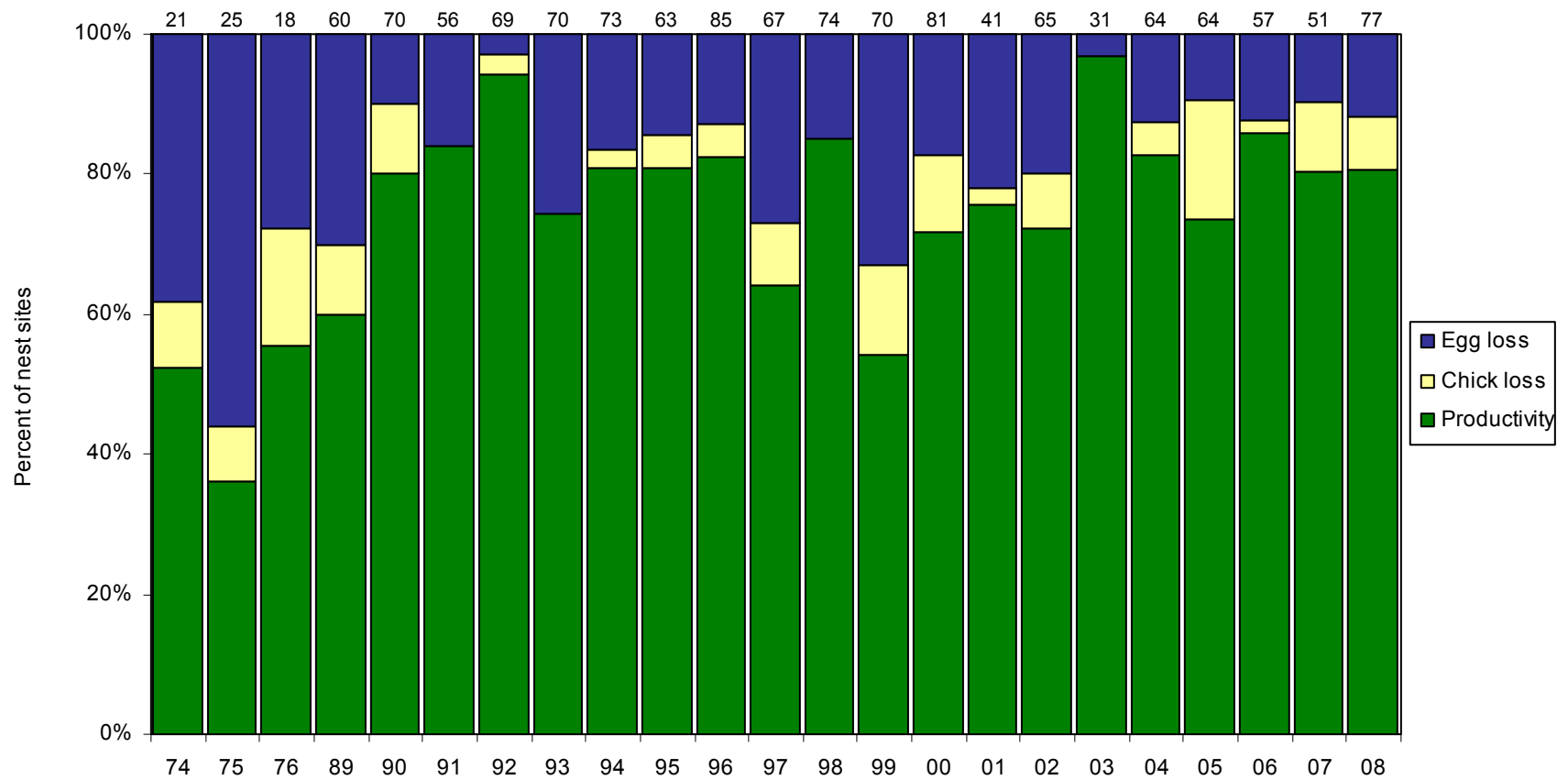


Figure 1. Reproductive performance of fork-tailed storm-petrels at Buldir Island, Alaska. Egg loss=(C-D)/C; Chick loss=(D-E)/C; Productivity=E/C, where C=number of eggs, D=number of eggs hatched, E=number of chicks fledged or still alive at last check. Productivity represents the maximum potential success, since it assumes all chicks still present at last check survived to fledging; actual values were likely lower. The number of eggs with known fates are given above each bar.

Table 1. Productivity and burrow occupancy rates of fork-tailed storm-petrels at Buldir Island, Alaska.

| Parameter                                                | 1974 | 1975 | 1976 | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 |
|----------------------------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Burrows with known contents (A)                          | 69   | 71   | 113  | 232  | 285  | 287  | 294  | 249  | 297  | 280  | 308  |
| Occupied burrows (B)                                     | 21   | 25   | 18   | 68   | 76   | 68   | 74   | 82   | 78   | 74   | 90   |
| Eggs with known fate (C)                                 | 21   | 25   | 18   | 60   | 70   | 56   | 69   | 70   | 73   | 63   | 85   |
| Eggs lost to disappearance                               | --   | --   | 1    | 15   | 3    | 9    | 2    | 18   | 10   | 9    | 2    |
| Eggs lost to abandonment                                 | --   | --   | 0    | 0    | 2    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 2    | 0    | 0    |
| Eggs lost to breakage                                    | --   | --   | 4    | 3    | 2    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 9    |
| Eggs remaining at last visit (unknown fate) <sup>a</sup> | --   | --   | --   | 7    | 4    | 11   | 4    | 11   | 5    | 11   | 5    |
| Chicks (D)                                               | 13   | 11   | 13   | 42   | 63   | 47   | 67   | 52   | 61   | 54   | 74   |
| Chicks lost to disappearance <sup>b</sup>                | --   | --   | 0    | 2    | 3    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 2    | 3    |
| Chicks lost to death                                     | --   | --   | 3    | 4    | 4    | 0    | 2    | 0    | 2    | 1    | 1    |
| Chicks potentially successful (E)                        | 11   | 9    | 10   | 36   | 56   | 47   | 65   | 52   | 59   | 51   | 70   |
| Chicks disappeared at unknown age or >50d                | --   | --   | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 3    | 5    | 14   | 0    | 65   |
| Chicks still present at last visit                       | 11   | 9    | 10   | 36   | 56   | 47   | 62   | 47   | 45   | 51   | 5    |
| Occupancy rate (B/A)                                     | 0.30 | 0.35 | 0.16 | 0.29 | 0.27 | 0.24 | 0.25 | 0.33 | 0.26 | 0.26 | 0.29 |
| Hatching success (D/C)                                   | 0.62 | 0.44 | 0.72 | 0.70 | 0.90 | 0.84 | 0.97 | 0.74 | 0.84 | 0.86 | 0.87 |
| Fledging success (E/D) <sup>c</sup>                      | 0.85 | 0.82 | 0.77 | 0.86 | 0.89 | 1.00 | 0.97 | 1.00 | 0.97 | 0.94 | 0.95 |
| Reproductive success (E/C) <sup>c</sup>                  | 0.52 | 0.36 | 0.56 | 0.60 | 0.80 | 0.84 | 0.94 | 0.74 | 0.81 | 0.81 | 0.83 |

<sup>a</sup> Eggs still present, apparently viable, regardless of age not included in analysis.

<sup>b</sup> Chicks known to be <50 d when they disappeared or ones that disappeared before 1 Aug (earliest date we expected fledging).

<sup>c</sup> This value represents the maximum potential success, since it assumes all chicks still present at last check survived to fledging; actual values were likely lower.

Table 1 continued. Productivity and burrow occupancy rates of fork-tailed storm-petrels at Buldir Island, Alaska.

| Parameter                                                | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
|----------------------------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Burrows with known contents (A)                          | 277  | 282  | 265  | 304  | 189  | 285  | 116  | 283  | 222  | 195  | 181  | 225  |
| Occupied burrows (B)                                     | 69   | 81   | 75   | 81   | 42   | 78   | 38   | 69   | 66   | 57   | 57   | 80   |
| Eggs with known fate (C)                                 | 67   | 74   | 70   | 81   | 41   | 65   | 31   | 64   | 64   | 57   | 51   | 77   |
| Eggs lost to disappearance                               | 1    | 2    | 17   | 0    | 0    | 5    | 0    | 6    | 4    | 2    | 4    | 3    |
| Eggs lost to abandonment                                 | 3    | 0    | 0    | 5    | 3    | 2    | 1    | 0    | 1    | 3    | 1    | 5    |
| Eggs lost to breakage                                    | 14   | 9    | 6    | 8    | 5    | 6    | 0    | 2    | 0    | 1    | 0    | 0    |
| Eggs remaining at last visit (unknown fate) <sup>a</sup> | 2    | 4    | 1    | 1    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 4    | 0    |
| Chicks (D)                                               | 49   | 63   | 47   | 67   | 32   | 52   | 30   | 56   | 58   | 50   | 46   | 68   |
| Chicks lost to disappearance <sup>b</sup>                | 1    | 0    | 5    | 7    | 1    | 3    | 0    | 0    | 8    | 1    | 3    | 10   |
| Chicks lost to death                                     | 5    | 0    | 4    | 2    | 0    | 2    | 0    | 3    | 4    | 0    | 2    | 4    |
| Chicks potentially successful (E)                        | 43   | 63   | 38   | 58   | 31   | 47   | 30   | 53   | 47   | 49   | 41   | 62   |
| Chicks disappeared at unknown age or >50d                | 42   | 58   | 38   | 48   | 31   | 40   | 20   | 9    | 4    | 12   | 0    | 4    |
| Chicks still present at last visit                       | 1    | 5    | 0    | 10   | 0    | 7    | 8    | 44   | 43   | 37   | 41   | 58   |
| Occupancy rate (B/A)                                     | 0.25 | 0.21 | 0.28 | 0.27 | 0.22 | 0.27 | 0.33 | 0.24 | 0.30 | 0.29 | 0.31 | 0.40 |
| Hatching success (D/C)                                   | 0.73 | 0.85 | 0.67 | 0.83 | 0.78 | 0.80 | 0.97 | 0.88 | 0.91 | 0.88 | 0.90 | 0.93 |
| Fledging success (E/D) <sup>c</sup>                      | 0.88 | 1.00 | 0.81 | 0.87 | 0.97 | 0.90 | 1.00 | 0.95 | 0.81 | 0.98 | 0.89 | 0.86 |
| Reproductive success (E/C) <sup>c</sup>                  | 0.64 | 0.85 | 0.54 | 0.72 | 0.76 | 0.72 | 0.97 | 0.69 | 0.73 | 0.86 | 0.80 | 0.80 |

<sup>a</sup> Eggs still present, apparently viable, regardless of age not included in analysis.

<sup>b</sup> Chicks known to be <50d when they disappeared or ones that disappeared before 1 Aug (earliest date we expected fledging).

<sup>c</sup> This value represents the maximum potential success, since it assumes all chicks still present at last check survived to fledging; actual values were likely lower.



Table 2. Productivity and burrow occupancy rates of fork-tailed storm-petrels at Buldir Island, Alaska, 2008.

| Parameter                                                | Plot |      |      |      |      |                | Plots 1-7 | Mean | SD <sup>e</sup> |
|----------------------------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|----------------|-----------|------|-----------------|
|                                                          | 1    | 2    | 3    | 4    | 7    | 8 <sup>d</sup> |           |      |                 |
| Burrows with known contents (A)                          | 25   | 58   | 30   | 51   | 61   | --             | 225       |      |                 |
| Occupied burrows (B)                                     | 15   | 14   | 14   | 22   | 15   | --             | 80        |      |                 |
| Eggs with known fate (C)                                 | 15   | 14   | 14   | 20   | 14   | --             | 77        |      |                 |
| Eggs lost to disappearance                               | 0    | 0    | 0    | 2    | 1    | --             | 3         |      |                 |
| Eggs lost to abandonment                                 | 1    | 0    | 2    | 1    | 1    | --             | 5         |      |                 |
| Eggs lost to breakage                                    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | --             | 0         |      |                 |
| Eggs remaining at last visit (unknown fate) <sup>a</sup> | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | --             | 0         |      |                 |
| Chicks (D)                                               | 14   | 14   | 12   | 19   | 13   | --             | 68        |      |                 |
| Chicks lost to disappearance <sup>b</sup>                | 3    | 1    | 1    | 4    | 1    | --             | 10        |      |                 |
| Chicks lost to death                                     | 0    | 1    | 0    | 0    | 3    | --             | 4         |      |                 |
| Chicks potentially successful (E)                        | 12   | 12   | 11   | 17   | 10   | --             | 62        |      |                 |
| Chicks disappeared at unknown age or >50 d               | 1    | 0    | 0    | 2    | 1    | --             | 4         |      |                 |
| Chicks still present at last visit                       | 11   | 12   | 11   | 15   | 9    | --             | 58        |      |                 |
| Occupancy rate (B/A)                                     | 0.60 | 0.24 | 0.47 | 0.43 | 0.25 | --             | 0.40      | 0.40 | 0.15            |
| Hatching success (D/C)                                   | 0.93 | 1.00 | 0.86 | 0.95 | 0.93 | --             | 0.93      | 0.93 | 0.05            |
| Fledging success (E/D) <sup>c</sup>                      | 0.86 | 0.86 | 0.92 | 0.89 | 0.77 | --             | 0.86      | 0.86 | 0.06            |
| Reproductive success (E/C) <sup>c</sup>                  | 0.80 | 0.86 | 0.79 | 0.85 | 0.71 | --             | 0.80      | 0.80 | 0.06            |

<sup>a</sup> Eggs still present, apparently viable, regardless of age not included in analysis.

<sup>b</sup> Chicks known to be <50d when they disappeared or ones that disappeared before 1 Aug (earliest date we expected fledging).

<sup>c</sup> This value represents the maximum potential success, since it assumes all chicks still present at last check survived to fledging; actual values were likely lower.

<sup>d</sup> Unoccupied burrows were not quantified for Plot 8 and were not included in this summary.

<sup>e</sup> Standard deviations were calculated with ratio estimator software.

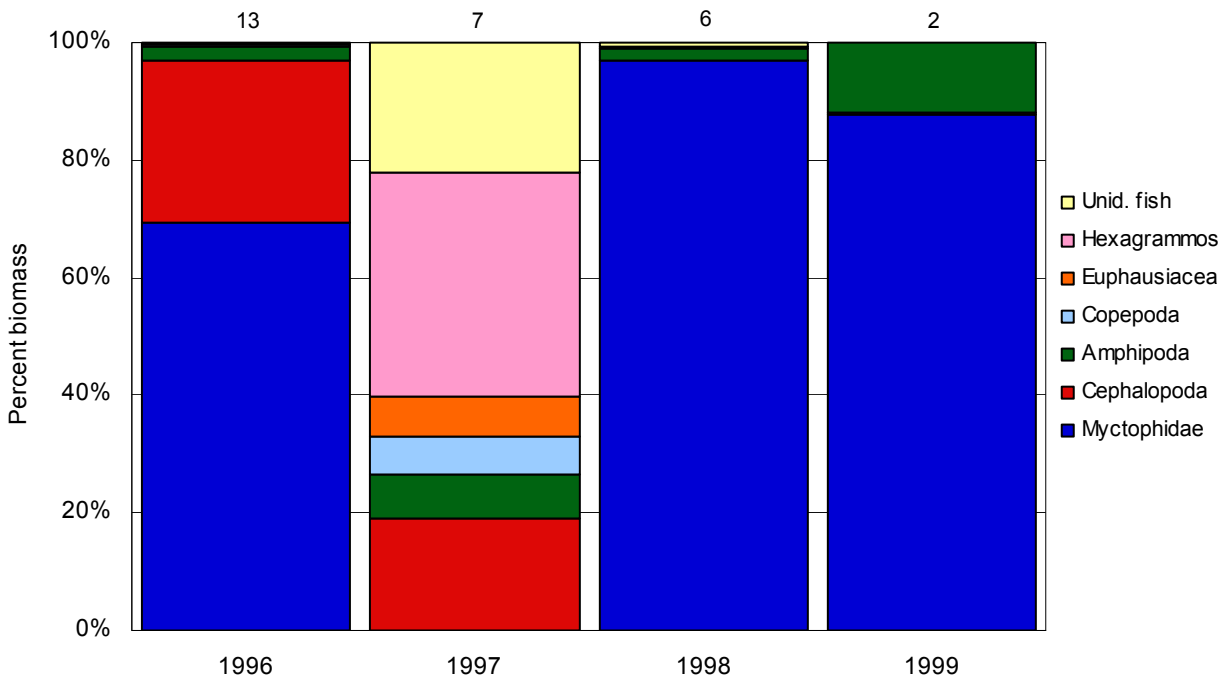


Figure 2. Relative biomass of prey in diets of fork-tailed storm-petrels at Buldir Island, Alaska. Numbers above columns indicate sample sizes.

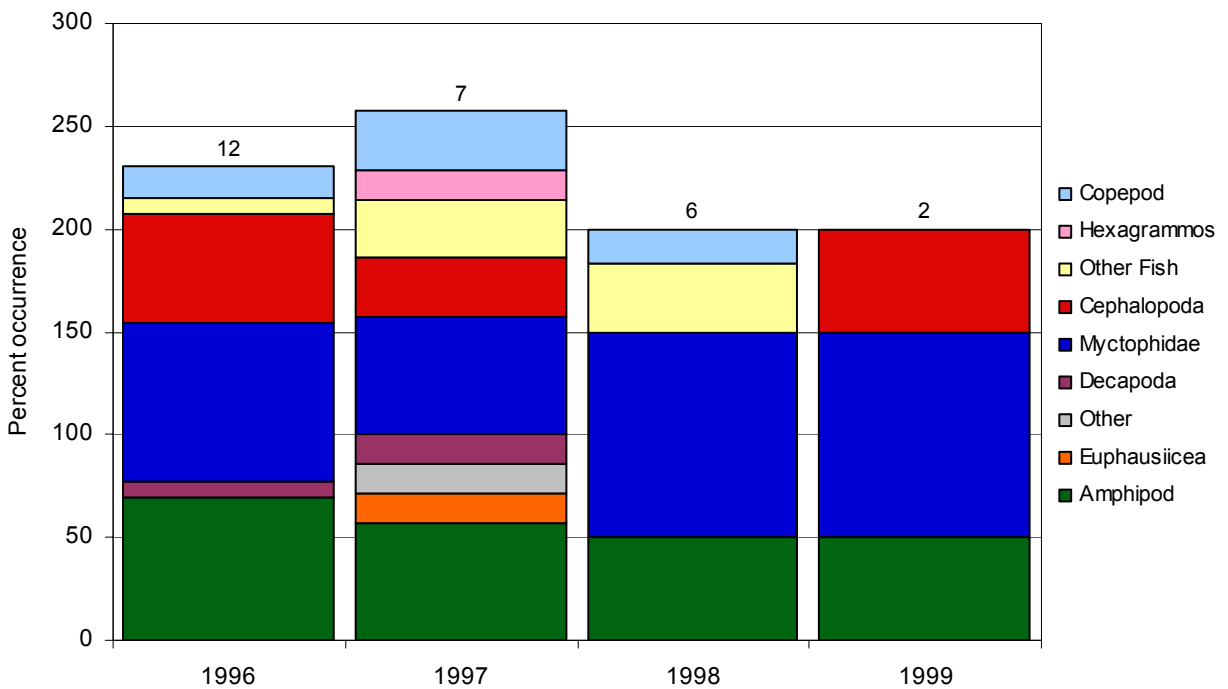


Figure 3. Frequency of occurrence of prey in diets of fork-tailed storm-petrels at Buldir Island, Alaska. Numbers above columns indicate sample sizes.

Table 3. Relative biomass of prey in diets of fork-tailed storm-petrels at Buldir Island, Alaska. Numbers represent the percentage of the mass of combined food samples comprised by each species.

|                                  | 1996  | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 |
|----------------------------------|-------|------|------|------|
| No. samples                      | 13    | 7    | 6    | 2    |
| Total mass (g)                   | 101.7 | 24.8 | 53.2 | 15.0 |
| Cephalopoda - squid              | 27.5  | 12.1 | --   | 0.1  |
| Copepoda                         |       |      |      |      |
| <i>Neocalanus plumchrus</i>      | 0.2   | 4.2  | 0.5  | --   |
| Amphipoda                        |       |      |      |      |
| Unid. amphipod                   | --    | --   | --   | 12.0 |
| Hyperiidea                       |       |      |      |      |
| <i>Hyperoche medusarum</i>       | <0.1  | --   | --   | --   |
| <i>Parathemisto pacifica</i>     | 0.1   | --   | --   | --   |
| Gammaridea                       |       |      |      |      |
| Lysianassidae                    | 2.3   | 4.7  | 1.9  | --   |
| Euphausiacea                     |       |      |      |      |
| <i>Thysanoessa</i> spp.          | --    | 4.4  | --   | --   |
| Decapoda                         |       |      |      |      |
| Shrimp zoea                      | <0.1  | --   | --   | --   |
| Fish                             |       |      |      |      |
| Myctophidae                      |       |      |      |      |
| <i>Stenobrachius leucopsarus</i> | --    | 8.1  | 97.1 | --   |
| Unid. Myctophidae <sup>a</sup>   | 69.4  | 28.2 | --   | 87.9 |
| <i>Hexagrammos</i> spp.          | --    | 24.2 | --   | --   |
| Unid. fish                       | 0.5   | 14.1 | 0.6  | --   |

<sup>a</sup>Most, if not all, of the unidentified Myctophids are likely *Stenobrachius leucopsarus*.

Table 4. Frequency of occurrence of prey in diets of fork-tailed storm-petrels at Buldir Island, Alaska. Frequency is expressed as the percentage of food samples in which each species was present.

|                                  | 1996 | 1997 | 1998  | 1999  |
|----------------------------------|------|------|-------|-------|
| No. samples                      | 13   | 7    | 6     | 2     |
| Cephalopoda - squid              | 53.8 | 28.6 | --    | 50.0  |
| Copepoda                         |      |      |       |       |
| <i>Neocalanus plumchrus</i>      | 15.4 | 28.6 | 16.7  | --    |
| Amphipoda                        |      |      |       |       |
| Unid. amphipod                   | --   | --   | --    | 50.0  |
| Hyperiidea                       |      |      |       |       |
| <i>Hyperoche medusarum</i>       | 7.7  | --   | --    | --    |
| <i>Parathemisto pacifica</i>     | 15.4 | --   | --    | --    |
| Gammaridea                       |      |      |       |       |
| Lysianassidae                    | 46.2 | 57.1 | 50.0  | --    |
| Euphausiacea                     |      |      |       |       |
| <i>Thysanoessa</i> spp.          | --   | 14.3 | --    | --    |
| Decapoda                         |      |      |       |       |
| Shrimp zoea                      | 7.7  | --   | --    | --    |
| Unid. crustacean                 | --   | 14.3 | --    | --    |
| Fish                             |      |      |       |       |
| Myctophidae                      |      |      |       |       |
| <i>Stenobrachius leucopsarus</i> | --   | 14.3 | 100.0 | --    |
| Unid. Myctophidae <sup>a</sup>   | 76.9 | 42.9 | --    | 100.0 |
| <i>Hexagrammos</i> spp.          | --   | 14.3 | --    | --    |
| Unid. fish                       | 7.7  | 28.6 | --    | --    |
| (Plastic - not prey)             | --   | 14.3 | 33.3  | --    |

<sup>a</sup>Most, if not all, of the unidentified Myctophids are likely *Stenobrachius leucopsarus*.

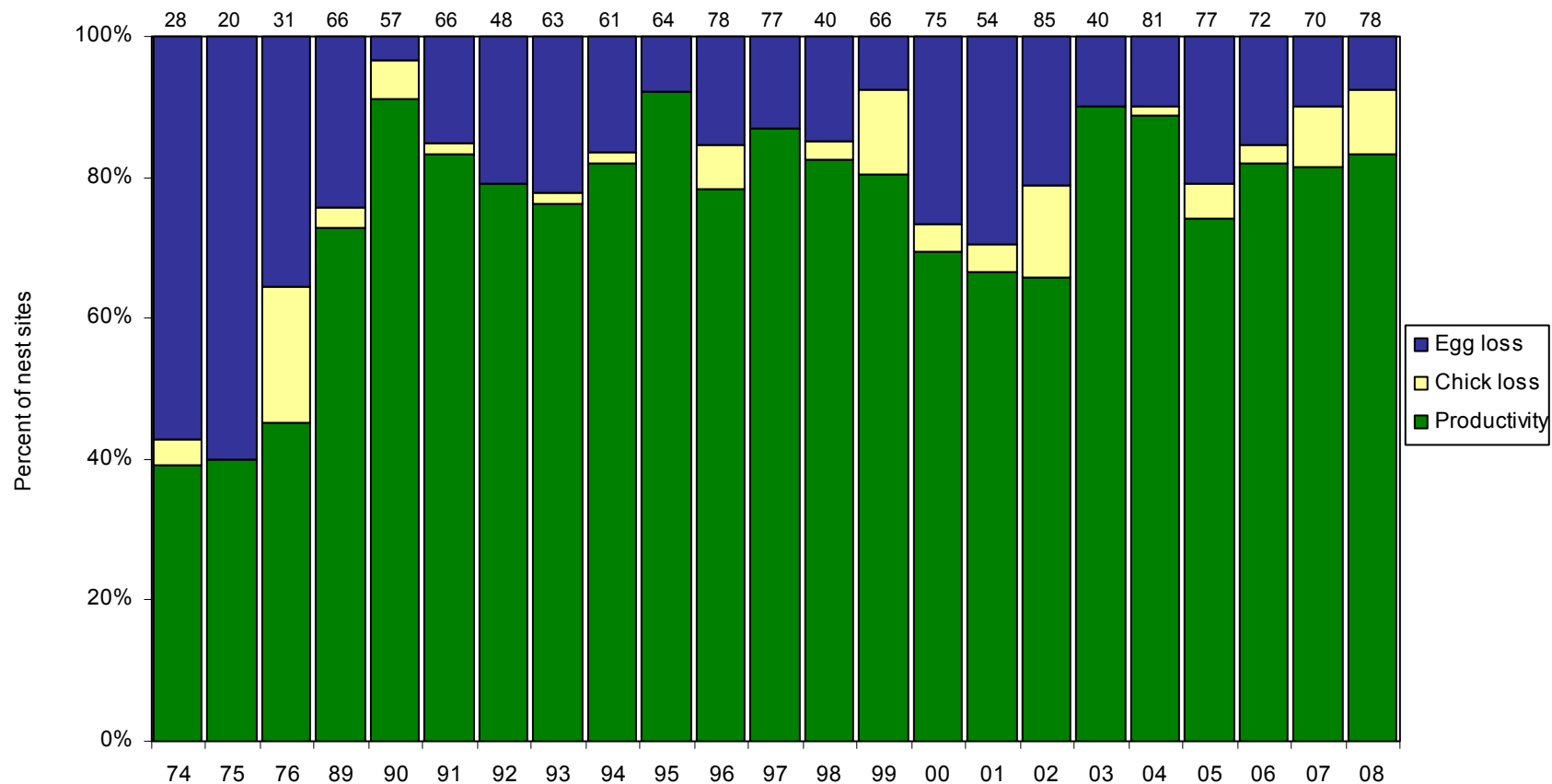


Figure 4. Reproductive performance of Leach's storm-petrels at Buldir Island, Alaska. Egg loss= $(C-D)/C$ ; Chick loss= $(D-E)/C$ ; Productivity= $E/C$ , where C=number of eggs, D=number of eggs hatched, E=number of chicks fledged or still alive at last check. Productivity represents the maximum potential success, since it assumes all chicks still present at last check survived to fledging; actual values were likely lower. The number of eggs with known fates are given above each bar.

Table 5. Productivity and burrow occupancy rates of Leach's storm-petrels at Buldir Island, Alaska.

| Parameter                                                | 1974 | 1975 | 1976 | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 |
|----------------------------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Burrows with known contents (A)                          | 69   | 71   | 113  | 232  | 285  | 287  | 294  | 249  | 297  | 280  |
| Occupied burrows (B)                                     | 28   | 20   | 31   | 85   | 75   | 82   | 87   | 74   | 72   | 78   |
| Eggs with known fate (C)                                 | 28   | 20   | 31   | 66   | 57   | 66   | 48   | 63   | 61   | 64   |
| Eggs lost to disappearance                               | --   | --   | --   | 10   | 10   | 1    | 10   | 10   | 14   | 10   |
| Eggs lost to abandonment                                 | --   | --   | --   | 3    | 3    | 1    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| Eggs lost to breakage                                    | --   | --   | --   | 3    | 3    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| Eggs remaining at last visit (unknown fate) <sup>a</sup> | --   | --   | --   | 18   | 18   | 18   | 16   | 39   | 11   | 11   |
| Chicks (D)                                               | 12   | 8    | 20   | 50   | 50   | 55   | 56   | 38   | 49   | 51   |
| Chicks lost to disappearance <sup>b</sup>                | --   | --   | 0    | 0    | 0    | 3    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| Chicks lost to death                                     | --   | --   | 6    | 2    | 2    | 2    | 1    | 0    | 1    | 1    |
| Chicks potentially successful (E)                        | 11   | 8    | 14   | 48   | 48   | 52   | 55   | 38   | 48   | 50   |
| Chicks disappeared at unknown age or >50d                | --   | --   | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 0    |
| Chicks still present at last visit                       | 11   | 8    | 14   | 48   | 48   | 52   | 55   | 38   | 47   | 50   |
| Occupancy rate (B/A)                                     | 0.41 | 0.28 | 0.27 | 0.37 | 0.26 | 0.29 | 0.30 | 0.30 | 0.24 | 0.28 |
| Hatching success (D/C)                                   | 0.43 | 0.40 | 0.65 | 0.72 | 0.96 | 0.85 | 0.79 | 0.78 | 0.82 | 0.92 |
| Fledging success (E/D) <sup>c</sup>                      | 0.92 | 1.00 | 0.70 | 0.96 | 0.95 | 0.98 | 1.00 | 0.98 | 0.98 | 1.00 |
| Reproductive success (E/C) <sup>c</sup>                  | 0.39 | 0.40 | 0.45 | 0.68 | 0.91 | 0.83 | 0.79 | 0.76 | 0.82 | 0.92 |

<sup>a</sup> Eggs still present, apparently viable, regardless of age not included in analysis.

<sup>b</sup> Chicks known to be <50d when they disappeared or ones that disappeared before 1 Aug (earliest date we expected fledging).

<sup>c</sup> This value represents the maximum potential success, since it assumes all chicks still present at last check survived to fledging; actual values were likely lower.

Table 5 continued. Productivity and burrow occupancy rates of Leach's storm-petrels at Buldir Island, Alaska.

| Parameter                                                | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
|----------------------------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Burrows with known contents (A)                          | 308  | 277  | 282  | 265  | 304  | 189  | 285  | 116  | 283  | 222  | 195  | 181  | 225  |
| Occupied burrows (B)                                     | 89   | 90   | 52   | 91   | 75   | 56   | 85   | 45   | 93   | 81   | 72   | 75   | 89   |
| Eggs with known fate (C)                                 | 78   | 77   | 40   | 66   | 75   | 54   | 85   | 40   | 81   | 77   | 72   | 70   | 78   |
| Eggs lost to disappearance                               | 12   | 6    | 2    | 1    | 7    | 14   | 7    | 2    | 6    | 10   | 7    | 4    | 11   |
| Eggs lost to abandonment                                 | 0    | 2    | 1    | 4    | 4    | 0    | 9    | 0    | 0    | 3    | 0    | 2    | 4    |
| Eggs lost to breakage                                    | 0    | 2    | 0    | 0    | 2    | 2    | 0    | 2    | 2    | 1    | 0    | 1    | 2    |
| Eggs remaining at last visit (unknown fate) <sup>a</sup> | 10   | 7    | 14   | 17   | 7    | 1    | 2    | 0    | 4    | 2    | 4    | 2    | 0    |
| Chicks (D)                                               | 66   | 67   | 34   | 61   | 55   | 38   | 67   | 36   | 73   | 61   | 61   | 63   | 72   |
| Chicks lost to disappearance <sup>b</sup>                | 4    | 0    | 0    | 2    | 3    | 2    | 8    | 0    | 1    | 4    | 2    | 5    | 6    |
| Chicks lost to death                                     | 1    | 0    | 1    | 6    | 0    | 0    | 3    | 0    | 0    | 2    | 0    | 1    | 1    |
| Chicks potentially successful (E)                        | 61   | 67   | 33   | 53   | 52   | 36   | 56   | 36   | 72   | 57   | 59   | 57   | 65   |
| Chicks disappeared at unknown age or >50d                | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| Chicks still present at last visit                       | 61   | 67   | 30   | 53   | 52   | 36   | 56   | 36   | 72   | 57   | 59   | 57   | 65   |
| Occupancy rate (B/A)                                     | 0.29 | 0.32 | 0.18 | 0.34 | 0.25 | 0.30 | 0.30 | 0.39 | 0.33 | 0.37 | 0.37 | 0.41 | 0.36 |
| Hatching success (D/C)                                   | 0.85 | 0.87 | 0.85 | 0.92 | 0.73 | 0.70 | 0.79 | 0.90 | 0.90 | 0.79 | 0.85 | 0.90 | 0.96 |
| Fledging success (E/D) <sup>c</sup>                      | 0.92 | 1.00 | 0.97 | 0.87 | 0.95 | 0.95 | 0.84 | 1.00 | 0.99 | 0.93 | 0.97 | 0.90 | 0.85 |
| Reproductive success (E/C) <sup>c</sup>                  | 0.78 | 0.87 | 0.83 | 0.80 | 0.69 | 0.67 | 0.66 | 0.90 | 0.89 | 0.74 | 0.82 | 0.81 | 0.82 |

<sup>a</sup> Eggs still present, apparently viable, regardless of age not included in analysis.

<sup>b</sup> Chicks known to be <50 d when they disappeared or ones that disappeared before 1 Aug (earliest date we expected fledging).

<sup>c</sup> This value represents the maximum potential success, since it assumes all chicks still present at last check survived to fledging; actual values were likely lower.

Table 6. Productivity and burrow occupancy rates of Leach's storm-petrels at Buldir Island, Alaska, 2008.

| Parameter                                                | Plot |      |      |      |      |                | Plots 1-7 | Mean | SD <sup>e</sup> |
|----------------------------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|----------------|-----------|------|-----------------|
|                                                          | 1    | 2    | 3    | 4    | 7    | 8 <sup>d</sup> |           |      |                 |
| Burrows with known contents (A)                          | 25   | 58   | 30   | 51   | 61   | --             | 225       |      |                 |
| Occupied burrows (B)                                     | 6    | 29   | 7    | 17   | 30   | --             | 89        |      |                 |
| Eggs with known fate (C)                                 | 6    | 26   | 5    | 12   | 29   | --             | 78        |      |                 |
| Eggs lost to disappearance                               | 0    | 3    | 2    | 5    | 1    | --             | 11        |      |                 |
| Eggs lost to abandonment                                 | 0    | 1    | 0    | 0    | 3    | --             | 4         |      |                 |
| Eggs lost to breakage                                    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 2    | --             | 2         |      |                 |
| Eggs remaining at last visit (unknown fate) <sup>a</sup> | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | --             | 0         |      |                 |
| Chicks (D)                                               | 6    | 25   | 5    | 12   | 24   | --             | 72        |      |                 |
| Chicks lost to disappearance <sup>b</sup>                | 0    | 0    | 2    | 0    | 4    | --             | 6         |      |                 |
| Chicks lost to death                                     | 1    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | --             | 1         |      |                 |
| Chicks potentially successful (E)                        | 5    | 25   | 3    | 12   | 20   | --             | 65        |      |                 |
| Chicks disappeared at unknown age or >50d                | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | --             | 0         |      |                 |
| Chicks still present at last visit                       | 5    | 25   | 3    | 12   | 20   | --             | 65        |      |                 |
| Occupancy rate (B/A)                                     | 0.24 | 0.50 | 0.23 | 0.33 | 0.49 | --             | 0.36      | 0.36 | 0.13            |
| Hatching success (D/C)                                   | 1.00 | 0.96 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 0.83 | --             | 0.96      | 0.96 | 0.07            |
| Fledging success (E/D) <sup>c</sup>                      | 0.83 | 1.00 | 0.60 | 1.00 | 0.83 | --             | 0.85      | 0.85 | 0.16            |
| Reproductive success (E/C) <sup>c</sup>                  | 0.83 | 0.96 | 0.60 | 1.00 | 0.69 | --             | 0.82      | 0.82 | 0.17            |

<sup>a</sup> Eggs still present, apparently viable, regardless of age not included in analysis.

<sup>b</sup> Chicks known to be <50 d when they disappeared or ones that disappeared before 1 Aug (earliest date we expected fledging).

<sup>c</sup> This value represents the maximum potential success, since it assumes all chicks still present at last check survived to fledging; actual values were likely lower.

<sup>d</sup> Unoccupied burrows were not quantified for Plot 8 and were not included in this summary.

<sup>e</sup> Standard deviations were calculated with ratio estimator software.



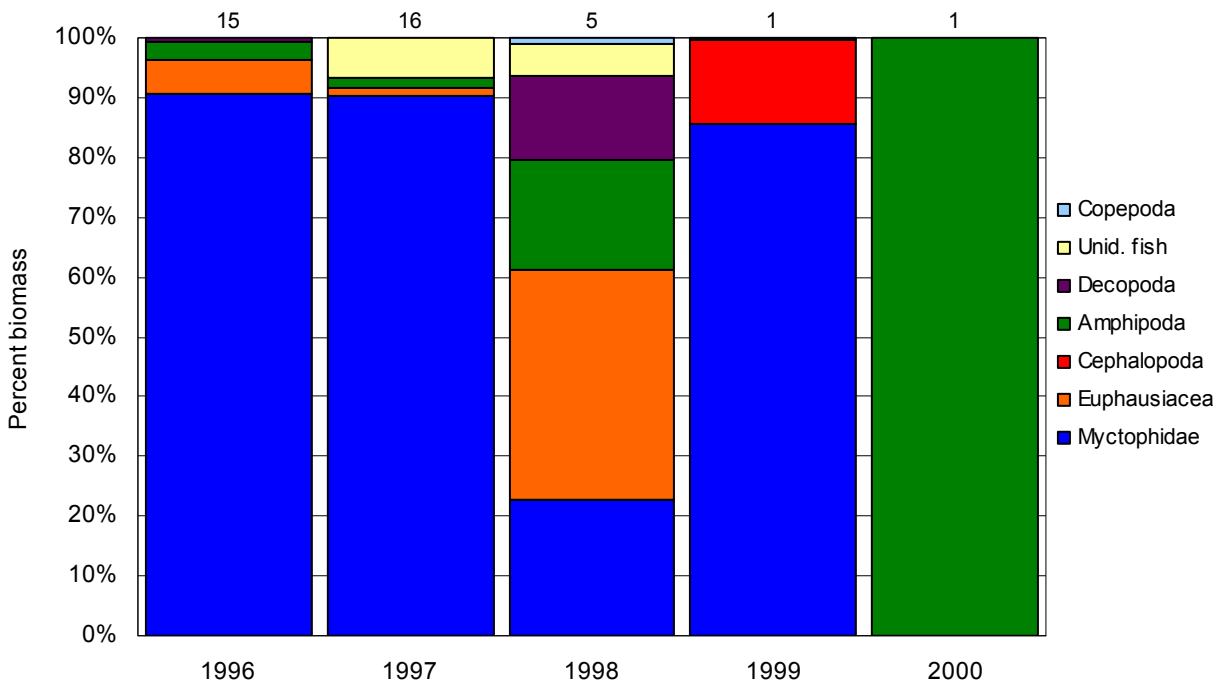


Figure 5. Relative biomass of prey in diets of Leach's storm-petrels at Buldir Island, Alaska. Numbers above columns indicate sample sizes.

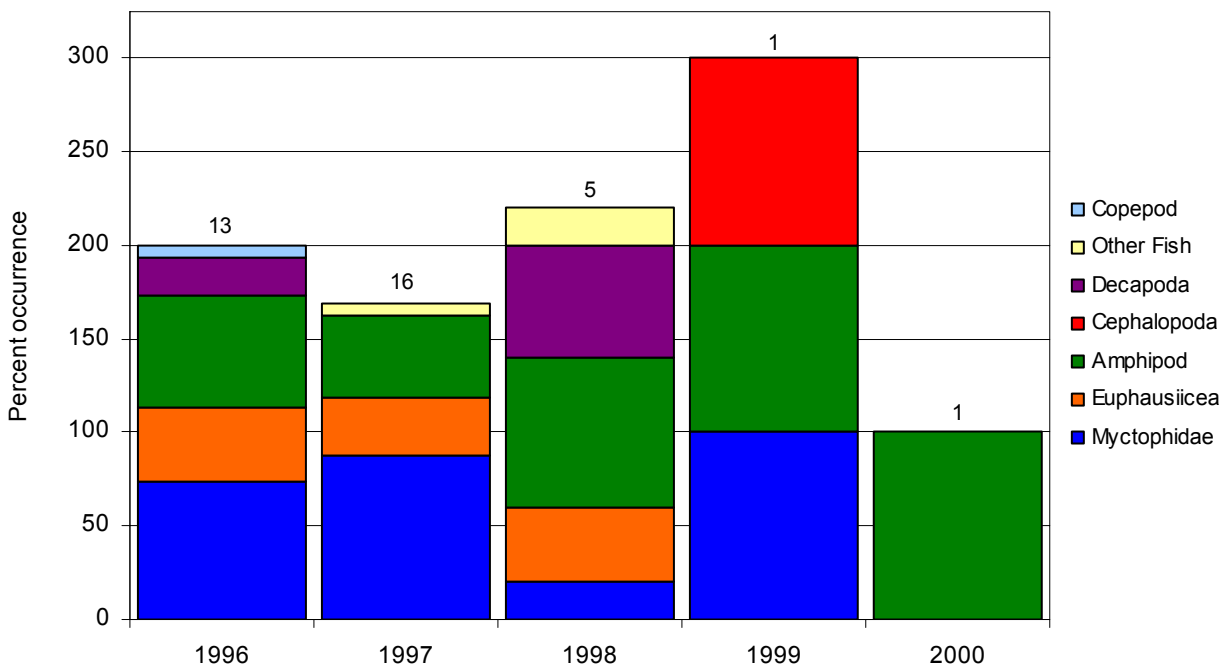


Figure 6. Frequency of occurrence of prey in diets of Leach's storm-petrels at Buldir Island, Alaska. Numbers above columns indicate sample sizes.

Table 7. Relative biomass of prey in diets of Leach's storm-petrels at Buldir Island, Alaska. Numbers represent the percentage of the mass of combined food samples comprised by each species.

|                                      | 1996 | 1997  | 1998 | 1999 | 2000  |
|--------------------------------------|------|-------|------|------|-------|
| No. samples                          | 15   | 16    | 5    | 1    | 1     |
| Total mass (g)                       | 55.1 | 146.8 | 5.7  | 10.5 | <1.0  |
| Cephalopoda                          |      |       |      |      |       |
| Gonatidae                            | --   | --    | --   | 14.3 | --    |
| Copepoda                             |      |       |      |      |       |
| <i>Neocalanus cristatus</i>          | <0.1 | --    | 1.1  | --   | --    |
| Amphipoda                            |      |       |      |      |       |
| Unid amphipod                        | --   | --    | --   | 0.2  | --    |
| Hyperiidea                           |      |       |      |      |       |
| <i>Hyperoche medusarum</i>           | 0.2  | --    | --   | --   | --    |
| <i>Parathemisto pacifica</i>         | 0.1  | --    | --   | --   | --    |
| Gammaridea                           |      |       |      |      |       |
| Lysianassidae                        | 2.9  | 1.5   | 17.5 | --   | 100.0 |
| Unid. Gammaridea                     | --   | --    | 0.9  | --   | --    |
| Euphausiacea                         |      |       |      |      |       |
| <i>Thysanoessa</i> spp.              | 5.4  | 1.4   | --   | --   | --    |
| Unid. euphausid                      | --   | --    | 38.4 | --   | --    |
| Decapoda                             |      |       |      |      |       |
| Shrimp zoea                          | <0.1 | --    | --   | --   | --    |
| Shrimp                               | 0.5  | --    | --   | --   | --    |
| Crab zoea                            | <0.1 | --    | --   | --   | --    |
| Atelecyclidae megalopa               | --   | --    | 14.0 | --   | --    |
| Fish                                 |      |       |      |      |       |
| Myctophidae                          |      |       |      |      |       |
| <i>Stenobrachius leucopsarus</i>     | --   | 33.7  | 22.8 | --   | --    |
| Myctophid, not <i>S. leucopsarus</i> | --   | 15.7  | --   | --   | --    |
| Unid. Myctophidae <sup>a</sup>       | 90.7 | 40.9  | --   | 85.6 | --    |
| Unid. fish                           | --   | 6.8   | 5.3  | --   | --    |

<sup>a</sup>Most, if not all, of the unidentified Myctophids are likely *Stenobrachius leucopsarus*.

Table 8. Frequency of occurrence of prey in diets of Leach's storm-petrels at Buldir Island, Alaska. Frequency is expressed as the percentage of food samples in which each species was present.

|                                      | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999  | 2000  |
|--------------------------------------|------|------|------|-------|-------|
| No. samples                          | 15   | 16   | 5    | 1     | 1     |
| Cephalopoda                          |      |      |      |       |       |
| Gonatidae                            | --   | --   | --   | 100.0 | --    |
| Copepoda                             |      |      |      |       |       |
| <i>Neocalanus cristatus</i>          | 6.7  | --   | 20.0 | --    | --    |
| Amphipoda                            |      |      |      |       |       |
| Unid. amphipod                       | --   | --   | --   | 100.0 | --    |
| Hyperiidea                           |      |      |      |       |       |
| <i>Hyperoche medusarum</i>           | 20.0 | --   | --   | --    | --    |
| <i>Parathemisto pacifica</i>         | 20.0 | --   | --   | --    | --    |
| Gammaridea                           |      |      |      |       |       |
| Lysianassidae                        | 20.0 | 43.8 | 60.0 | --    | 100.0 |
| Euphausiacea                         |      |      |      |       |       |
| <i>Thysanoessa</i> spp.              | 40.0 | 31.3 | --   | --    | --    |
| Unid. euphausid                      | --   | --   | 40.0 | --    | --    |
| Decapoda                             |      |      |      |       |       |
| Shrimp zoea                          | 6.7  | --   | --   | --    | --    |
| Shrimp                               | 6.7  | --   | --   | --    | --    |
| Crab zoea                            | 6.7  | --   | --   | --    | --    |
| Atelecyclidae megalopa               | --   | --   | 60.0 | --    | --    |
| Fish                                 |      |      |      |       |       |
| Myctophidae                          |      |      |      |       |       |
| <i>Stenobrachius leucopsarus</i>     | --   | 25.0 | 20.0 | --    | --    |
| Myctophid, not <i>S. leucopsarus</i> | --   | 6.3  | --   | --    | --    |
| Unid. Myctophidae <sup>a</sup>       | 73.3 | 56.3 | --   | 100.0 | --    |
| Unid. fish                           | --   | 6.3  | 20.0 | --    | --    |

<sup>a</sup>Most, if not all, of the unidentified Myctophids are likely *Stenobrachius leucopsarus*.

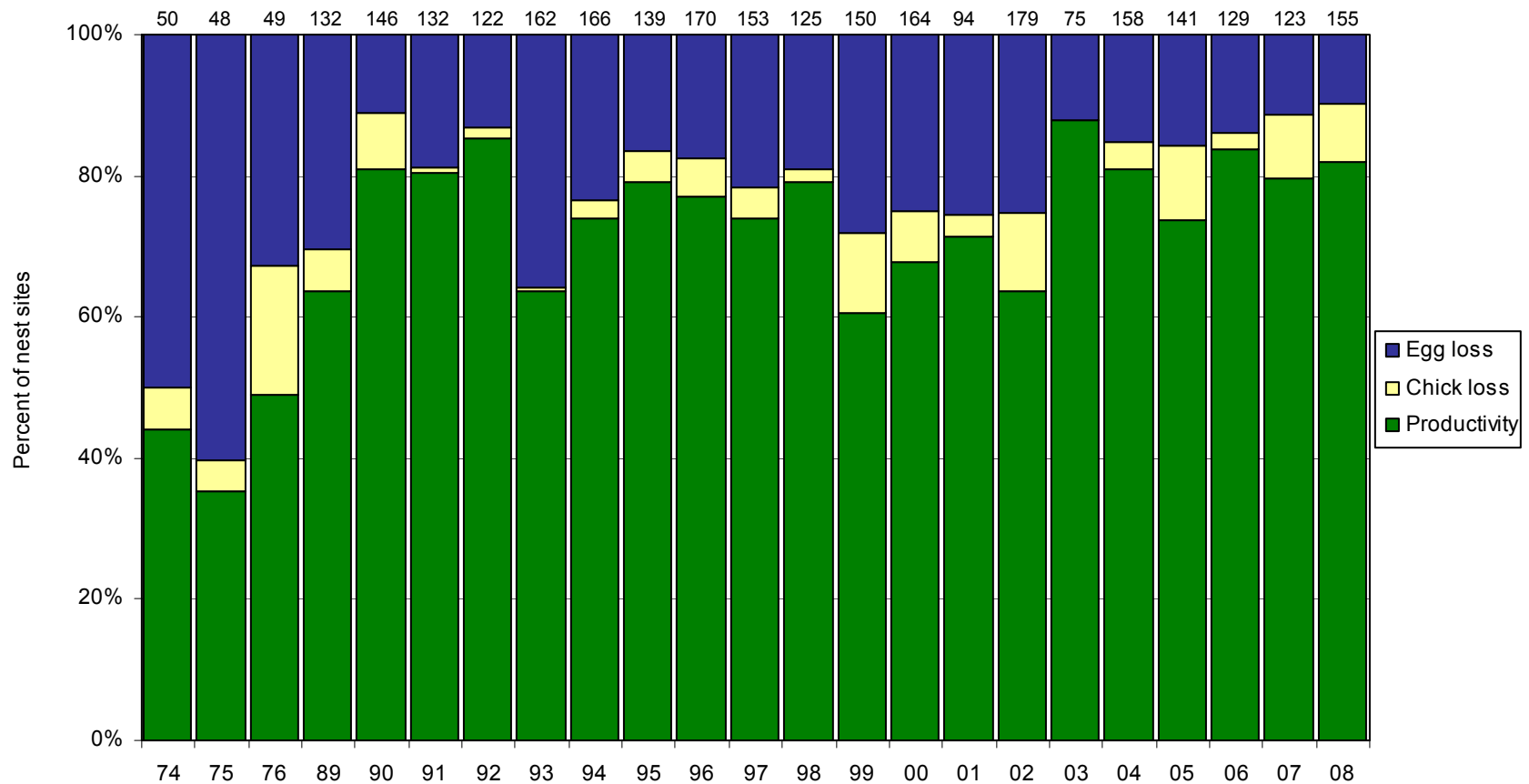


Figure 7. Reproductive performance of storm-petrels (Leach's, fork-tailed and unknown species) at Buldir Island, Alaska. Egg loss=(C-D)/C; Chick loss=(D-E)/C; Productivity=E/C, where C=number of eggs, D=number of eggs hatched, E=number of chicks fledged or still alive at last check. Productivity represents the maximum potential success, since it assumes all chicks still present at last check survived to fledging; actual values were likely lower. The number of eggs with known fates are given above each bar.

Table 9. Productivity and burrow occupancy rates of storm-petrels (Leach's, fork-tailed, and unknown spp.) at Buldir Island, Alaska.

| Parameter                                                | 1974 | 1975 | 1976 | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 |
|----------------------------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Burrows with known contents (A)                          | 69   | 71   | 113  | 232  | 285  | 287  | 294  | 249  | 297  | 280  | 308  |
| Occupied burrows (B)                                     | 50   | 48   | 49   | 160  | 181  | 163  | 180  | 170  | 183  | 168  | 190  |
| Eggs with known fate (C)                                 | 50   | 48   | 49   | 132  | 146  | 132  | 122  | 162  | 166  | 139  | 170  |
| Eggs lost to disappearance                               | --   | --   | 28   | 10   | 25   | 16   | 37   | 27   | 18   | 28   | 26   |
| Eggs lost to abandonment                                 | --   | --   | 26   | 29   | 30   | 57   | 27   | 17   | 28   | 26   | 4    |
| Eggs lost to breakage                                    | --   | --   | 5    | 2    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 12   | 5    | 5    | 0    |
| Eggs remaining at last visit (unknown fate) <sup>a</sup> | --   | --   | 7    | 4    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 0    | 0    | 7    | 17   |
| Chicks (D)                                               | 25   | 19   | 33   | 92   | 130  | 107  | 106  | 104  | 127  | 116  | 140  |
| Chicks lost to disappearance <sup>b</sup>                | --   | --   | 0    | 2    | 6    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 4    | 7    |
| Chicks lost to death                                     | --   | --   | 9    | 6    | 8    | 1    | 2    | 1    | 4    | 2    | 2    |
| Chicks potentially successful (E)                        | 22   | 17   | 0    | 0    | 1    | 0    | 3    | 6    | 22   | 0    | 126  |
| Chicks disappeared at unknown age or >50d                | --   | --   | 24   | 84   | 118  | 106  | 104  | 103  | 123  | 110  | 5    |
| Chicks still present at last visit                       | 22   | 17   | 24   | 84   | 117  | 106  | 101  | 97   | 101  | 110  | 131  |
| Occupancy rate (B/A)                                     | 0.72 | 0.68 | 0.43 | 0.69 | 0.64 | 0.57 | 0.61 | 0.68 | 0.62 | 0.60 | 0.62 |
| Hatching success (D/C)                                   | 0.50 | 0.40 | 0.67 | 0.70 | 0.89 | 0.81 | 0.87 | 0.64 | 0.77 | 0.83 | 0.82 |
| Fledging success (E/D) <sup>c</sup>                      | 0.88 | 0.89 | 0.73 | 0.91 | 0.91 | 0.99 | 0.98 | 0.99 | 0.97 | 0.95 | 0.77 |
| Reproductive success (E/C) <sup>c</sup>                  | 0.44 | 0.35 | 0.49 | 0.64 | 0.81 | 0.80 | 0.85 | 0.64 | 0.74 | 0.79 | 0.94 |

<sup>a</sup> Eggs still present, apparently viable, regardless of age not included in analysis.

<sup>b</sup> Chicks known to be <50 d when they disappeared or ones that disappeared before 1 Aug (earliest date we expected fledging).

<sup>c</sup> This value represents the maximum potential success, since it assumes all chicks still present at last check survived to fledging; actual values were likely lower.

Table 9 continued. Productivity and burrow occupancy rates of storm-petrels (Leach's, fork-tailed, and unknown spp.) at Buldir Island, Alaska.

| Parameter                                                | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
|----------------------------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Burrows with known contents (A)                          | 277  | 282  | 265  | 304  | 189  | 285  | 116  | 283  | 222  | 195  | 181  | 225  |
| Occupied burrows (B)                                     | 168  | 149  | 182  | 164  | 103  | 191  | 94   | 185  | 147  | 129  | 136  | 169  |
| Eggs with known fate (C)                                 | 153  | 125  | 150  | 164  | 94   | 179  | 75   | 158  | 141  | 129  | 123  | 155  |
| Eggs lost to disappearance                               | 25   | 14   | 11   | 18   | 19   | 19   | 3    | 15   | 14   | 9    | 9    | 14   |
| Eggs lost to abandonment                                 | 3    | 10   | 31   | 5    | 0    | 19   | 1    | 0    | 5    | 3    | 3    | 9    |
| Eggs lost to breakage                                    | 5    | 0    | 0    | 10   | 5    | 4    | 5    | 9    | 1    | 1    | 2    | 2    |
| Eggs remaining at last visit (unknown fate) <sup>a</sup> | 9    | 20   | 16   | 8    | 1    | 3    | 0    | 5    | 2    | 5    | 7    | 0    |
| Chicks (D)                                               | 120  | 101  | 108  | 123  | 70   | 134  | 66   | 134  | 119  | 111  | 109  | 140  |
| Chicks lost to disappearance <sup>b</sup>                | 1    | 0    | 7    | 10   | 3    | 12   | 0    | 1    | 12   | 3    | 8    | 16   |
| Chicks lost to death                                     | 6    | 2    | 13   | 2    | 0    | 8    | 0    | 5    | 6    | 0    | 3    | 5    |
| Chicks potentially successful (E)                        | 111  | 91   | 91   | 101  | 67   | 107  | 58   | 128  | 104  | 108  | 98   | 127  |
| Chicks disappeared at unknown age or >50d                | 2    | 5    | 0    | 10   | 0    | 7    | 8    | 9    | 4    | 12   | 0    | 4    |
| Chicks still present at last visit                       | 113  | 99   | 91   | 111  | 67   | 114  | 66   | 119  | 99   | 96   | 98   | 123  |
| Occupancy rate (B/A)                                     | 0.61 | 0.53 | 0.69 | 0.54 | 0.54 | 0.67 | 0.81 | 0.65 | 0.66 | 0.66 | 0.75 | 0.75 |
| Hatching success (D/C)                                   | 0.78 | 0.81 | 0.72 | 0.75 | 0.75 | 0.75 | 0.88 | 0.85 | 0.84 | 0.86 | 0.89 | 0.90 |
| Fledging success (E/D) <sup>c</sup>                      | 0.74 | 0.79 | 0.61 | 0.68 | 0.71 | 0.64 | 0.88 | 0.96 | 0.87 | 0.97 | 0.90 | 0.91 |
| Reproductive success (E/C) <sup>c</sup>                  | 0.94 | 0.98 | 0.84 | 0.90 | 0.96 | 0.85 | 0.77 | 0.81 | 0.74 | 0.84 | 0.80 | 0.82 |

<sup>a</sup> Eggs still present, apparently viable, regardless of age not included in analysis.

<sup>b</sup> Chicks known to be <50 d when they disappeared or ones that disappeared before 1 Aug (earliest date we expected fledging).

<sup>c</sup> This value represents the maximum potential success, since it assumes all chicks still present at last check survived to fledging; actual values were likely lower.

Table 10. Productivity and burrow occupancy rates of fork-tailed and Leach's storm-petrels (incl. unknown spp.) at Buldir Island, Alaska, 2008.

| Parameter                                                | Plot |      |      |      |      |                | Plots 1-7 | Mean | SD <sup>e</sup> |
|----------------------------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|----------------|-----------|------|-----------------|
|                                                          | 1    | 2    | 3    | 4    | 7    | 8 <sup>d</sup> |           |      |                 |
| Burrows with known contents (A)                          | 25   | 58   | 30   | 51   | 61   | --             | 225       |      |                 |
| Occupied burrows (B)                                     | 21   | 43   | 21   | 39   | 45   | --             | 169       |      |                 |
| Eggs with known fate (C)                                 | 21   | 40   | 19   | 32   | 43   | --             | 155       |      |                 |
| Eggs lost to disappearance                               | 0    | 3    | 2    | 7    | 2    | --             | 14        |      |                 |
| Eggs lost to abandonment                                 | 1    | 1    | 2    | 1    | 4    | --             | 9         |      |                 |
| Eggs lost to breakage                                    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 2    | --             | 2         |      |                 |
| Eggs remaining at last visit (unknown fate) <sup>a</sup> | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | --             | 0         |      |                 |
| Chicks (D)                                               | 20   | 39   | 17   | 31   | 37   | --             | 140       |      |                 |
| Chicks lost to disappearance <sup>b</sup>                | 3    | 1    | 3    | 4    | 5    | --             | 16        |      |                 |
| Chicks lost to death                                     | 1    | 1    | 0    | 0    | 3    | --             | 5         |      |                 |
| Chicks potentially successful (E)                        | 17   | 37   | 14   | 29   | 30   | --             | 127       |      |                 |
| Chicks disappeared at unknown age or >50d                | 1    | 0    | 0    | 2    | 1    | --             | 4         |      |                 |
| Chicks still present at last visit                       | 16   | 27   | 14   | 27   | 29   | --             | 123       |      |                 |
| Occupancy rate (B/A)                                     | 0.84 | 0.74 | 0.70 | 0.76 | 0.74 | --             | 0.75      | 0.75 | 0.05            |
| Hatching success (D/C)                                   | 0.95 | 0.98 | 0.89 | 0.97 | 0.86 | --             | 0.90      | 0.90 | 0.07            |
| Fledging success (E/D) <sup>c</sup>                      | 0.85 | 0.95 | 0.82 | 0.94 | 0.81 | --             | 0.91      | 0.91 | 0.07            |
| Reproductive success (E/C) <sup>c</sup>                  | 0.81 | 0.93 | 0.74 | 0.91 | 0.70 | --             | 0.82      | 0.82 | 0.10            |

<sup>a</sup> Eggs still present, apparently viable, regardless of age not included in analysis

<sup>b</sup> Chicks known to be <50 d when they disappeared or ones that disappeared before 1 Aug (earliest date we expected fledging).

<sup>c</sup> This value represents the maximum potential success, since it assumes all chicks still present at last check survived to fledging; actual values were likely lower.

<sup>d</sup> Unoccupied burrows were not quantified for Plot 8 and were not included in this summary.

<sup>e</sup> Standard deviations were calculated with ratio estimator software.

Table 11. Pelagic cormorant productivity at Buldir Island, Alaska in early to mid-August.

| Parameter                                     | 1974 <sup>a</sup> | 1989      | 1990      | 1992      | 1993      | 1994      | 1995      | 1996     | 1997      | 1998      |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Total number of nests (A)                     | 53                | 37        | 34        | 35        | 21        | 28        | 14        | 17       | 22        | 29        |
| Date of maximum nest count                    | 5                 | 16<br>Jun | 13<br>Aug | 11<br>Jun | 12<br>Jun | 15<br>Jun | 13<br>Jun | 1<br>Aug | 25<br>May | 22<br>Jun |
| Total number of chicks (B)                    | 23                | --        | 61        | 25        | 13        | 36        | 17        | 13       | 24        | 18        |
| Date of maximum chick count                   | 19<br>Aug         | --        | 13<br>Aug | 2<br>Aug  | 19<br>Aug | 9<br>Aug  | 10<br>Aug | 5<br>Aug | 10<br>Aug | 7<br>Aug  |
| Number of large chicks in nest <sup>b</sup> : |                   |           |           |           |           |           |           |          |           |           |
| 0                                             | --                | --        | 7         | 25        | 14        | 10        | 5         | 9        | 13        | 14        |
| 1                                             | --                | --        | 4         | 0         | 3         | 6         | 3         | 3        | 0         | 0         |
| 2                                             | --                | --        | 12        | 5         | 2         | 6         | 4         | 5        | 3         | 6         |
| 3                                             | --                | --        | 11        | 5         | 2         | 6         | 2         | 0        | 6         | 2         |
| 4                                             | --                | --        | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0        | --        | --        |
| Number of nests with chicks (C)               | --                | --        | 27        | 10        | 7         | 18        | 9         | 8        | 9         | 8         |
| Brood size:                                   |                   |           |           |           |           |           |           |          |           |           |
| Mean (B/C)                                    | --                | --        | 2.3       | 2.5       | 1.9       | 2         | 1.9       | 1.6      | 2.7       | 2.3       |
| SD                                            |                   | --        | 0.7       | 0.5       | 0.9       | 0.8       | 0.8       | 0.5      | 0.5       | 0.5       |
| % of nests w/ chicks ((C/A)X100)              | 68.8 <sup>c</sup> | --        | 79.4      | 28.6      | 33.3      | 64.3      | 64.3      | 47.1     | 40.9      | 27.6      |
| Productivity <sup>d</sup> (B/A)               | 1.4b              | --        | 1.8       | 0.7       | 0.6       | 1.3       | 1.2       | 0.8      | 1.1       | 0.6       |

<sup>a</sup> Nest contents were not recorded in 1974 or 1989. Data from 1974 from Byrd (1978). In all years, observers counted cormorant nests from East Main Talus through Kittiwake Lane.

<sup>b</sup> In nests with adult attendance on date of maximum chick count.

<sup>c</sup> From a subsample of 16 nests.

<sup>d</sup> Number of chicks present per nest, including empty nests.



Table 11 continued. Pelagic cormorant productivity at Buldir Island, Alaska in early to mid-August.

| Parameter                                     | 1999      | 2000     | 2001      | 2002      | 2003      | 2004      | 2005     | 2006      | 2007      | 2008      |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Total number of nests (A)                     | 24        | 48       | 64        | 66        | 73        | 79        | 63       | 92        | 67        | 82        |
| Date of maximum nest count                    | 24<br>Jun | 6<br>Jun | 10<br>Jun | 16<br>Jun | 13<br>Jun | 27<br>Jun | 8<br>Jun | 17<br>Jun | 25<br>May | 10<br>Jun |
| Total number of chicks (B)                    | 31        | 52       | 55        | 59        | 39        | 72        | 51       | 79        | 63        | 101       |
| Date of maximum chick count                   | 12<br>Aug | 4<br>Aug | 29<br>Aug | 5<br>Jul  | 1<br>Aug  | 3<br>Aug  | 7<br>Aug | 4<br>Aug  | 14<br>Aug | 6<br>Aug  |
| Number of large chicks in nest <sup>b</sup> : |           |          |           |           |           |           |          |           |           |           |
| 0                                             | 7         | 3        | 18        | 0         | 26        | 17        | 20       | 9         | 6         | 4         |
| 1                                             | 2         | 8        | 9         | 9         | 8         | 2         | 4        | 8         | 6         | 2         |
| 2                                             | 8         | 10       | 18        | 19        | 11        | 15        | 10       | 17        | 9         | 25        |
| 3                                             | 5         | 0        | 3         | 4         | 3         | 12        | 4        | 11        | 10        | 15        |
| 4                                             | --        | --       | --        | --        | --        | 1         | --       | 1         | 0         | 1         |
| Number of nests with chicks (C)               | 15        | 25       | 33        | 32        | 22        | 30        | 23       | 37        | 25        | 47        |
| Brood size:                                   |           |          |           |           |           |           |          |           |           |           |
| Mean (B/C)                                    | 2.1       | 2.1      | 1.7       | 1.8       | 1.8       | 2.4       | 2.2      | 2.1       | 2.3       | 2.1       |
| SD                                            | 0.5       | 0.7      | 0.9       | 0.6       | 0.6       | 0.7       | 0.7      | 0.67      | 0.79      | 0.84      |
| % of nests w/ chicks ((C/A)X100)              | 62.5      | 52.1     | 51.6      | 48.5      | 30.1      | 38        | 36.5     | 40.2      | 41.8      | 57.3      |
| Productivity <sup>d</sup> (B/A)               | 1.3       | 1.1      | 0.9       | 0.9       | 0.5       | 0.9       | 0.8      | 0.9       | 0.9       | 1.2       |

<sup>a</sup> Nest contents were not recorded in 1974 or 1989. Data from 1974 from Byrd (1978). In all years, observers counted cormorant nests from East Main Talus through Kittiwake Lane.

<sup>b</sup> In nests with adult attendance on date of maximum chick count.

<sup>c</sup> From a subsample of 16 nests.

<sup>d</sup> Number of chicks present per nest, including empty nests.

Table 12. Pelagic cormorant productivity at Buldir Island, Alaska in 2008.

| Date   | No. nests | No. nests containing $\geq X$ chicks |    |    |    |    | No. nests |            |
|--------|-----------|--------------------------------------|----|----|----|----|-----------|------------|
|        |           | 0                                    | 1+ | 2+ | 3+ | 4+ | w/ chick  | no. chicks |
| 2 Jun  | 61        | 61                                   | -  | -  | -  | -  | 0         | 0          |
| 6 Jun  | 63        | 63                                   | -  | -  | -  | -  | 0         | 0          |
| 10 Jun | 69        | 69                                   | -  | -  | -  | -  | 0         | 0          |
| 18 Jun | 61        | 61                                   | -  | -  | -  | -  | 0         | 0          |
| 23 Jun | 67        | 67                                   | -  | -  | -  | -  | 0         | 0          |
| 29 Jun | 61        | 61                                   | -  | -  | -  | -  | 0         | 0          |
| 6 Jul  | 54        | 43                                   | 10 | 1  | -  | -  | 11        | 12         |
| 12 Jul | 50        | 27                                   | 14 | 6  | 3  | -  | 23        | 35         |
| 19 Jul | 51        | 17                                   | 15 | 13 | 6  | -  | 24        | 59         |
| 24 Jul | 49        | 14                                   | 9  | 24 | 2  | -  | 35        | 63         |
| 30 Jul | 49        | 9                                    | 13 | 18 | 7  | 2  | 40        | 78         |
| 6 Aug  | 47        | 4                                    | 2  | 25 | 15 | 1  | 43        | 101        |
| 12 Aug | 43        | 5                                    | 4  | 19 | 12 | 3  | 38        | 90         |
| 22 Aug | 23        | 1                                    | 8  | 7  | 6  | 1  | 22        | 44         |

<sup>a</sup> Inactive nests were not counted after 6 Jul.

Table 13. Red-faced cormorant productivity at Buldir Island, Alaska.

| Parameter                                         | 2003   | 2004   | 2005  | 2006   | 2007 | 2008   |
|---------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|-------|--------|------|--------|
| Total number of nests (A)                         | 4      | 9      | 6     | 2      | 1    | 9      |
| Date of maximum nest count                        | 19-Jun | 17-Jun | 8-Jun | 17-Jun | -    | 10-Jun |
| Total number of chicks (B)                        | 5      | 11     | 7     | 6      | 0    | 14     |
| Date of maximum chick count                       | 25-Jun | 3-Aug  | 2-Aug | 4-Aug  | -    | 22-Aug |
| Max. count of large chicks in nest <sup>a</sup> : |        |        |       |        |      |        |
| 0                                                 | 1      | 2      | 1     | 0      | 1    | 4      |
| 1                                                 | 1      | 1      | 1     | 0      | 0    | 0      |
| 2                                                 | 2      | 2      | 1     | 0      | 0    | 1      |
| 3                                                 | 0      | 2      | 1     | 2      | 0    | 4      |
| Number of nests with chicks (C)                   | 3      | 5      | 3     | 2      | 0    | 5      |
| Brood size:                                       |        |        |       |        |      |        |
| Mean (B/C)                                        | 1.7    | 2.2    | 2.3   | 3      | -    | 2.8    |
| SD                                                | .6     | .8     | .58   | -      | -    | 0.45   |
| % of nests with chicks ((C/A)x100)                | 75     | 55.6   | 50    | 100    | 0    | 55.6   |
| Productivity <sup>b</sup> (B/A)                   | 1.3    | 1.2    | 1.2   | 3      | 0    | 1.6    |

<sup>a</sup> On date of maximum chick count.

<sup>b</sup> Number of chicks present per nest, including empty nest.

Table 14. Red-faced cormorant productivity at Buldir Island, Alaska in 2008.

| Date   | No. nests | No. nests containing $\geq X$ chicks |    |    |    |    | No. nests |            |
|--------|-----------|--------------------------------------|----|----|----|----|-----------|------------|
|        |           | 0                                    | 1+ | 2+ | 3+ | 4+ | w/ chick  | no. chicks |
| 2 Jun  | 3         | 0                                    | -  | -  | -  | -  | 0         | 0          |
| 6 Jun  | 5         | 0                                    | -  | -  | -  | -  | 0         | 0          |
| 10 Jun | 6         | 0                                    | -  | -  | -  | -  | 0         | 0          |
| 18 Jun | 6         | 0                                    | -  | -  | -  | -  | 0         | 0          |
| 23 Jun | 6         | 0                                    | -  | -  | -  | -  | 0         | 0          |
| 29 Jun | 6         | 0                                    | -  | -  | -  | -  | 0         | 0          |
| 6 Jul  | 6         | 0                                    | -  | -  | -  | -  | 0         | 0          |
| 12 Jul | 6         | 4                                    | -  | 2  | -  | -  | 2         | 4          |
| 19 Jul | 5         | 2                                    | -  | 1  | 2  | -  | 3         | 8          |
| 24 Jul | 5         | 1                                    | 1  | 3  | 0  | -  | 4         | 7          |
| 30 Jul | 5         | 0                                    | 1  | 2  | 2  | -  | 5         | 11         |
| 6 Aug  | 5         | 0                                    | 1  | 1  | 3  | -  | 5         | 12         |
| 12 Aug | 5         | 0                                    | 0  | 1  | 4  | -  | 5         | 14         |
| 22 Aug | 5         | 0                                    | 0  | 1  | 4  | -  | 5         | 14         |

Table 15. Glaucous-winged gull productivity at Buldir Island, Alaska. Measures of success are based on eggs as the sample unit monitored between E. Main Talus and E. Kittiwake Lane.

| Parameter                                     | 1979 <sup>a</sup> | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 <sup>c</sup> | 2008 |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------------------|------|
| Total no. nests (A)                           | -                 | 209  | 199  | 180  | 133  | 175  | 88   | 75   | 20   | 54   | 40   | 38   | 23   | 31   | 39   | 9    | 4                 | 38   |
| No. eggs in nest:                             |                   |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |                   |      |
| 0                                             | 0                 | 49   | 66   | 49   | 82   | 40   | 63   | 18   | 17   | 11   | 6    | 8    | 0    | 3    | 13   | 1    | 1                 | 13   |
| 1                                             | 1                 | 28   | 26   | 15   | 5    | 15   | 6    | 8    | 0    | 3    | 3    | 0    | 3    | 1    | 3    | 2    | 0                 | 3    |
| 2                                             | 10                | 48   | 35   | 40   | 20   | 35   | 10   | 26   | 2    | 10   | 12   | 6    | 4    | 5    | 3    | 0    | 0                 | 11   |
| 3                                             | 56                | 84   | 72   | 75   | 26   | 85   | 9    | 22   | 1    | 30   | 19   | 23   | 14   | 21   | 15   | 3    | 3                 | 10   |
| 4                                             | 0                 | 0    | 0    | 1    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0                 | 0    |
| Clutch size: mean                             | 2.8               | 2.4  | 2.4  | 2.5  | 2.4  | 2.5  | 2.1  | 2.3  | 2.3  | 2.8  | 2.5  | 2.8  | 2.5  | 2.7  | 2.6  | 2.2  | 3.0 <sup>d</sup>  | 2.3  |
| n (B)                                         | 67                | 160  | 133  | 131  | 51   | 135  | 25   | 56   | 3    | 43   | 34   | 29   | 21   | 27   | 21   | 5    | 3                 | 24   |
| SD                                            | 0.4               | 0.8  | 0.8  | 0.7  | 0.7  | 0.7  | 0.8  | 0.7  | 0.6  | 0.4  | 0.7  | 0.41 | 0.75 | 0.63 | 0.83 | 1.1  | 0.0               | .69  |
| Max. no. eggs (C) <sup>b</sup>                | -                 | 376  | 312  | 324  | 123  | 340  | 53   | 126  | 7    | 113  | 84   | 81   | 53   | 74   | 54   | 11   | 9                 | 55   |
| Maximum no. chicks seen (D)                   | -                 | 122  | 35   | 49   | 34   | 83   | 28   | 28   | 2    | 17   | 12   | 33   | 22   | 23   | 17   | 5    | -                 | 33   |
| Chicks seen on last visit before fledging (E) | -                 | 89   | 8    | 48   | 14   | 34   | 15   | 9    | 0    | 12   | 8    | 15   | 19   | 22   | 9    | 5    | -                 | 33   |
| Laying success (B/A)                          | -                 | 0.77 | 0.67 | 0.73 | 0.38 | 0.77 | 0.28 | 0.75 | 0.15 | 0.80 | 0.85 | 0.76 | 0.91 | 0.87 | 0.54 | 0.56 | -                 | .63  |
| Hatch success (D/C)                           | -                 | 0.32 | 0.11 | 0.15 | 0.28 | 0.24 | 0.53 | 0.22 | 0.29 | 0.15 | 0.14 | 0.41 | 0.42 | 0.31 | 0.31 | 0.45 | -                 | .60  |
| Fledge success (E/D)                          | -                 | 0.73 | 0.23 | 0.98 | 0.41 | 0.41 | 0.54 | 0.32 | 0.00 | 0.71 | 0.67 | 0.45 | 0.86 | 0.96 | 0.53 | 1.00 | -                 | 1.00 |
| Breeding success (E/C)                        | -                 | 0.24 | 0.03 | 0.15 | 0.11 | 0.10 | 0.28 | 0.07 | 0.00 | 0.11 | 0.10 | 0.19 | 0.36 | 0.30 | 0.17 | 0.45 | -                 | .60  |
| Overall prod (E/A)                            | -                 | 0.43 | 0.04 | 0.27 | 0.11 | 0.19 | 0.17 | 0.12 | 0.00 | 0.22 | 0.20 | 0.39 | 0.83 | 0.71 | 0.23 | 0.56 | -                 | .87  |

<sup>a</sup> Data for 1979 were collected at plots located in the interior of Buldir (Day et al. 1980) and are comparable only for estimates of clutch size with other years.

<sup>b</sup> Observers counted glaucous-winged gulls from E. Main Talus to East Kittiwake Lane.

<sup>c</sup> Only three active nests were present in 2007 between E. Main Talus and E. Kittiwake Lane. These nests were not monitored after 5 June and attention was redirected to the inland monitoring site where laying success was 0.71 and hatching success was 0.19.

<sup>d</sup> Clutch size for the inland monitoring site was 2.44 ( $n=50$ ,  $SD=0.67$ ).

Table 16. Glaucous-winged gull productivity at Buldir Island, Alaska. Measures of success are based on nests as the sample unit. No data were collected in 2001.

| Parameter                    | 1997      | 1998     | 1999      | 2000      | 2002      | 2003            | 2004      | 2005      | 2006 <sup>c</sup> | 2007      | 2008      |
|------------------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|
| No. nests (A) <sup>a</sup>   | 47        | 30       | 20        | 28        | 37        | 23              | 34        | 39        | --                | 69        | 50        |
| No. nests $\geq 1$ egg (B)   | 10        | 26       | 3         | 24        | 31        | 22              | 27        | 24        | 23                | 49        | 27        |
| No. eggs (C)                 | 22        | 58       | 7         | 63        | 89        | 56              | 78        | 60        | 56                | 120       | 64        |
| No. nests $\geq 1$ chick (D) | 8         | 13       | 1         | 10        | 26        | 20              | 18        | 14        | 16                | 14        | 22        |
| No. chicks (E)               | 14        | 21       | 2         | 18        | 57        | 38              | 38        | 17        | 37                | 23        | 41        |
| Laying success (B/A)         | 0.21      | 0.87     | 0.15      | 0.86      | 0.84      | 0.96            | 0.79      | 0.62      | --                | 0.71      | 0.54      |
| Nesting success (D/B)        | 0.8       | 0.5      | 33.3      | 0.42      | 0.84      | 0.91            | 0.67      | 0.58      | 0.7               | 0.29      | 0.81      |
| Hatching success (E/C)       | 0.64      | 0.36     | 0.29      | 0.29      | 0.64      | 0.68            | 0.49      | 0.28      | 0.66              | 0.19      | 0.64      |
| Mean hatch date              | 11<br>Jul | 2<br>Jul | 23<br>Jun | 23<br>Jun | 21<br>Jun | -- <sup>b</sup> | 15<br>Jun | 17<br>Jun | 20<br>Jun         | 20<br>Jun | 23<br>Jun |
| <i>n</i>                     | 5         | 13       | 1         | 7         | 14        | --              | 18        | 20        | 14                | 22        | 22        |
| SD                           | 2.2       | 3.4      | --        | 6.2       | 6.4       | --              | 7.4       | 4.7       | 4.6               | 5.5       | 8.5       |

<sup>a</sup> Number of nests represents maximum number of nests during the season.

<sup>b</sup> Hatch dates not calculated; chicks were present on the first visit.

<sup>c</sup> Empty nest bowls were not quantified since the nests followed came from multiple locations: five nests with eggs were followed on the Main Talus to Kittiwake Lane transect; 11 nests were followed in South Marsh; six nests were followed below Main Talus, and one nest was followed on North Bight Beach.

Table 17. Clutch size of glaucous-winged gulls on Buldir Island, Alaska in 2008.

| Date   | No. nests | No. nests containing X eggs |   |    |    | Total    |            |
|--------|-----------|-----------------------------|---|----|----|----------|------------|
|        |           | 0                           | 1 | 2  | 3  | No. eggs | No. chicks |
| 2 Jun  | 34        | 12                          | 3 | 9  | 10 | 51       | 0          |
| 6 Jun  | 29        | 15                          | 3 | 9  | 11 | 54       | 0          |
| 11 Jun | 36        | 13                          | 3 | 11 | 10 | 55       | 3          |
| 18 Jun | 32        | 12                          | 4 | 10 | 4  | 36       | 12         |
| 23 Jun | 31        | 17                          | 4 | 9  | 2  | 28       | 12         |
| 29 Jun | 31        | 23                          | 3 | 5  | 0  | 13       | 20         |
| 6 Jul  | 23        | 19                          | 3 | 1  | 0  | 5        | 13         |
| 12 Jul | 21        | 19                          | 2 | 0  | 0  | 2        | 9          |

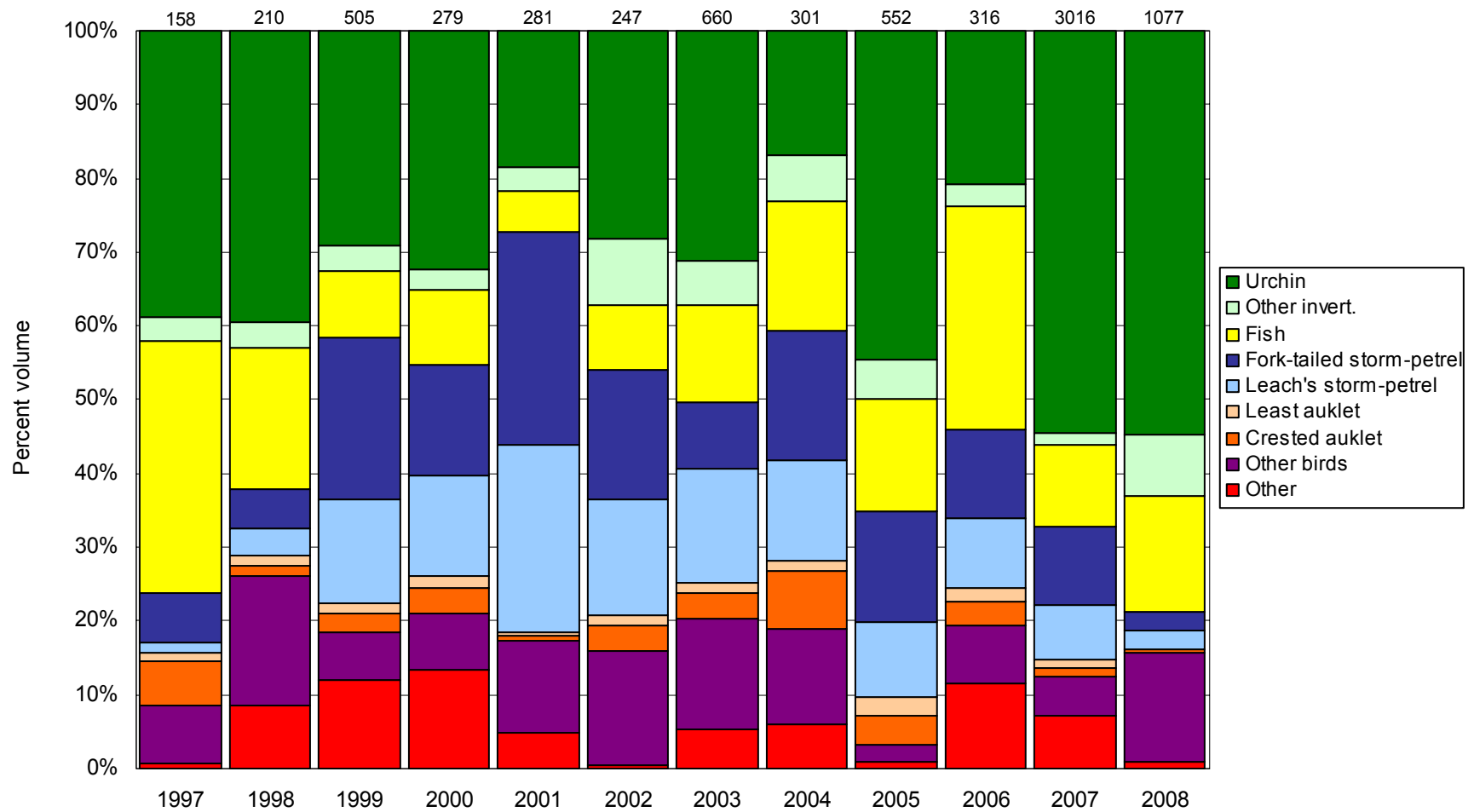


Figure 8. Percent volume of food items in regurgitated pellets of glaucous-winged gulls at Buldir Island, Alaska. Numbers above columns indicate sample sizes.

Table 18. Percent occurrence of food items in regurgitated pellets of glaucous-winged gulls of Buldir Island, Alaska.

| Food item                        | 1974-<br>76 <sup>a</sup> | 1997        | 1998        | 1999        | 2000        | 2001        | 2002        | 2003        | 2004        | 2005        | 2006        | 2007        | 2008        |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Number of pellets                | 655                      | 158         | 210         | 505         | 279         | 281         | 247         | 660         | 301         | 552         | 316         | 3016        | 1077        |
| <b>Invertebrates<sup>b</sup></b> | <b>1.9</b>               | <b>46.2</b> | <b>49.5</b> | <b>38.4</b> | <b>42.3</b> | <b>28.1</b> | <b>46.6</b> | <b>47.4</b> | <b>31.2</b> | <b>50.9</b> | <b>30.2</b> | <b>58.5</b> | <b>64.4</b> |
| sea urchin                       | 1.1                      | 39.9        | 42.8        | 33.5        | 37.3        | 22.4        | 31.6        | 35.9        | 22.3        | 44.9        | 23.8        | 55.9        | 55.7        |
| blue mussel                      | --                       | 3.2         | 2.4         | 2.4         | 2.9         | 2.1         | 3.2         | 2.4         | 3.7         | 2           | 1.9         | 1.8         | 0.8         |
| snail                            | --                       | 0.6         | 1           | 0.2         | 1.1         | 0.4         | 4           | 0.5         | --          | --          | 1.0         | 0.2         | 0.3         |
| limpet                           | --                       | 1.3         | --          | 1           | 0.4         | 1.8         | 4.5         | 6.7         | 1.3         | 4           | 1.0         | 0.3         | 1.1         |
| chiton                           | --                       | --          | 1.9         | 0.2         | 0.4         | --          | 0.8         | --          | 3.7         | --          | 0.3         | --          | --          |
| crab                             | --                       | 0.6         | 0.5         | 0.2         | 0.4         | 0.4         | --          | 0.3         | --          | --          | --          | 0.1         | 0.1         |
| unid. bivalve                    | --                       | 0.6         | 0.5         | 0.4         | --          | 0.7         | --          | --          | 0.3         | --          | 0.3         | 0.1         | 0.3         |
| unid. shellfish                  | --                       | --          | --          | 0.2         | --          | 0.4         | 1.2         | 1.7         | --          | --          | 1.0         | --          | 0.6         |
| amphipod                         | --                       | --          | --          | 0.2         | --          | --          | 0.4         | --          | --          | --          | 0.3         | --          | 6           |
| beetle                           | --                       | --          | --          | 0.2         | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          |
| unid. kelp fly                   | 0.08                     | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          |
| Euphausiid                       | --                       | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | 0.8         | --          | --          | --          | 0.6         | --          | --          |
| <b>Fish</b>                      | <b>19.5</b>              | <b>36.1</b> | <b>21.4</b> | <b>11.3</b> | <b>12.2</b> | <b>6.4</b>  | <b>13.8</b> | <b>18.3</b> | <b>25.2</b> | <b>15.4</b> | <b>36.2</b> | <b>11.4</b> | <b>16.2</b> |
| <10 cm                           | --                       | 8.9         | 10          | 6.5         | 2.5         | 1.8         | 6.1         | 12.1        | 9.3         | 0.7         | 6.0         | 5.3         | 2.4         |
| 10-20 cm                         | --                       | 12          | 9.5         | 4.2         | 6.1         | 3.9         | 6.1         | 0.2         | 14.6        | 14.5        | 28.3        | 4.4         | 11          |
| >20 cm                           | --                       | 15.2        | 1.9         | 0.6         | 3.6         | 0.7         | 1.6         | 1.5         | 0.3         | 0.2         | 1.6         | 1.1         | 2.8         |
| unknown size                     | --                       | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | 4.5         | 0.7         | --          | 0.3         | 0.7         | --          |
| <b>Birds</b>                     | <b>79.2</b>              | <b>24.1</b> | <b>31.9</b> | <b>48.5</b> | <b>44.8</b> | <b>70.1</b> | <b>60.7</b> | <b>48.9</b> | <b>59.5</b> | <b>34.4</b> | <b>38.4</b> | <b>26.5</b> | <b>22</b>   |
| crested auklet                   | 2.9                      | 6.3         | 1           | 2.4         | 3.6         | 0.7         | 4           | 3.8         | 8.6         | 4           | 3.2         | 1.3         | 0.5         |
| least auklet                     | 1.4                      | 1.3         | 1.4         | 1.4         | 1.8         | 0.4         | 1.6         | 1.2         | 1.7         | 2.4         | 1.9         | 1.1         | --          |
| whiskered auklet                 | --                       | --          | --          | 0.2         | 0.4         | 0.4         | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          |
| parakeet auklet                  | --                       | --          | 0.5         | 0.2         | 2.5         | 1.1         | 1.6         | 2.7         | 0.7         | 0.4         | 0.3         | 0.3         | 1           |
| Cassin's auklet                  | 0.2                      | --          | 0.5         | --          | 0.4         | --          | --          | 0.9         | --          | --          | --          | 0.2         | --          |
| ancient murrelet                 | 10.1                     | --          | 0.5         | 0.2         | 2.9         | 14.3        | 6.9         | 2           | 1           | --          | 0.6         | 0.6         | 0.3         |
| unid. sm. auklet                 | --                       | 1.3         | --          | --          | 0.7         | --          | --          | 0.2         | --          | 0.2         | --          | 0.6         | 0.6         |
| unid med. auklet                 | --                       | 1.3         | --          | 0.4         | --          | --          | --          | --          | 0.7         | --          | 1.6         | 0.5         | 0.6         |
| unid. auklet                     | 1.4                      | 3.8         | 0.5         | 0.4         | 0.7         | 0.7         | 3.6         | --          | 1           | --          | 4.8         | 1.5         | 0.1         |
| fork-tailed storm-petrel         | 40                       | 7           | 5.7         | 22.2        | 16.1        | 29.5        | 18.2        | 9.1         | 18.6        | 15          | 12.4        | 10.9        | 2.9         |
| Leach's storm-petrel             | 20                       | 1.3         | 3.8         | 15.4        | 14.3        | 26.3        | 16.2        | 16.1        | 14.3        | 10.3        | 9.8         | 7.6         | 2.5         |
| unid. storm-petrel               | 0.8                      | 1.9         | 4.8         | 2.2         | --          | --          | 2           | 1.5         | --          | --          | 1.6         | 0.2         | 0.2         |
| black-legged kittiwake           | 0.2                      | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | 0.4         | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          |
| unid. kittiwake                  | --                       | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | 1.2         | 7.6         | --          | --          | --          | --          |
| murre chick                      | --                       | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | 0.3         | --          | --          | --          | --          |
| tufted puffin                    | 0.2                      | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | 0.8         | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          |
| unid. puffin                     | --                       | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | 0.2         | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          |
| Aleutian Cackling gosling        | --                       | --          | --          | 0.2         | 0.4         | --          | 0.8         | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          |
| Aleutian Cackling eggs           | --                       | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | 1.2         | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          |
| unid. sm. bird                   | 0.3                      | 0.6         | 13.3        | 1.4         | 1.1         | 5.3         | 0.8         | 6.4         | 1           | 1.8         | 1.9         | 0.7         | --          |
| unid. bird eggs                  | 1.7                      | --          | --          | 2           | --          | 1.4         | 4           | 1.2         | 4           | 0.4         | 0.3         | 1.0         | 0.6         |
| glaucous-winged gull             | --                       | --          | --          | --          | --          | 0.4         | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          |
| gull eggs                        | --                       | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | 1.4         | --          | --          | --          | --          | 0.2         |
| Murre egg                        | --                       | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | 12.1        |
| <b>Miscellaneous</b>             | <b>6.8</b>               | <b>1.3</b>  | <b>10</b>   | <b>18</b>   | <b>21.5</b> | <b>1.4</b>  | <b>1.6</b>  | <b>8.3</b>  | <b>15.9</b> | <b>1.1</b>  | <b>17.5</b> | <b>9.4</b>  | <b>1.1</b>  |
| terrestrial vegetation           | 2.5                      | --          | --          | 0.4         | 2.2         | --          | --          | 0.5         | 0.3         | 0.2         | --          | 0.2         | 0.1         |
| unid. marine algae               | --                       | 1.3         | 5.7         | 15.8        | 15.1        | 3.9         | 2           | 7.4         | 13          | 0.9         | 15.6        | 8.7         | 0.7         |
| pebbles                          | 0.8                      | --          | 4.3         | 1.8         | 1.4         | 1.9         | 0.8         | 0.3         | 2.3         | --          | 1.6         | 0.5         | 0.3         |
| sea lion hair                    | 3.5                      | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          |
| plastic                          | --                       | --          | --          | --          | 2.9         | --          | 2           | 0.2         | 0.3         | --          | 0.3         | --          | --          |

<sup>a</sup> From Trapp 1979<sup>b</sup> All values represent percent occurrence in total sample. Values in bold are composite totals.



Table 19. Percent volume of food in regurgitated pellets of glaucous-winged gulls on Buldir Island, Alaska.

| Food item                        | 1997        | 1998        | 1999        | 2000        | 2001        | 2002        | 2003        | 2004        | 2005        | 2006        | 2007        | 2008        |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Number of pellets                | 158         | 210         | 505         | 279         | 281         | 247         | 660         | 301         | 552         | 316         | 3016        | 1077        |
| <b>Invertebrates<sup>a</sup></b> | <b>42</b>   | <b>42.9</b> | <b>32.6</b> | <b>35.1</b> | <b>21.7</b> | <b>37.3</b> | <b>37.1</b> | <b>23.1</b> | <b>50</b>   | <b>23.7</b> | <b>56.2</b> | <b>63.1</b> |
| sea urchin                       | 38.7        | 39.6        | 29.1        | 32.3        | 18.6        | 28.2        | 31.2        | 16.8        | 44.5        | 20.8        | 54.5        | 54.8        |
| blue mussel                      | 2.3         | 1.8         | 1.9         | 1.5         | 1           | 2.2         | 0.8         | 2.5         | 1.9         | 1.1         | 1.3         | 0.7         |
| snail                            | <0.1        | <0.1        | 0.2         | 1.1         | <0.1        | 1.9         | 0.2         | --          | --          | 0.4         | --          | 0.3         |
| limpet                           | 0.8         | --          | 0.8         | 0.2         | 1.3         | 3.2         | 3.9         | 0.9         | 3.6         | 0.3         | 0.2         | 1.1         |
| chiton                           | --          | <0.1        | 0.2         | 0.1         | --          | 0.6         | --          | 2.9         | --          | 0.3         | --          | --          |
| crab                             | <0.1        | <0.1        | <0.1        | <0.1        | 0.3         | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | 0.1         | 0.1         |
| unid. bivalve                    | 0.1         | --          | 0.2         | --          | 0.4         | --          | --          | --          | --          | <0.1        | 0.1         | 0.3         |
| unid. shellfish                  | --          | <0.1        | <0.1        | --          | <0.1        | 0.4         | 0.9         | --          | --          | 0.1         | --          | 0.4         |
| amphipod                         | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | <0.1        | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | 5.6         |
| beetle                           | --          | --          | <0.1        | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | 0.2         | --          | --          |
| unid. kelp fly                   | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          |
| euphausiid                       | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | 0.8         | --          | --          | --          | 0.6         | --          | --          |
| <b>Fish<sup>b</sup></b>          | <b>34.3</b> | <b>19.3</b> | <b>9</b>    | <b>10</b>   | <b>5.6</b>  | <b>8.8</b>  | <b>13.3</b> | <b>17.5</b> | <b>15.1</b> | <b>36.1</b> | <b>10.9</b> | <b>15.6</b> |
| <10 cm                           | 7.4         | 9.9         | 4.8         | 1.6         | 1           | 4.8         | 9.4         | 5.4         | 0.5         | 4.6         | 4.8         | 2.1         |
| 10-20 cm                         | 11.7        | 5.1         | 3.8         | 5.2         | 3.9         | 3.4         | 0.1         | 11.5        | 14.5        | 24.2        | 4.3         | 10.8        |
| >20 cm                           | 15.2        | 4.3         | 0.4         | 3.2         | 0.7         | 0.6         | 1.3         | 0.3         | 0.2         | 1.6         | 1.1         | 2.7         |
| unidentified                     | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | 2.4         | 0.4         | --          | <0.1        | 0.6         | --          |
| <b>Birds</b>                     | <b>23.1</b> | <b>29.2</b> | <b>46.2</b> | <b>41.5</b> | <b>67.9</b> | <b>53.6</b> | <b>44.4</b> | <b>53.1</b> | <b>34.1</b> | <b>38.3</b> | <b>25.7</b> | <b>20.3</b> |
| crested auklet                   | 6           | 1.4         | 2.4         | 3.3         | 0.7         | 3.5         | 3.6         | 8           | 4           | 3.1         | 1.2         | 0.5         |
| least auklet                     | 1.3         | 1.4         | 1.4         | 1.8         | 0.4         | 1.4         | 1.2         | 1.4         | 2.4         | 1.8         | 1.1         | --          |
| whiskered auklet                 | --          | --          | 0.2         | 0.4         | 0.4         | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          |
| parakeet auklet                  | --          | 0.5         | 0.2         | 2.5         | 1.1         | 1.4         | 2.6         | 0.7         | 0.4         | 0.3         | 0.3         | 1.0         |
| Cassin's auklet                  | --          | 0.5         | --          | 0.4         | --          | --          | 0.8         | --          | --          | --          | 0.2         | --          |
| ancient murrelet                 | --          | 0.5         | 0.2         | 2.7         | 4           | 6.2         | 2           | 0.9         | --          | 0.6         | 0.6         | 0.3         |
| unid. sm. auklet <sup>c</sup>    | 0.3         | --          | --          | <0.1        | --          | --          | --          | --          | 0.2         | --          | 0.6         | 0.6         |
| unid. med. auklet <sup>c</sup>   | 0.6         | --          | 0.4         | --          | --          | --          | --          | 0.6         | --          | 1.6         | 0.5         | 0.6         |
| unid. auklet                     | 4.4         | 0.5         | 0.4         | 0.7         | 0.7         | 3.6         | --          | 1           | --          | 3.6         | 1.4         | 0.1         |
| fork-tailed storm-petrel         | 6.7         | 5.2         | 21.7        | 15.1        | 29          | 17.5        | 9           | 17.4        | 15          | 11.9        | 10.7        | 2.7         |
| Leach's storm-petrel             | 1.3         | 3.8         | 14.2        | 13.6        | 25.5        | 15.6        | 15.5        | 13.5        | 10.3        | 9.6         | 7.4         | 2.4         |
| unid. storm-petrel               | 1.9         | 3.8         | 2           | --          | --          | 1.3         | 1.4         | --          | --          | 0.6         | 0.2         | 0.2         |
| black-legged kittiwake           | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | 0.4         | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          |
| unidentified kittiwake           | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | 1.1         | 7.5         | --          | --          | --          | --          |
| murre chick                      | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | 0.3         | --          | --          | --          | --          |
| tufted puffin                    | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | 1           | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          |
| unidentified puffin              | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | 0.1         | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          |
| Aleutian Cackling gosling        | --          | --          | 0.2         | 0.4         | --          | 0.5         | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          |
| glaucous-winged gull             | --          | --          | --          | --          | <0.1        | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          |
| unid. sm. bird                   | 0.6         | 11          | 1.3         | 0.7         | 5           | 0.1         | 4.3         | 0.4         | 1.6         | 1.2         | 0.6         | --          |
| gull egg                         | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | 1.4         | --          | --          | --          | --          | 0.2         |
| goose egg                        | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | 1           | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          |
| unid. bird eggs                  | --          | 0.8         | 1.6         | --          | 1.2         | 0.5         | 0.4         | 1.4         | 0.2         | <0.1        | 0.8         | 0.5         |
| murre egg                        | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | 11.3        |
| <b>Miscellaneous</b>             | <b>0.6</b>  | <b>8.5</b>  | <b>12</b>   | <b>13.4</b> | <b>4.9</b>  | <b>0.4</b>  | <b>5.2</b>  | <b>5.9</b>  | <b>0.9</b>  | <b>17.4</b> | <b>7.1</b>  | <b>0.8</b>  |
| terrestrial vegetation           | --          | --          | 0.2         | 1.1         | --          | --          | 0.1         | 0.3         | --          | --          | 0.1         | 0.1         |
| unid. marine algae               | 0.6         | 4.9         | 11.1        | 11.6        | 2.2         | 0.2         | 5           | 5.2         | 0.8         | 10.8        | 6.9         | 0.6         |
| pebbles                          | --          | 3.6         | 0.7         | 0.6         | 2.7         | <0.1        | 0.1         | 0.5         | --          | 0.4         | 0.1         | 0.1         |
| sea lion hair                    | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          |
| plastic                          | --          | --          | --          | 0.2         | --          | 0.1         | --          | --          | --          | <0.1        | --          | --          |

<sup>a</sup> All values represent percent of the volume of all samples comprised by each item. Values in bold are composite totals for invertebrates, fish, birds, and miscellaneous

<sup>b</sup> Regurgitated fish masses were not identifiable to species.

<sup>c</sup> Some identifications to species were difficult because of the age or condition of the pellet or that insufficient materials for a complete identification were available. Unidentified small auklet means the specimen was believed to have been a Least or Whiskered Auklet. Unidentified medium auklet means the specimen was believed to have been a Parakeet or Crested Auklet.

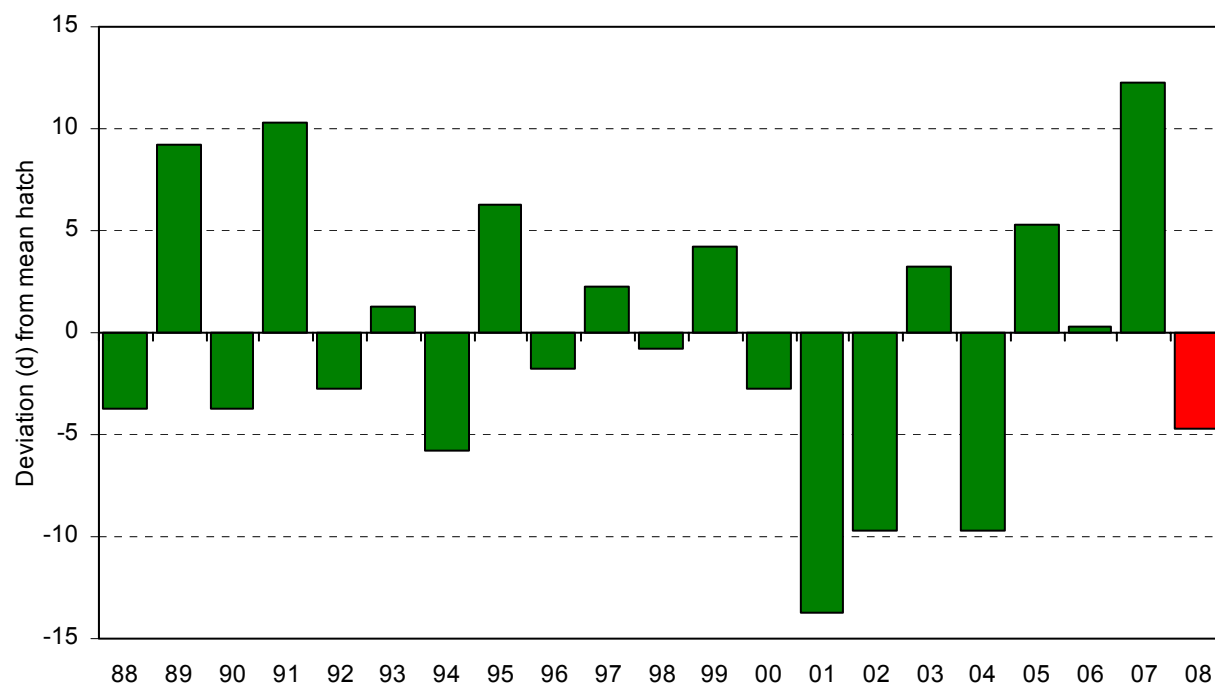


Figure 9. Yearly hatch date deviation (from the 1988-2007 average of 6 July) for black-legged kittiwakes at Buldir Island, Alaska. Numbers below the mean indicate hatch dates earlier, positive numbers indicate hatch dates later.

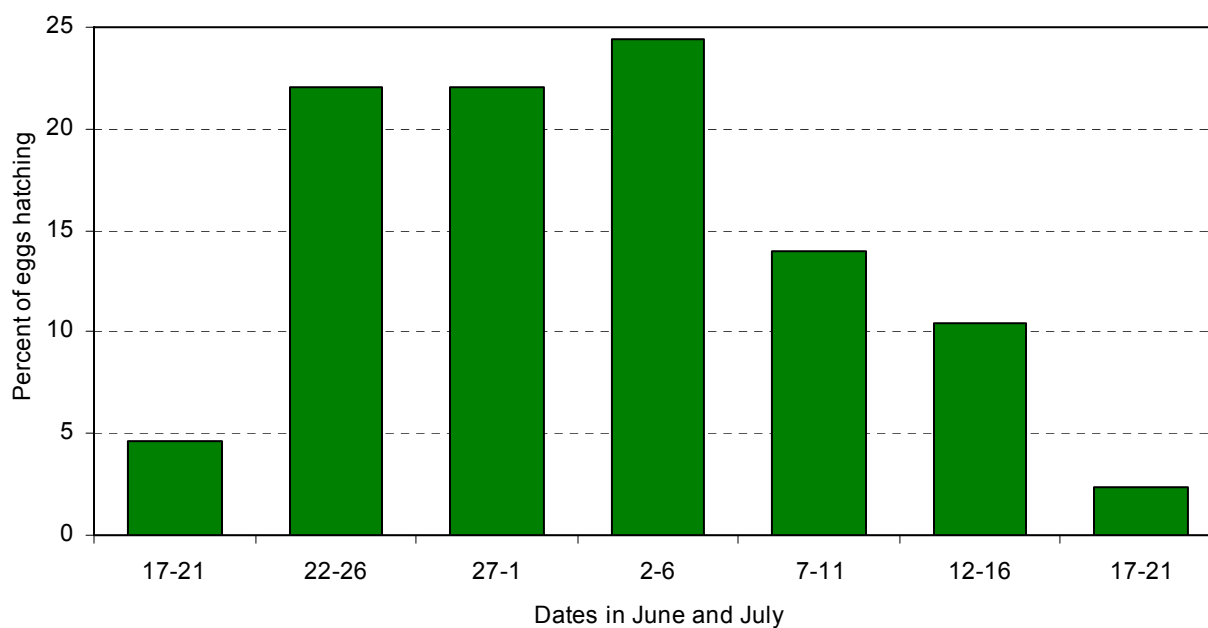


Figure 10. Hatching chronology of black-legged kittiwakes at Buldir Island, Alaska in 2008 ( $n=86$ ).

Table 20. Breeding chronology dates for black-legged kittiwakes at Buldir Island, Alaska.

| Year | mean hatch | SD   | $n^a$ | median hatch | no. nests monitored <sup>b</sup> | first lay | last lay | first hatch | last hatch | first fledge |
|------|------------|------|-------|--------------|----------------------------------|-----------|----------|-------------|------------|--------------|
| 1988 | 3 Jul      | --   | 246   | --           | --                               | --        | --       | --          | --         | --           |
| 1989 | 16 Jul     | --   | 52    | --           | --                               | --        | --       | --          | --         | --           |
| 1990 | 3 Jul      | --   | 474   | --           | --                               | --        | --       | --          | --         | --           |
| 1991 | 17 Jul     | --   | 124   | --           | --                               | --        | --       | --          | --         | --           |
| 1992 | 3 Jul      | 7.8  | 389   | 30 Jun       | --                               | --        | --       | --          | --         | --           |
| 1993 | 8 Jul      | --   | 119   | --           | --                               | --        | --       | --          | --         | --           |
| 1994 | 1 Jul      | --   | 165   | --           | --                               | --        | --       | --          | --         | --           |
| 1995 | 13 Jul     | 9.9  | 39    | 13 Jul       | 359                              | <15 Jun   | 13 Jul   | 28 Jun      | 8 Aug      | 3 Aug        |
| 1996 | 4 Jul      | 12.0 | 223   | 2 Jul        | 426                              | <14 Jun   | 23 Jul   | <14 Jun     | 4 Aug      | 19 Jul       |
| 1997 | 9 Jul      | 8.1  | 276   | 9 Jul        | 493                              | <9 Jun    | 9 Jul    | 17 Jun      | 7 Aug      | 31 Jul       |
| 1998 | 6 Jul      | 8.1  | 160   | 5 Jul        | 280                              | <14 Jun   | 5 Jul    | 16 Jun      | 4 Aug      | 4 Aug        |
| 1999 | 11 Jul     | 7.6  | 27    | 9 Jul        | 237                              | <24 Jun   | 9 Jul    | 28 Jun      | 4 Aug      | 16 Aug       |
| 2000 | 3 Jul      | 8.6  | 184   | 3 Jul        | 324                              | <11 Jun   | 10 Jul   | 12 Jun      | 1 Aug      | 1 Aug        |
| 2001 | 23 Jun     | 4.0  | 17    | 26 Jun       | 178                              | <17 Jun   | 20 Jun   | 17 Jun      | 1 Jul      | >22 Aug      |
| 2002 | 27 Jun     | 5.3  | 147   | 29 Jun       | 299                              | <12 Jun   | 29 Jun   | 15 Jun      | 11 Jul     | 28 Jul       |
| 2003 | 10 Jul     | 4.3  | 21    | 8 Jul        | 272                              | <17 Jun   | 3 Jul    | <22 Jun     | <23 Jul    | 11 Aug       |
| 2004 | 27 Jun     | 5.4  | 34    | 28 Jun       | 239                              | <15 Jun   | 1 Jul    | 18 Jun      | 11 Jul     | 14 Aug       |
| 2005 | 12 Jul     | 10.7 | 6     | 11 Jul       | 412                              | <15 Jun   | 28 Jul   | <27 Jun     | 6 Aug      | 10 Aug       |
| 2006 | 7 Jul      | 6.7  | 88    | 7 Jul        | 248                              | <9 Jun    | 29 Jun   | 23 Jun      | 25 Jul     | 4 Aug        |
| 2007 | 19 Jul     | 14.6 | 5     | 21 Jul       | 176                              | <16 Jun   | <17 Jul  | 13 Jul      | 10 Aug     | 10 Aug       |
| 2008 | 1-Jul      | 7.53 | 86    | 2 Jul        | 227                              | <15 Jun   | 2 Jul    | <16 Jun     | 19 Jul     | 30 Jul       |

<sup>a</sup> Sample size is for the calculation of mean and median hatch dates. These data are a subsample for which we have observations  $\leq 7$  days apart from egg to chick.

<sup>b</sup> The total used for estimating the remaining parameters. These dates might contain observations  $> 7$  days apart or estimated event dates (e.g. "no egg" on first visit followed by "bird incubating" on the next visit).

Table 21. Frequency distribution of hatch dates for Black-legged Kittiwakes at Buldir Island, Alaska. Data for 1988-1991, 1993-1994, 1996, 2001, and 2004 not available.

| Julian   | No. nests hatching on Julian date |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|----------|-----------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Date     | 1992                              | 1995 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2002 | 2003 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
| 164      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 165      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 166      | 6                                 | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 167      | --                                | --   | --   | 2    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 168      | --                                | --   | 2    | --   | --   | 4    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 169      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 170      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 13   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 2    |
| 171      | 14                                | --   | --   | 3    | --   | --   | 17   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 172      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 2    |
| 173      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 2    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 174      | --                                | --   | 5    | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 2    | --   | 16   |
| 175      | 2                                 | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 21   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 176      | 41                                | --   | --   | 14   | --   | 16   | 5    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 177      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | 2    | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    |
| 178      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | 2    |
| 179      | --                                | 3    | 21   | --   | 2    | 53   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 6    |
| 180      | 1                                 | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | 44   | --   | --   | 13   | --   | 11   |
| 181      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 182      | 136                               | --   | 1    | 37   | --   | 1    | 4    | --   | --   | --   | 1    | 2    |
| 183      | 2                                 | --   | --   | --   | --   | 2    | 2    | 1    | --   | 1    | --   | --   |
| 184      | 1                                 | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | 28   | 1    | 3    | 19   | --   | 19   |
| 185      | 1                                 | 5    | 84   | 4    | 4    | 33   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 2    |
| 186      | 88                                | --   | --   | 34   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 187      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 188      | 1                                 | 1    | 1    | --   | --   | --   | 5    | 1    | --   | 21   | --   | --   |
| 189      | 1                                 | --   | 1    | --   | --   | 3    | --   | 11   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 190      | 2                                 | 8    | 73   | 1    | 9    | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | 10   |
| 191      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   |
| 192      | 35                                | --   | 1    | 38   | --   | 46   | 1    | --   | --   | 11   | --   | --   |
| 193      | --                                | 1    | 2    | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | 4    | --   | 2    |
| 194      | --                                | 10   | 42   | --   | 9    | --   | --   | 5    | --   | --   | 1    | --   |
| 195      | 5                                 | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | 9    |
| 196      | 32                                | --   | --   | 16   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 197      | --                                | --   | 1    | --   | --   | 10   | --   | --   | --   | 9    | --   | --   |
| 198      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 2    | 1    | --   |
| 199      | --                                | 5    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   |
| 200      | 1                                 | --   | 21   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | 2    | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 201      | --                                | --   | --   | 3    | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   |
| 202      | 12                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | 11   | --   | --   | --   | 3    | 1    | 2    |
| 203      | 2                                 | 1    | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 204      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 205      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 206      | 4                                 | --   | 11   | 2    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 2    | --   | --   |
| 207      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 208      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   |
| 209      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 210      | --                                | --   | 2    | 3    | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 211      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 212      | 1                                 | --   | 4    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 213      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 214      | --                                | 2    | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 215      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 216      | --                                | --   | --   | 1    | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 217      | 1                                 | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 218      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 219      | --                                | --   | 3    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 220      | --                                | 2    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 221      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 222      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   |
| <i>n</i> | 389                               | 39   | 276  | 160  | 27   | 184  | 147  | 21   | 6    | 90   | 5    | 86   |

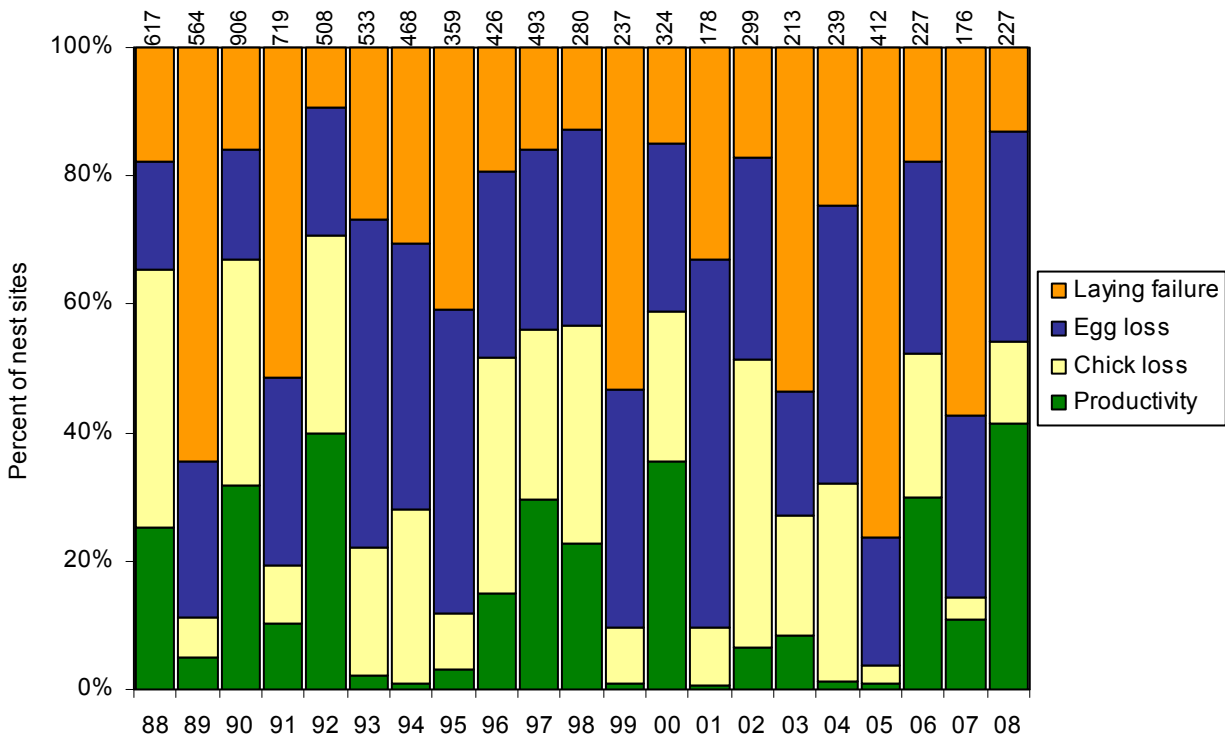


Figure 11. Reproductive performance of black-legged kittiwakes at Buldir Island, Alaska. Laying Failure=(A-B)/A; Egg Loss=(B-D)/A; Chick Loss=(D-F)/A; Productivity=F/A, where A=total number of nests; B=number of nests with  $\geq 1$  egg; D=number of nests with  $\geq 1$  chick; F=number of nests with  $\geq 1$  fledged chick. The number of nests monitored are given above each bar.

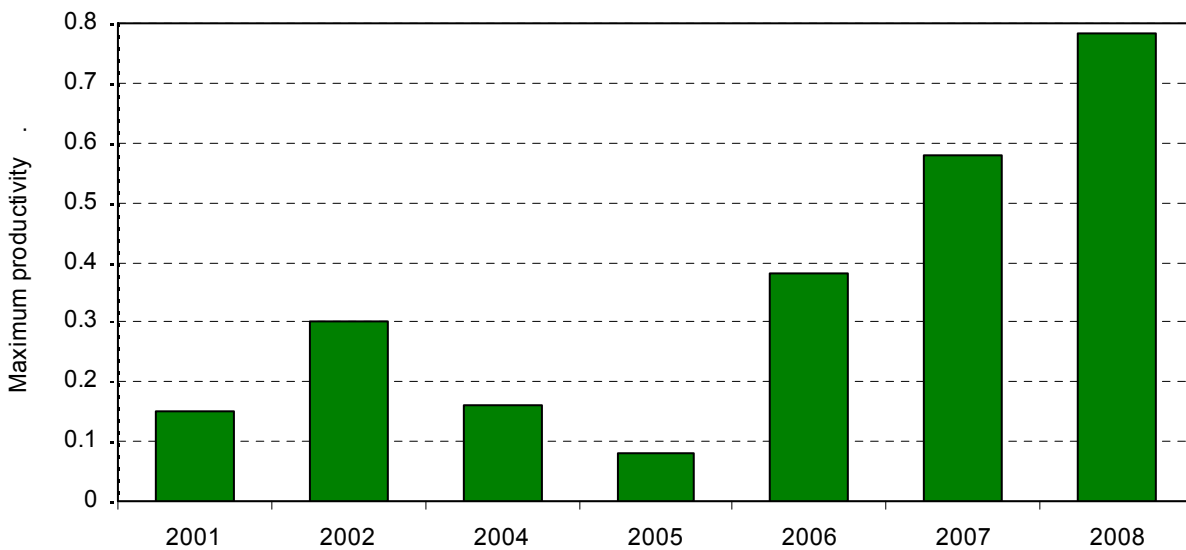


Figure 12. Maximum possible productivity for black-legged kittiwakes at Kittiwake Lane, Buldir Island, Alaska. Measurements were determined by the boom or bust method: number of chicks counted before fledging divided by number of nests counted early in the season.

Table 22. Reproductive performance of black-legged kittiwakes at Buldir Island, Alaska.

| Year | total<br>nests<br>(A) | mean<br>clutch | no. nests<br>w/ eggs<br>(B) | no. nests<br>w/ chicks<br>(D) | no. nests w/<br>fledged chick<br>(F) | laying<br>success<br>(B/A) | nesting<br>success<br>(D/B) | fledging<br>success<br>(F/D) | reproductive<br>success<br>(F/B) | productivity<br>(F/A) |
|------|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1976 | --                    | 1.61           | --                          | --                            | --                                   | --                         | --                          | --                           | --                               | --                    |
| 1988 | 617                   | 1.78           | 508                         | 403                           | 156                                  | 0.82                       | 0.79                        | 0.39                         | 0.31                             | 0.25                  |
| 1989 | 564                   | 1.22           | 201                         | 64                            | 28                                   | 0.36                       | 0.32                        | 0.44                         | 0.14                             | 0.05                  |
| 1990 | 906                   | 1.76           | 762                         | 608                           | 288                                  | 0.84                       | 0.80                        | 0.47                         | 0.38                             | 0.32                  |
| 1991 | 719                   | 1.35           | 350                         | 138                           | 74                                   | 0.49                       | 0.39                        | 0.54                         | 0.21                             | 0.10                  |
| 1992 | 508                   | 1.79           | 461                         | 360                           | 203                                  | 0.91                       | 0.78                        | 0.56                         | 0.44                             | 0.40                  |
| 1993 | 533                   | 1.58           | 391                         | 118                           | 12                                   | 0.73                       | 0.30                        | 0.11                         | 0.03                             | 0.02                  |
| 1994 | 468                   | 1.66           | 325                         | 131                           | 5                                    | 0.69                       | 0.40                        | 0.04                         | 0.02                             | 0.01                  |
| 1995 | 359                   | 1.41           | 213                         | 42                            | 11                                   | 0.59                       | 0.20                        | 0.29                         | 0.05                             | 0.03                  |
| 1996 | 426                   | 1.69           | 344                         | 220                           | 64                                   | 0.81                       | 0.64                        | 0.29                         | 0.19                             | 0.15                  |
| 1997 | 493                   | 1.73           | 415                         | 277                           | 146                                  | 0.84                       | 0.67                        | 0.53                         | 0.35                             | 0.30                  |
| 1998 | 280                   | 1.75           | 244                         | 159                           | 64                                   | 0.87                       | 0.65                        | 0.40                         | 0.26                             | 0.23                  |
| 1999 | 237                   | 1.49           | 111                         | 26                            | 2                                    | 0.47                       | 0.23                        | 0.08                         | 0.02                             | 0.01                  |
| 2000 | 324                   | 1.79           | 276                         | 191                           | 115                                  | 0.85                       | 0.69                        | 0.60                         | 0.42                             | 0.35                  |
| 2001 | 178                   | --             | 119                         | 17                            | 1                                    | 0.67                       | 0.14                        | 0.06                         | 0.01                             | 0.01                  |
| 2002 | 299                   | 1.79           | 248                         | 154                           | 20                                   | 0.83                       | 0.62                        | 0.13                         | 0.08                             | 0.07                  |
| 2003 | 213                   | 1.51           | 99                          | 58                            | 18                                   | 0.46                       | 0.59                        | 0.31                         | 0.18                             | 0.08                  |
| 2004 | 239                   | 1.11           | 180                         | 77                            | 3                                    | 0.75                       | 0.43                        | 0.04                         | 0.02                             | 0.01                  |
| 2005 | 412                   | 1.11           | 98                          | 16                            | 4                                    | 0.24                       | 0.16                        | 0.25                         | 0.04                             | 0.01                  |
| 2006 | 227                   | 1.65           | 187                         | 119                           | 68                                   | 0.82                       | 0.64                        | 0.57                         | 0.36                             | 0.30                  |
| 2007 | 176                   | 1.36           | 75                          | 25                            | 19                                   | 0.43                       | 0.33                        | 0.76                         | 0.25                             | 0.11                  |
| 2008 | 227                   | 1.70           | 187                         | 123                           | 91                                   | 0.82                       | 0.64                        | 0.75                         | 0.47                             | 0.39                  |

Table 23. Black-legged kittiwake productivity as determined by Boom or Bust methodology at Kittiwake Lane, Buldir Island, Alaska.

| Parameter                       | 2001   | 2002   | 2004   | 2005   | 2006   | 2007   | 2008           |
|---------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|----------------|
| No. of plots monitored          | 3      | 3      | 2      | 2      | 3      | 3      | 7              |
| No. of nests (A)                | 239    | 469    | 247    | 60     | 575    | 66     | 152            |
| Date of nest count              | 26 Jun | 9 Jun  | 17 Jun | 23 Jun | 23 Jun | 19 Jun | 18 Jun         |
| No. of chicks (B)               | 38     | 143    | 40     | 5      | 220    | 38     | 119            |
| Date(s) of chick counts         | 29 Jul | 27 Jul | 3 Aug  | 7 Aug  | 9 Aug  | 8 Aug  | 19 Jul, 12 Aug |
| Productivity (A/B) <sup>a</sup> | 0.15   | 0.30   | 0.16   | 0.08   | 0.38   | 0.58   | 0.78           |

<sup>a</sup> Productivity measurements are based on the assumption that all chicks fledge and represent the maximum possible productivity

Table 24. Black-legged kittiwake clutch sizes at Buldir Island, Alaska.

|                                     | 1976 <sup>a</sup> | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| mean <sup>b</sup>                   | 1.61              | 1.78 | 1.22 | 1.76 | 1.35 | 1.79 | 1.58 | 1.66 | 1.41 | 1.69 | 1.73 | 1.75 | 1.49 | 1.79 | 1.72 | 1.79 | 1.51 | 1.11 | 1.11 | 1.65 | 1.36 | 1.70 |
| <i>n</i>                            | 74                | 462  | 220  | 761  | 350  | 462  | 391  | 323  | 213  | 344  | 415  | 244  | 237  | 324  | 81   | 299  | 99   | 239  | 412  | 227  | 176  | 227  |
| <u>No. nests containing X eggs:</u> |                   |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| 0                                   | --                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 145  | 82   | 78   | 36   | 126  | 48   | --   | 51   | 114  | 69   | 360  | 40   | 101  | 30   |
| 1                                   | --                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 126  | 107  | 111  | 64   | 57   | 59   | 23   | 54   | 49   | 75   | 40   | 65   | 48   | 78   |
| 2                                   | --                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 87   | 236  | 304  | 178  | 54   | 216  | 58   | 193  | 50   | 95   | 12   | 121  | 27   | 118  |
| 3                                   | --                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 0    | 1    | 0    | 2    | 0    | 1    | 0    | 1    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 0    | 1    |

<sup>a</sup> Data from Byrd and Day (1986).

<sup>b</sup> Nest sites used as sample units, not plots

Table 25. Reproductive performance of black-legged kittiwakes on index plot at Buldir Island, Alaska, in 2008.

| Parameter                            | Spike Camp Plots |      |      |      |      |      |      | Total | <i>n</i> | Mean | SD   |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|----------|------|------|
|                                      | 36B              | 37   | 39A  | 40A  | 40B  | 45   | 46   |       |          |      |      |
| Total no. nests (A)                  | 31               | 49   | 34   | 24   | 30   | 29   | 30   | 227   |          |      |      |
| No. nests $\geq 1$ egg (B)           | 22               | 43   | 22   | 22   | 29   | 23   | 26   | 187   |          |      |      |
| Total no. eggs <sup>a</sup> (C)      | 32               | 70   | 54   | 34   | 50   | 32   | 45   | 317   |          |      |      |
| No. nests $\geq 1$ chick (D)         | 11               | 31   | 19   | 14   | 17   | 12   | 19   | 123   |          |      |      |
| Total chick (E)                      | 14               | 40   | 21   | 15   | 24   | 13   | 25   | 152   |          |      |      |
| No. nests $\geq 1$ chick fledged (F) | 8                | 19   | 12   | 13   | 16   | 8    | 15   | 91    |          |      |      |
| Total chicks fledged (G)             | 8                | 20   | 12   | 14   | 16   | 8    | 16   | 94    |          |      |      |
| No. nests with 0 eggs                | 9                | 6    | 2    | 2    | 1    | 6    | 4    | 30    |          |      |      |
| No. nests with 1 egg                 | 12               | 16   | 10   | 10   | 9    | 14   | 7    | 78    |          |      |      |
| No. nests with 2 eggs                | 10               | 27   | 22   | 12   | 19   | 9    | 19   | 118   |          |      |      |
| No. nests with 3 eggs                | 0                | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 0    | 0    | 1     |          |      |      |
| Laying success (B/A)                 | 0.71             | 0.88 | 0.65 | 0.92 | 0.97 | 0.79 | 0.87 | 5.78  | 7        | 0.82 | 0.11 |
| Clutch size (C/B)                    | 1.45             | 1.63 | 2.45 | 1.55 | 1.72 | 1.39 | 1.73 | 11.93 | 7        | 1.70 | 0.35 |
| Nesting success (D/B)                | 0.50             | 0.72 | 0.86 | 0.64 | 0.59 | 0.52 | 0.73 | 4.56  | 7        | 0.64 | 0.13 |
| Hatching success (E/C)               | 0.44             | 0.57 | 0.39 | 0.44 | 0.48 | 0.41 | 0.56 | 3.28  | 7        | 0.45 | 0.07 |
| Chick success (G/E)                  | 0.57             | 0.50 | 0.57 | 0.93 | 0.67 | 0.62 | 0.64 | 4.50  | 7        | 0.64 | 0.14 |
| Egg success (G/C)                    | 0.25             | 0.29 | 0.22 | 0.41 | 0.32 | 0.25 | 0.36 | 2.10  | 7        | 0.29 | 0.07 |
| Fledging success (F/D)               | 0.73             | 0.61 | 0.63 | 0.93 | 0.94 | 0.67 | 0.79 | 5.30  | 7        | 0.75 | 0.14 |
| Reproductive success (F/B)           | 0.36             | 0.44 | 0.55 | 0.59 | 0.55 | 0.35 | 0.58 | 3.42  | 7        | 0.47 | 0.10 |
| Overall productivity (F/A)           | 0.26             | 0.39 | 0.35 | 0.54 | 0.53 | 0.28 | 0.50 | 2.85  | 7        | 0.39 | 0.12 |

<sup>a</sup> All egg counts refer to minimum number of eggs possible.



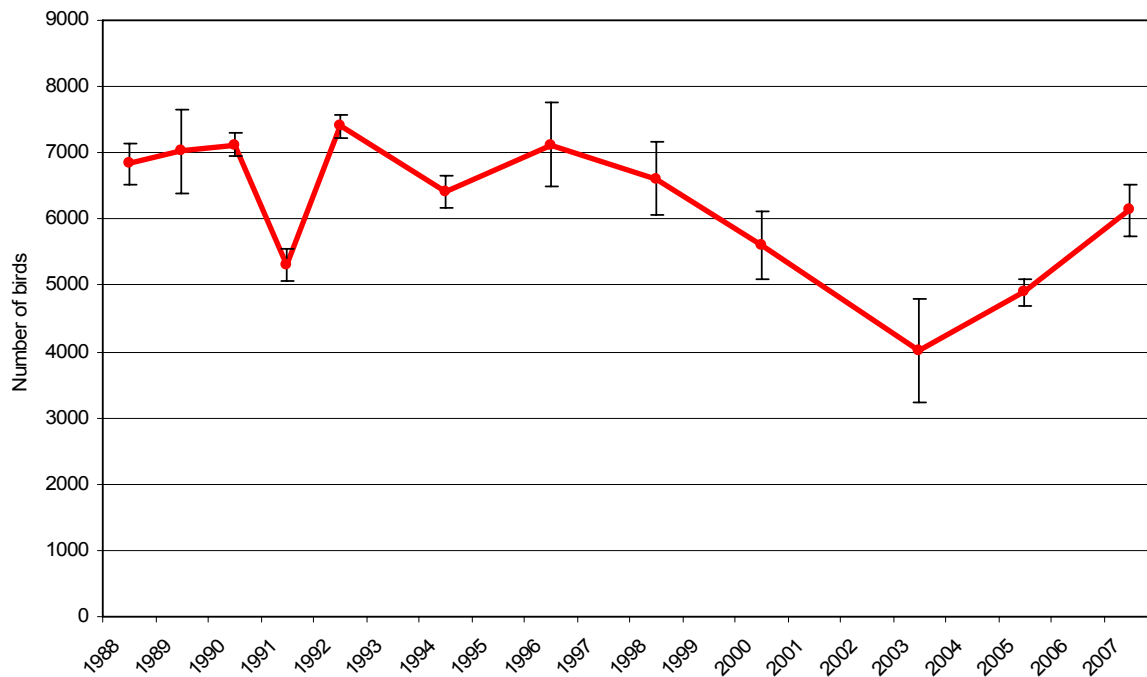


Figure 13. Counts of black-legged kittiwakes on index plots at Buldir Island, Alaska. Error bars represent the standard deviation of counts in each year.

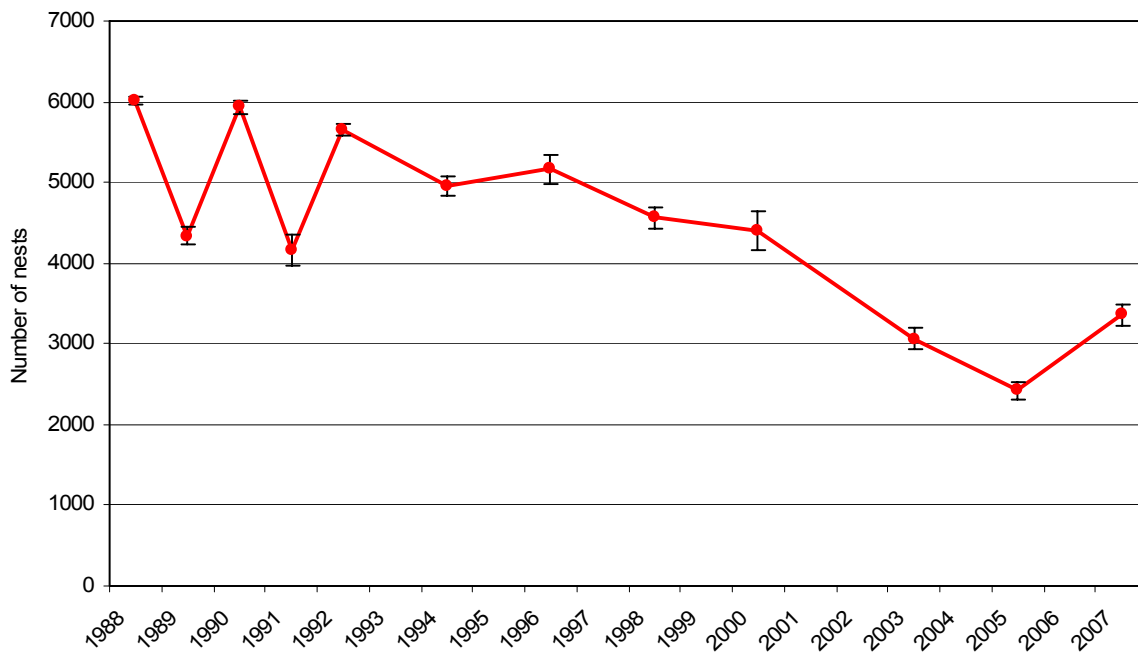


Figure 14. Counts of black-legged kittiwake nests on index plots at Buldir Island, Alaska. Error bars represent the standard deviation of counts in each year.

Table 26. Black-legged kittiwake nest population counts at Buldir Island, Alaska (The Dip, Kittiwake Lane East and Kittiwake Lane West combined).

| Count        | 1988   | 1989   | 1990   | 1991   | 1992   | 1994   | 1996   | 1998   | 2000   | 2003   | 2005   | 2007   |
|--------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 1            | 5972   | 4452   | 5844   | 4079   | 5569   | 5106   | 4966   | 4393   | 4464   | 3122   | 2531   | 2952   |
| 2            | 6070   | 4194   | 5845   | 4432   | 5663   | 5004   | 5246   | 4697   | 4786   | 3028   | 2561   | 3098   |
| 3            | 6013   | 4403   | 6020   | 4254   | 5757   | 4867   | 5329   | 4711   | 4179   | 3200   | 2354   | 3098   |
| 4            | --     | 4247   | 6012   | 3949   | 5625   | 4856   | 4969   | 4545   | 4339   | 2885   | 2365   | 2899   |
| 5            | --     | 4393   | 5934   | 4088   | --     | --     | 5297   | 4471   | 4246   | --     | 2324   | 2803   |
| mean         | 6027.0 | 4337.8 | 5931.0 | 4160.4 | 5653.5 | 4958.3 | 5161.4 | 4564.4 | 4402.8 | 3058.8 | 2427.0 | 2970.0 |
| <i>n</i>     | 3      | 5      | 5      | 5      | 4      | 4      | 5      | 5      | 5      | 4      | 5      | 5      |
| SD           | 50.1   | 111.0  | 85.8   | 186.5  | 79.1   | 119.3  | 179.5  | 137.7  | 239.4  | 135.5  | 98.5   | 128.5  |
| first survey | 5 Jul  | 26 Jun | 30 Jun | 4 Jul  | 3 Jul  | 3 Jul  | 27 Jun | 4 Jul  | 27 Jun | 9 Jul  | 23 Jun | 25 Jun |
| last survey  | 27 Jul | 16 Jul | 18 Jul | 19 Jul | 21 Jul | 19 Jul | 19 Jul | 24 Jul | 20 Jul | 25 Jul | 18 Jul | 23 Jul |

Table 27. Black-legged kittiwake bird population counts at Buldir Island, Alaska (The Dip, Kittiwake Lane East and Kittiwake Lane West combined).

| Count        | 1988   | 1989   | 1990   | 1991   | 1992   | 1994   | 1996   | 1998   | 2000   | 2003   | 2005   | 2007   |
|--------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 1            | 6797   | 6534   | 6977   | 5125   | 7226   | 6185   | 6072   | 5821   | 5272   | 4848   | 5096   | 5004   |
| 2            | 6998   | 6276   | 7042   | 5671   | 7607   | 6721   | 7036   | 6969   | 6020   | 4157   | 4719   | 5193   |
| 3            | 6418   | 7048   | 7423   | 5145   | 7302   | 6463   | 7382   | 7263   | 5150   | 4084   | 4891   | 5161   |
| 4            | 7115   | 7812   | 7141   | 5177   | 7484   | 6271   | 7483   | 6398   | 5267   | 2979   | 5111   | 4901   |
| 5            | --     | 7450   | 7019   | 5468   | --     | --     | 7639   | 6600   | 6291   | --     | 4649   | 5913   |
| mean         | 6832.0 | 7024.0 | 7120.4 | 5317.2 | 7404.8 | 6410.0 | 7122.4 | 6610.2 | 5600.0 | 4017.0 | 4893.2 | 5234.4 |
| <i>n</i>     | 4      | 5      | 5      | 5      | 4      | 4      | 5      | 5      | 5      | 4      | 5      | 5      |
| SD           | 305.7  | 633.0  | 98.9   | 242.0  | 172.9  | 237.7  | 627.5  | 552.9  | 518.4  | 772.9  | 189.0  | 397.4  |
| first survey | 5 Jul  | 26 Jun | 30 Jun | 4 Jul  | 3 Jul  | 3 Jul  | 27 Jun | 4 Jul  | 27 Jun | 9 Jul  | 23 Jun | 25 Jun |
| last survey  | 27 Jul | 16 Jul | 18 Jul | 19 Jul | 21 Jul | 19 Jul | 19 Jul | 24 Jul | 20 Jul | 25 Jul | 18 Jul | 23 Jul |

Table 28. Numbers of black-legged kittiwake nests on index plots at Buldir Island, Alaska in 2007.

| Plot (segment)                | Count |      |      |      |      | mean   | SD    | max. |
|-------------------------------|-------|------|------|------|------|--------|-------|------|
|                               | 1     | 2    | 3    | 4    | 5    |        |       |      |
| Spike (Dip)                   |       |      |      |      |      |        |       |      |
| 1                             | 0     | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0.0    | 0.0   | 0    |
| 2                             | 32    | 35   | 13   | 11   | 13   | 20.8   | 11.7  | 35   |
| 3                             | 24    | 31   | 29   | 43   | 22   | 29.8   | 8.2   | 43   |
| 4                             | 3     | 6    | 1    | 2    | 2    | 2.8    | 1.9   | 6    |
| 5                             | 110   | 120  | 130  | 125  | 129  | 122.8  | 8.2   | 130  |
| 6                             | 422   | 461  | 442  | 391  | 409  | 425.0  | 27.4  | 461  |
| 7                             | 63    | 47   | 59   | 46   | 48   | 52.6   | 7.8   | 63   |
| Total                         | 654   | 700  | 674  | 618  | 623  | 653.8  | 34.5  | 700  |
| Kittiwake Lane                |       |      |      |      |      |        |       |      |
| 15(1)                         | 19    | 28   | 25   | 20   | 16   | 21.6   | 4.8   | 28   |
| 16(2)                         | 288   | 304  | 338  | 282  | 331  | 308.6  | 25.1  | 338  |
| 17(3)                         | 273   | 316  | 319  | 357  | 312  | 315.4  | 29.8  | 357  |
| 18(4)                         | 380   | 401  | 460  | 423  | 402  | 413.2  | 30.3  | 460  |
| 19(5)                         | 212   | 204  | 217  | 220  | 192  | 209.0  | 11.3  | 220  |
| 20(6)                         | 178   | 170  | 170  | 141  | 131  | 158.0  | 20.7  | 178  |
| 21(7)                         | 195   | 209  | 179  | 194  | 189  | 193.2  | 10.9  | 209  |
| 22(8)                         | 176   | 219  | 192  | 155  | 183  | 185.0  | 23.4  | 219  |
| 23(9)                         | 266   | 210  | 200  | 195  | 165  | 207.2  | 36.9  | 266  |
| 24(10)                        | 77    | 87   | 85   | 82   | 74   | 81.0   | 5.4   | 87   |
| 25(11)                        | 76    | 86   | 84   | 74   | 67   | 77.4   | 7.7   | 86   |
| 26(12)                        | 72    | 68   | 65   | 65   | 44   | 62.8   | 10.9  | 72   |
| 27(13)                        | 45    | 53   | 48   | 39   | 42   | 45.4   | 5.4   | 53   |
| 28(14)                        | 40    | 43   | 42   | 34   | 32   | 38.2   | 4.9   | 43   |
| 29(15)                        | 1     | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0.2    | 0.4   | 1    |
| KWLE <sup>a</sup>             | 960   | 1049 | 1142 | 1082 | 1061 | 1058.8 | 65.8  | 1142 |
| KWLW                          | 1338  | 1349 | 1282 | 1199 | 1119 | 1257.4 | 97.5  | 1349 |
| KWL Total                     | 2298  | 2398 | 2424 | 2281 | 2180 | 2316.2 | 98.0  | 2424 |
| Index Plot Total <sup>b</sup> | 2952  | 3098 | 3098 | 2899 | 2803 | 2970   | 128.5 | 3098 |

<sup>a</sup> KWLE is Kittiwake Lane East (plots 15-18), KWLW is Kittiwake Lane West (plots 19-29).

<sup>b</sup> Consists of all plots at The Dip and Kittiwake Lane combined.

Table 29. Numbers of black-legged kittiwakes on index plots at Buldir Island, Alaska in 2007.

| Plot (segment)                | Count |      |      |      |      | mean   | SD    | max. |
|-------------------------------|-------|------|------|------|------|--------|-------|------|
|                               | 1     | 2    | 3    | 4    | 5    |        |       |      |
| Spike (Dip)                   |       |      |      |      |      |        |       |      |
| 1                             | 0     | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0.0    | 0.0   | 0    |
| 2                             | 46    | 51   | 22   | 19   | 25   | 32.6   | 14.8  | 51   |
| 3                             | 30    | 42   | 46   | 75   | 57   | 50.0   | 17.0  | 75   |
| 4                             | 5     | 12   | 4    | 6    | 8    | 7.0    | 3.2   | 12   |
| 5                             | 164   | 272  | 278  | 187  | 324  | 245.0  | 67.1  | 324  |
| 6                             | 644   | 715  | 648  | 761  | 823  | 718.2  | 76.3  | 823  |
| 7                             | 76    | 85   | 109  | 72   | 123  | 93.0   | 22.1  | 123  |
| Total                         | 965   | 1177 | 1107 | 1120 | 1360 | 1145.8 | 142.9 | 1360 |
| Kittiwake Lane                |       |      |      |      |      |        |       |      |
| 15(1)                         | 147   | 153  | 152  | 144  | 225  | 164.2  | 34.2  | 225  |
| 16(2)                         | 476   | 420  | 418  | 479  | 529  | 464.4  | 46.5  | 529  |
| 17(3)                         | 391   | 398  | 389  | 541  | 458  | 435.4  | 65.5  | 541  |
| 18(4)                         | 722   | 667  | 759  | 620  | 706  | 694.8  | 53.3  | 759  |
| 19(5)                         | 397   | 405  | 444  | 367  | 465  | 415.6  | 38.9  | 465  |
| 20(6)                         | 268   | 296  | 291  | 258  | 357  | 294.0  | 38.6  | 357  |
| 21(7)                         | 307   | 374  | 315  | 308  | 402  | 341.2  | 44.0  | 402  |
| 22(8)                         | 336   | 349  | 308  | 242  | 346  | 316.2  | 44.5  | 349  |
| 23(9)                         | 408   | 335  | 349  | 298  | 363  | 350.6  | 40.2  | 408  |
| 24(10)                        | 134   | 152  | 169  | 131  | 176  | 152.4  | 20.2  | 176  |
| 25(11)                        | 155   | 161  | 158  | 118  | 169  | 152.2  | 19.8  | 169  |
| 26(12)                        | 132   | 106  | 137  | 131  | 155  | 132.2  | 17.5  | 155  |
| 27(13)                        | 93    | 97   | 81   | 87   | 111  | 93.8   | 11.4  | 111  |
| 28(14)                        | 72    | 101  | 84   | 57   | 91   | 81.0   | 17.1  | 101  |
| 29(15)                        | 1     | 2    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0.6    | 0.9   | 2    |
| KWLE <sup>a</sup>             | 1736  | 1638 | 1718 | 1784 | 1918 | 1758.8 | 103.4 | 1918 |
| KWLW                          | 2303  | 2378 | 2336 | 1997 | 2635 | 2329.8 | 227.5 | 2635 |
| KWL Total                     | 4039  | 4016 | 4054 | 3781 | 4553 | 4088.6 | 282.5 | 4553 |
| Index Plot Total <sup>b</sup> | 5004  | 5193 | 5161 | 4901 | 5913 | 5234.4 | 397.4 | 5913 |

<sup>a</sup> KWLE is Kittiwake Lane East (plots 15-18), KWLW is Kittiwake Lane West (plots 19-29).

<sup>b</sup> Consists of all plots at The Dip and Kittiwake Lane combined.

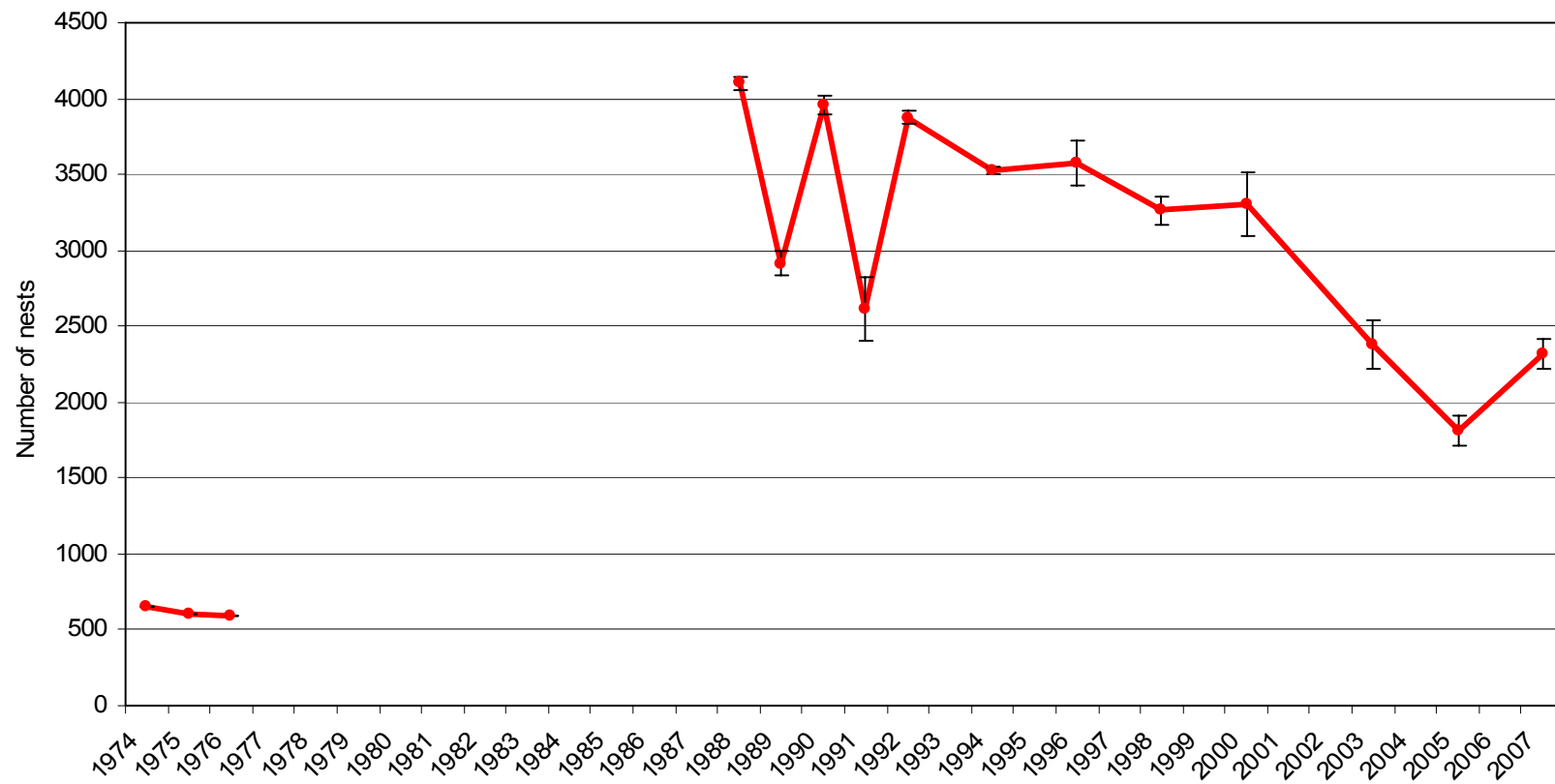


Figure 15. Counts of black-legged kittiwake nests at Kittiwake Lane, Buldir Island, Alaska. Error bars represent the standard deviation of counts in each year. Note that the general trend at Kittiwake Lane from 1988 on mirrors that of the island counts in Fig. 11.

Table 30. Black-legged kittiwake nest counts by sub-area at Kittiwake Lane (Slide Mountain Colony), Buldir Island, Alaska.

| Segment (Plot)  | 1974             | 1975         | 1976         | 1988   | 1989   | 1990   | 1991   | 1992   | 1994   | 1996   | 1998   | 2000   | 2003   | 2006   | 2007   |
|-----------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 1 (15)          | --               | 137          | --           | 563    | 424    | 542    | 241    | 515    | 344    | 352    | 338    | 300    | 256    | 176    | 22     |
| 2 (16)          | --               | 133          | --           | 637    | 510    | 580    | 296    | 595    | 509    | 415    | 460    | 351    | 317    | 236    | 309    |
| 3 (17)          | --               | 76           | --           | 728    | 568    | 642    | 378    | 586    | 566    | 515    | 405    | 381    | 297    | 320    | 315    |
| 4 (18)          | --               | 123          | --           | 628    | 271    | 474    | 351    | 449    | 448    | 436    | 401    | 335    | 255    | 268    | 413    |
| 5 (19)          | --               | 63           | --           | 368    | 237    | 361    | 300    | 346    | 376    | 360    | 268    | 281    | 159    | 175    | 209    |
| 6 (20)          | --               | 39           | --           | 284    | 180    | 298    | 230    | 297    | 301    | 280    | 202    | 209    | 101    | 122    | 158    |
| 7 (21)          | --               | 24           | --           | 341    | 215    | 290    | 256    | 324    | 299    | 325    | 279    | 274    | 185    | 139    | 193    |
| 8 (22)          | --               | 5            | --           | 264    | 236    | 343    | 277    | 329    | 244    | 317    | 297    | 303    | 213    | 130    | 185    |
| 9 (23)          | --               | 0            | --           | 219    | 230    | 344    | 251    | 355    | 264    | 244    | 238    | 268    | 153    | 89     | 207    |
| 10 (24)         | --               | 0            | --           | 10     | 9      | 26     | 11     | 23     | 43     | 114    | 115    | 185    | 90     | 30     | 81     |
| 11 (25)         | --               | 0            | --           | 7      | 5      | 11     | 9      | 12     | 35     | 48     | 52     | 90     | 69     | 41     | 77     |
| 12 (26)         | --               | 0            | --           | 18     | 11     | 19     | 8      | 7      | 19     | 49     | 77     | 163    | 121    | 28     | 63     |
| 13 (27)         | --               | 0            | --           | 15     | 9      | 4      | 1      | 14     | 29     | 52     | 58     | 71     | 86     | 39     | 45     |
| 14 (28)         | --               | 0            | --           | 18     | 9      | 20     | 9      | 22     | 49     | 74     | 71     | 84     | 64     | 11     | 38     |
| 15 (29)         | --               | 0            | --           | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 4      | 17     | 3      | 0      |
| Total           | 649 <sup>a</sup> | 600          | 597          | 4100   | 2914   | 3954   | 2618   | 3874   | 3526   | 3581   | 3262   | 3299   | 2383   | 1809   | 2316   |
| SD <sup>b</sup> | —                | —            | —            | 40.5   | 79.7   | 60.0   | 208.6  | 45.9   | 19.6   | 147.8  | 94.0   | 208.7  | 158.0  | 101.2  | 98.0   |
| <i>n</i>        | 1                | 1            | 1            | 3      | 5      | 5      | 5      | 4      | 4      | 5      | 5      | 5      | 4      | 5      | 5      |
| first survey    | <sup>c</sup>     | <sup>c</sup> | <sup>c</sup> | 5 Jul  | 29 Jun | 30 Jun | 8 Jul  | 6 Jul  | 4 Jul  | 28 Jun | 4 Jul  | 27 Jun | 9 Jul  | 23 Jun | 25 Jun |
| last survey     | <sup>c</sup>     | <sup>c</sup> | <sup>c</sup> | 27 Jul | 16 Jul | 18 Jul | 18 Jul | 20 Jul | 19 Jul | 18 Jul | 24 Jul | 20 Jul | 25 Jul | 18 Jul | 14 Jul |

<sup>a</sup> Includes 44 *Rissa* spp.

<sup>b</sup> SD based on replicate counts of all plots, not the sum of the plot means as presented above.

<sup>c</sup> From Byrd (1978); figures are from single counts made early to mid-July 1974, 1975, and 1976.

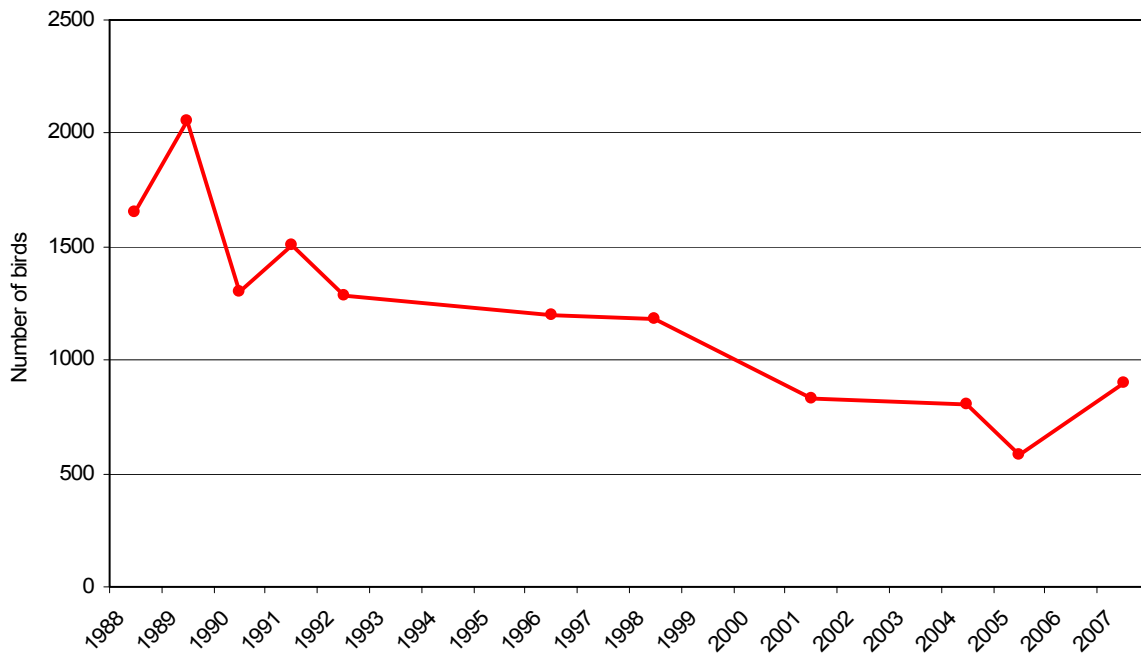


Figure 16. Counts of black-legged kittiwakes at Middle Rock, Buldir Island, Alaska. This area is not included in the island-wide index plot counts.

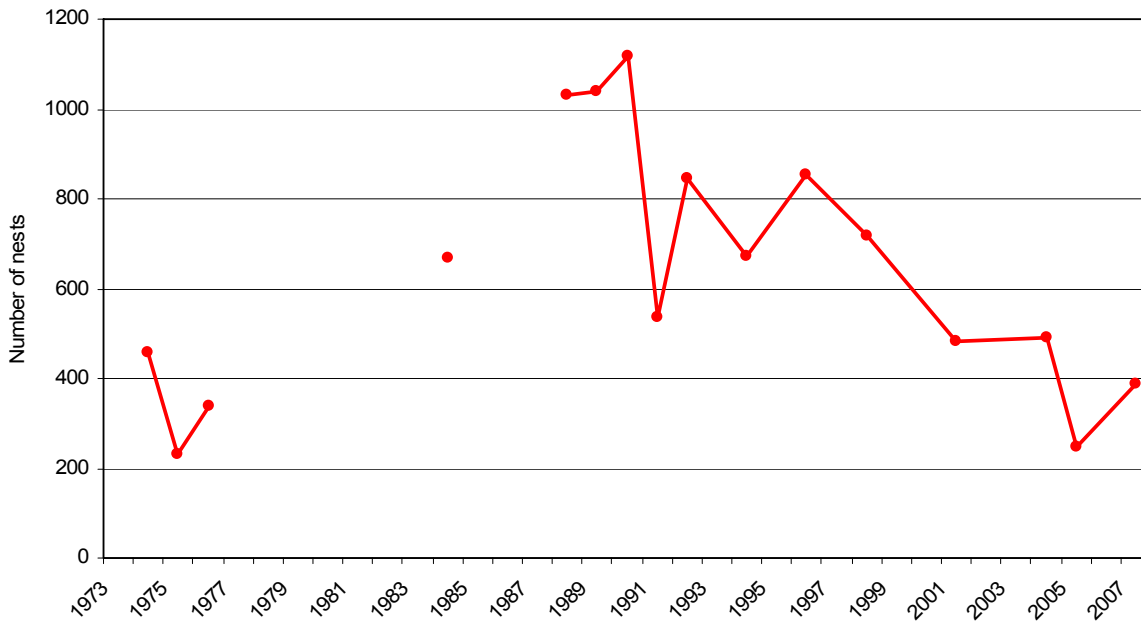


Figure 17. Counts of black-legged kittiwake nests at Middle Rock, Buldir Island, Alaska. This area is not included in the island-wide index plot counts.

Table 31. Black-legged kittiwake nest counts by sub-area at Middle Rock, Buldir Island, Alaska.

| Segment     | 1974     | 1975     | 1976      | 1984      | 1988      | 1989      | 1990         | 1991      | 1992      | 1994         | 1996      | 1998     | 2001             | 2004      | 2005      | 2007      |
|-------------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|-----------|----------|------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| I           | 161      | 50       | --        | 177       | 139       | 139       | 187          | 58        | 134       | 25           | 107       | 60       | 85               | 75        | 21        | 68        |
| II          | 60       | 20       | --        | 72        | 75        | 95        | 101          | 34        | 73        | 40           | 62        | 50       | 111              | 33        | 10        | 25        |
| III         | 81       | 70       | --        | 107       | 150       | 120       | 116          | 43        | 82        | 59           | 36        | 72       | 1                | 0         | 0         | 3         |
| IV          | 95       | 11       | --        | 155       | 94        | 60        | 67           | 18        | 26        | 108          | 75        | 32       | 46               | 19        | 0         | 14        |
| V           | 59       | 80       | --        | 106       | 87        | 183       | 211          | 96        | 151       | 61           | 139       | 118      | 78               | 95        | 64        | 45        |
| VI          | 0        | --       | --        | 50        | 172       | 170       | 186          | 99        | 163       | 182          | 168       | 186      | --               | 61        | 37        | 55        |
| VII         | 0        | --       | --        | 0         | 313       | 274       | 250          | 190       | 216       | 198          | 267       | 200      | 160              | 207       | 114       | 178       |
| Total       | 456      | 231      | 340       | 667       | 1030      | 1041      | 1118         | 538       | 845       | 673          | 854       | 718      | 481 <sup>a</sup> | 490       | 246       | 388       |
| survey date | 9<br>Aug | 4<br>Jun | 19<br>Jul | 17<br>Jun | 19<br>Jul | 20<br>Jul | 19-26<br>Jul | 17<br>Jul | 26<br>Jul | 23-24<br>Jul | 22<br>Jul | 1<br>Jul | 6<br>Jul         | 13<br>Jul | 25<br>Jul | 23<br>Jul |

<sup>a</sup> Partial count, not for comparison.

Table 32. Black-legged kittiwake counts by sub-area at Middle Rock, Buldir Island, Alaska.

| Segment     | 1974     | 1975     | 1976      | 1984      | 1988      | 1989      | 1990         | 1991      | 1992      | 1994         | 1996      | 1998     | 2001     | 2004      | 2005      | 2007      |
|-------------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| I           | --       | --       | --        | --        | 206       | 342       | 211          | 229       | 239       | --           | 161       | 125      | 136      | 122       | 76        | 163       |
| II          | --       | --       | --        | --        | 135       | 225       | 128          | 111       | 120       | --           | 96        | 111      | 139      | 132       | 49        | 82        |
| III         | --       | --       | --        | --        | 241       | 175       | 125          | 68        | 106       | --           | 40        | 102      | 0        | 0         | 0         | 6         |
| IV          | --       | --       | --        | --        | 210       | 97        | 80           | 85        | 34        | --           | 92        | 51       | 30       | 11        | 1         | 22        |
| V           | --       | --       | --        | --        | 135       | 402       | 232          | 263       | 211       | --           | 201       | 210      | 109      | 137       | 54        | 87        |
| VI          | --       | --       | --        | --        | 300       | 296       | 203          | 309       | 236       | --           | 241       | 271      | 94       | 92        | 76        | 130       |
| VII         | --       | --       | --        | --        | 428       | 519       | 323          | 445       | 339       | --           | 366       | 315      | 322      | 313       | 323       | 406       |
| Total       | --       | --       | --        | --        | 1655      | 2056      | 1302         | 1510      | 1285      | --           | 1197      | 1185     | 830      | 807       | 579       | 896       |
| survey date | 9<br>Aug | 4<br>Jun | 19<br>Jul | 17<br>Jun | 19<br>Jul | 20<br>Jul | 19-26<br>Jul | 17<br>Jul | 26<br>Jul | 23-24<br>Jul | 22<br>Jul | 1<br>Jul | 6<br>Jul | 13<br>Jul | 25<br>Jul | 23<br>Jul |



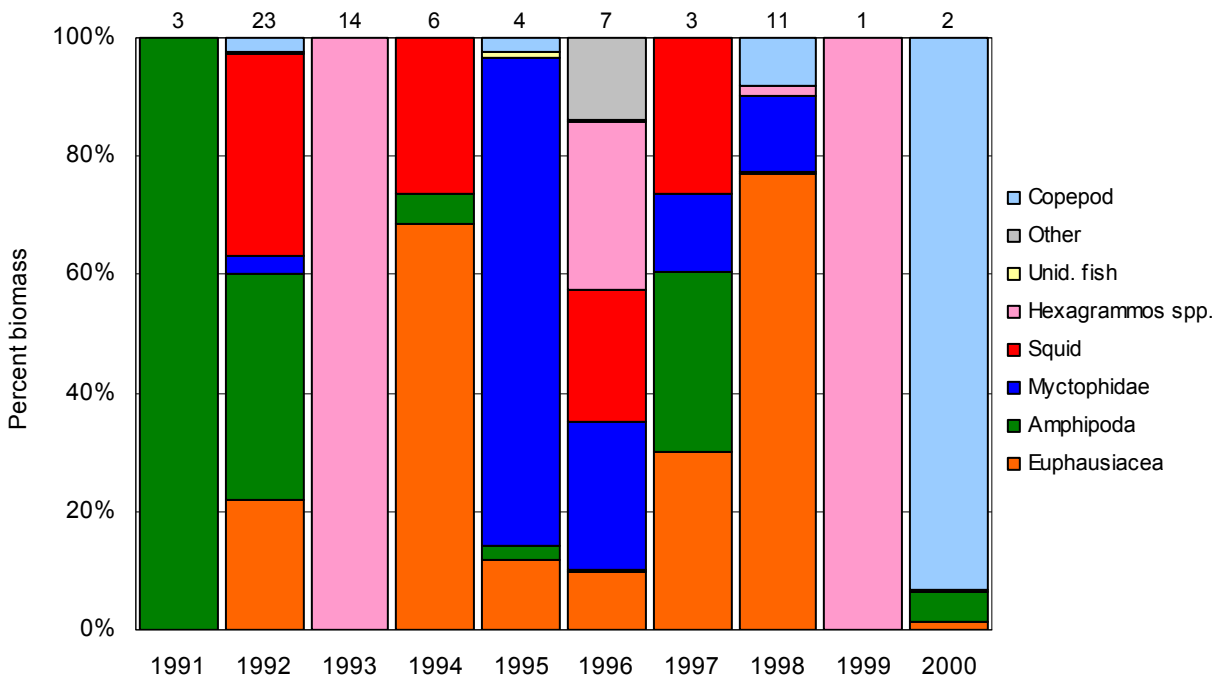


Figure 18. Relative biomass of prey in diets of black-legged kittiwakes at Buldir Island, Alaska. Numbers above columns indicate sample sizes.

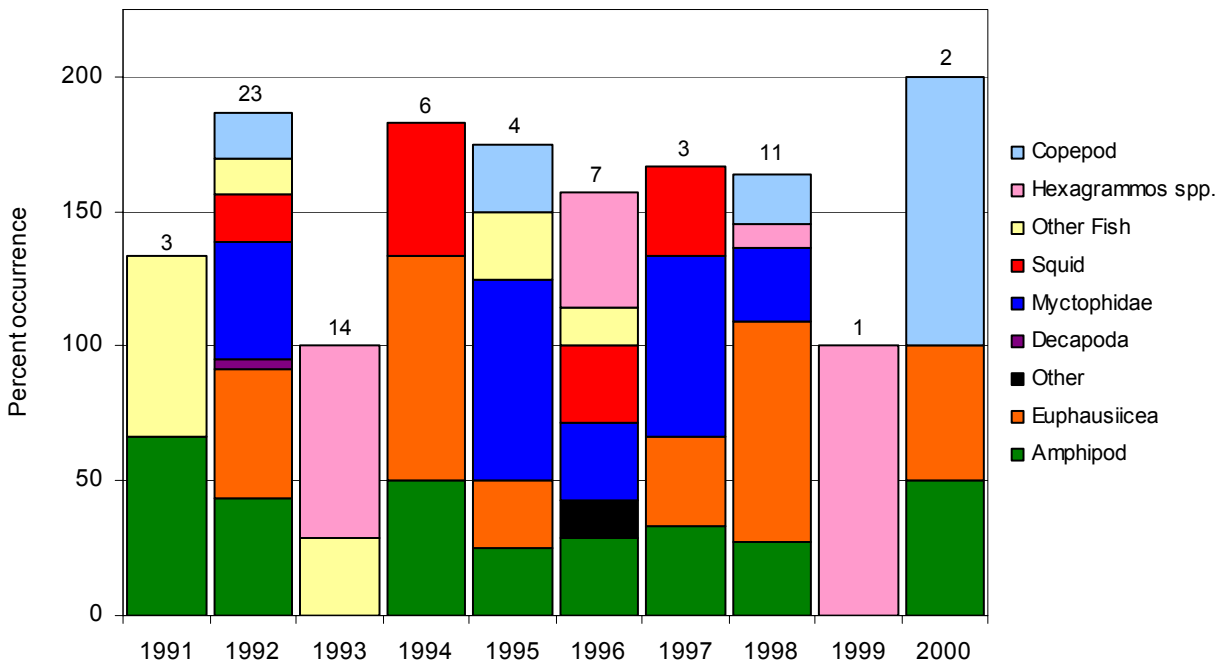


Figure 19. Frequency of occurrence of prey in diets of black-legged kittiwakes at Buldir Island, Alaska. Numbers above columns indicate sample sizes.

Table 33. Relative biomass of prey in diets of black-legged kittiwakes at Buldir Island, Alaska. Numbers represent the percentage of the mass of combined food samples comprised by each species.

|                                  | 1991 | 1992  | 1993  | 1994  | 1995  | 1996  | 1997 | 1998  | 1999  | 2000 |
|----------------------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|------|
| No. samples                      | 3    | 23    | 14    | 6     | 4     | 7     | 3    | 11    | 1     | 2    |
| Total mass (g)                   | 0.9  | 158.4 | 249.0 | 104.1 | 118.9 | 181.7 | 30.5 | 309.5 | 49.0  | 52.2 |
| Cephalopoda - squid              | --   | 34.1  | --    | 26.4  | --    | 22.6  | 26.2 | --    | --    | --   |
| Copepoda                         |      |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |       |      |
| <i>Neocalanus plumchrus</i>      | --   | --    | --    | --    | 2.3   | --    | --   | --    | --    | --   |
| <i>N. cristatus</i>              | --   | 2.4   | --    | --    | --    | --    | --   | 8.2   | --    | 93.4 |
| <i>N. spp.</i>                   | --   | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --   | --    | --    | 5.1  |
| Amphipoda                        |      |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |       |      |
| Hyperiidea                       |      |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |       |      |
| <i>Parathemisto pacifica</i>     | --   | 23.3  | --    | 4.9   | 2.3   | 0.6   | 30.2 | 0.2   | --    | 0.1  |
| <i>Parathemisto spp.</i>         | 43.2 | 13.0  | --    | --    | --    | --    | --   | --    | --    | --   |
| Gammaridea                       |      |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |       |      |
| Lysianassidae                    | 56.8 | 0.3   | --    | --    | --    | 0.1   | --   | 0.1   | --    | --   |
| Unid. Amphipoda                  | --   | 1.3   | --    | --    | --    | --    | --   | --    | --    | --   |
| Euphausiacea                     |      |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |       |      |
| <i>Thysanoessa spp.</i>          | --   | 22.1  |       | 68.7  | 11.8  | 9.6   | 30.2 | --    | --    | --   |
| Unid. euphausid                  | --   | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --   | 77.0  | --    | 1.3  |
| Decapoda - shrimp                | --   | 0.3   | --    | --    | --    | --    | --   | --    | --    | --   |
| <i>Pandalid zoea</i>             | --   | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --   | --    | --    | 0.1  |
| Fish                             |      |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |       |      |
| Myctophidae                      |      |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |       |      |
| <i>Stenobrachius leucopsarus</i> | --   | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | 13.4 | 12.9  | --    | --   |
| Unid. Myctophidae                | --   | 3.2   | --    | --    | 82.4  | 24.8  | --   | --    | --    | --   |
| <i>Hexagrammos spp.</i>          | --   | --    | 100.0 | --    | --    | 28.1  | --   | 1.6   | 100.0 | --   |
| Unid. fish                       | --   | --    | --    | --    | 1.3   | 0.6   | --   | --    | --    | --   |
| Offal                            | --   | --    | --    | --    | 13.8  | --    | --   | --    | --    | --   |

Table 34. Frequency of occurrence of prey in diets of black-legged kittiwakes at Buldir Island, Alaska. Frequency is expressed as the percentage of food samples in which each species was present.

|                                  | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999  | 2000 |
|----------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|------|
| No. samples                      | 3    | 23   | 14   | 6    | 4    | 7    | 3    | 11   | 1     | 2    |
| Cephalopoda - squid              | --   | 17.4 | --   | 50.0 | --   | 28.6 | 33.3 | --   | --    | --   |
| Copepoda                         |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |      |
| <i>Neocalanus plumchrus</i>      | --   | --   | --   | --   | 25.0 | --   | --   | --   | --    | --   |
| <i>N. cristatus</i>              | --   | 13.0 | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 18.2 | --    | 50.0 |
| Unid. Copepoda                   | --   | 4.3  | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --    | 50.0 |
| Amphipoda                        |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |      |
| Hyperideia                       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |      |
| <i>Parathemisto pacifica</i>     | --   | 13.0 | --   | 50.0 | 25.0 | 14.3 | 33.3 | 18.2 | --    | 50.0 |
| <i>Parathemisto</i> spp.         | 33.3 | 17.4 | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --    | --   |
| Gammaridea                       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |      |
| Lysianassidae                    | 33.3 | 4.3  | --   | --   | --   | 14.3 | --   | 9.1  | --    | --   |
| Unid. Amphipoda                  | --   | 8.7  | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --    | --   |
| Euphausiacea                     |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |      |
| <i>Thysanoessa</i> spp.          | --   | 47.8 | --   | 83.3 | 25.0 | 14.3 | 33.3 | --   | --    | --   |
| Unid. euphausid                  | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 81.8 | --    | --   |
| Decapoda - shrimp                | --   | 4.3  | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --    | --   |
| <i>Pandalid</i> zoea             | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --    | 50.0 |
| Fish                             |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |      |
| Myctophidae                      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |      |
| <i>Stenobrachius leucopsarus</i> | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 66.7 | 27.3 | --    | --   |
| Unid. Myctophidae                | --   | 43.5 | --   | --   | 75.0 | 28.6 | --   | --   | --    | --   |
| <i>Ammodytes hexapterus</i>      | 33.3 | 8.7  | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --    | --   |
| <i>Hexagrammos</i> spp.          | --   | --   | 71.4 | --   | --   | 42.9 | --   | 9.1  | 100.0 | --   |
| Unid. fish                       | 33.3 | 4.3  | 28.6 | --   | 25.0 | 14.3 | --   | --   | --    | --   |
| Offal                            | --   | --   | --   | --   | 14.3 | --   | --   | --   | --    | --   |

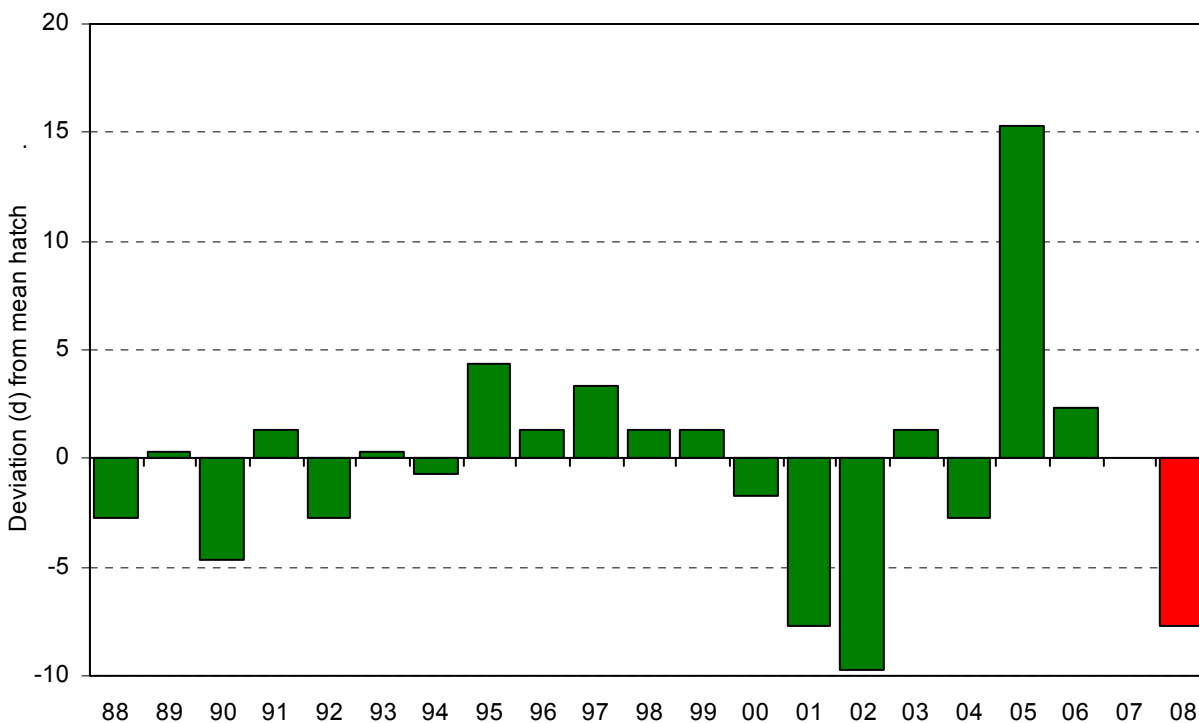


Figure 20. Yearly hatch date deviation (from the 1988-2006 average of 12 July) for red-legged kittiwakes at Buldir Island, Alaska. Numbers below the mean indicate hatch dates earlier, positive numbers indicate hatch dates later. No data that met chronology criteria were available in 2007.

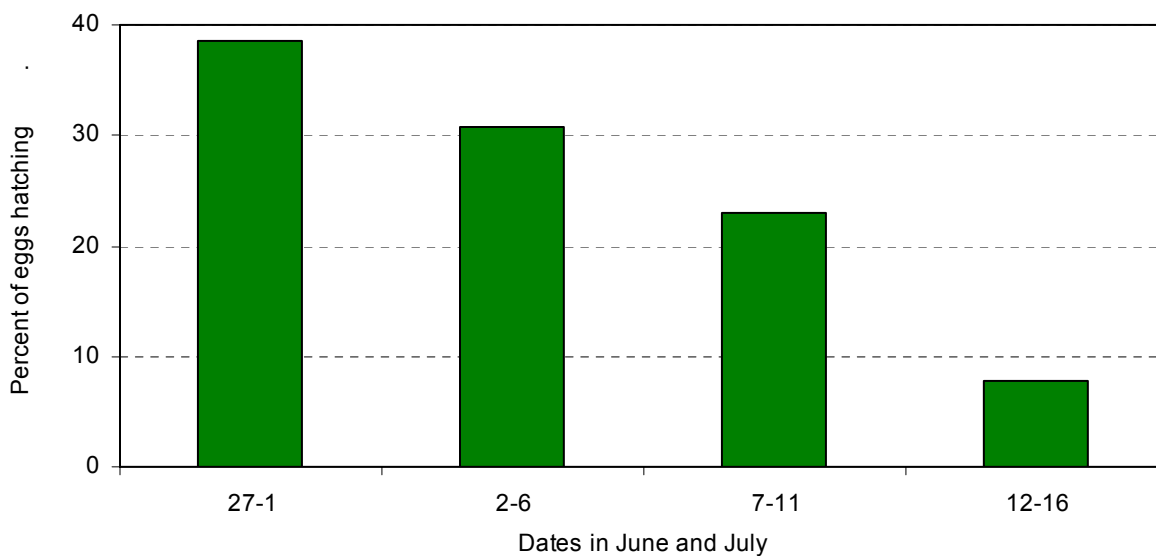


Figure 21. Hatching chronology of red-legged kittiwakes at Buldir Island, Alaska in 2008 ( $n=13$ ).

Table 35. Breeding chronology dates for red-legged kittiwakes at Buldir Island Alaska.

| Year | mean hatch | SD   | $n^a$ | median hatch | no. nests monitored <sup>b</sup> | first lay | last lay | first hatch | last hatch | first fledge |
|------|------------|------|-------|--------------|----------------------------------|-----------|----------|-------------|------------|--------------|
| 1988 | 8 Jul      | 6.7  | 59    | 7 Jul        | 144                              | <21 Jun   | 28 Jun   | 28 Jun      | 1 Aug      | 6 Aug        |
| 1989 | 12 Jul     | 2.2  | 31    | 13 Jul       | 233                              | <12 Jun   | 25 Jun   | 8 Jul       | 13 Jul     | >15 Aug      |
| 1990 | 7 Jul      | 6.9  | 110   | 5 Jul        | 218                              | 3 Jun     | 3 Aug    | 22 Jun      | 25 Jul     | 31 Jul       |
| 1991 | 13 Jul     | 5.6  | 38    | 10 Jul       | 194                              | <14 Jun   | 27 Jul   | 1 Jul       | 22 Jul     | 10 Aug       |
| 1992 | 8 Jul      | 6.8  | 137   | 7 Jul        | 269                              | <4 Jun    | 20 Jul   | 20 Jun      | 30 Jul     | 5 Aug        |
| 1993 | 12 Jul     | 6.3  | 35    | 13 Jul       | 187                              | <7 Jun    | 13 Jul   | 1 Jul       | 23 Jul     | 16 Aug       |
| 1994 | 11 Jul     | 10.8 | 24    | 6 Jul        | 272                              | <15 Jun   | 30 Jun   | 25 Jun      | 6 Aug      | 12 Aug       |
| 1995 | 16 Jul     | 7.4  | 33    | 13 Jul       | 328                              | <15 Jun   | 17 Jul   | 7 Jul       | 8 Aug      | >14 Aug      |
| 1996 | 12 Jul     | 9.7  | 62    | 13 Jul       | 206                              | <14 Jun   | 18 Jul   | 24 Jun      | 3 Aug      | 15 Jul       |
| 1997 | 15 Jul     | 7.1  | 73    | 13 Jul       | 259                              | <9 Jun    | 4 Jul    | 28 Jun      | 31 Jul     | 13 Aug       |
| 1998 | 13 Jul     | 6.0  | 62    | 12 Jul       | 147                              | <14 Jun   | 20 Jul   | 1 Jul       | 29 Jul     | 14 Aug       |
| 1999 | 13 Jul     | 10.7 | 18    | 11 Jul       | 126                              | <24 Jun   | 4 Jul    | 27 Jun      | 4 Aug      | >19 Aug      |
| 2000 | 9 Jul      | 5.9  | 71    | 10 Jul       | 134                              | <11 Jun   | 10 Jul   | 27 Jun      | 27 Jul     | 13 Aug       |
| 2001 | 4 Jul      | 5.0  | 14    | 1 Jul        | 60                               | <17 Jun   | 26 Jun   | 26 Jun      | 17 Jul     | none         |
| 2002 | 2 Jul      | 5.2  | 23    | 3 Jul        | 43                               | <6 Jun    | <23 Jun  | 22 Jun      | 19 Jul     | 1 Aug        |
| 2003 | 13 Jul     | --   | 1     | 13 Jul       | 17                               | <17 Jun   | 5 Jul    | <30 Jun     | 13 Jul     | 16 Aug       |
| 2004 | 9 Jul      | 5.6  | 7     | 9 Jul        | 80                               | <15 Jun   | 13 Jul   | 25 Jun      | <24 Jul    | 19 Aug       |
| 2005 | 27 Jul     | 8.7  | 3     | 25 Jul       | 36                               | <20 Jun   | 4 Aug    | 3 Jul       | 6 Aug      | 10 Aug       |
| 2006 | 14 Jul     | 7.1  | 22    | 11 Jul       | 61                               | <9 Jun    | 17 Jul   | <27 Jun     | 28 Jul     | 20 Aug       |
| 2007 | --         | --   | 0     | --           | 22                               | <13 Jun   | <17 Jun  | <9 Jul      | <21 Jul    | >26 Aug      |
| 2008 | 3 Jul      | 5.2  | 13    | 2 Jul        | 36                               | <16 Jun   | <30 Jun  | <22 Jun     | 13 Jul     | 6 Aug        |

<sup>a</sup> Sample size is for the calculation of mean and median hatch dates. These dates are a subsample for which we have observations  $\leq 7$  days apart from egg to chick. The data from 1988-1990 and 1994 may contain observations > 7 days apart or estimated event dates.

<sup>b</sup> The total used for estimating the remaining parameters. These dates might contain observations > 7 days apart or estimated event dates (e.g. no egg on first visit followed by bird incubating on the next visit).

Table 36. Frequency distribution of hatch dates for red-legged kittiwakes at Buldir Island, Alaska. Data from 1988-1990 and 1994 may contain observations > 7 days apart.

| Julian | No. nests hatching on Julian date |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|--------|-----------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Date   | 1988                              | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2008 |
| 170    | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 171    | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 172    | --                                | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 173    | --                                | --   | 2    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 174    | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 175    | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 176    | --                                | --   | --   | --   | 3    | --   | 2    | --   | 2    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 177    | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 178    | --                                | --   | 6    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 2    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 179    | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | 4    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    |
| 180    | 4                                 | --   | 9    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 5    | --   | --   | --   | --   | 6    | --   | --   | --   | --   | 4    |
| 181    | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 182    | 1                                 | --   | 1    | 4    | 16   | 1    | --   | --   | 1    | --   | 1    | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 183    | 3                                 | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 184    | --                                | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | 8    | --   | --   | --   | --   | 10   | --   | 2    | --   | 2    | 3    |
| 185    | --                                | --   | --   | --   | 2    | --   | --   | --   | --   | 5    | --   | 3    | 15   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 186    | 11                                | --   | 51   | --   | 45   | 1    | 10   | --   | 1    | --   | 11   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 187    | --                                | --   | 3    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 188    | 7                                 | --   | 2    | --   | --   | 14   | 1    | 2    | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | 3    | --   | --   | --   | 3    | 1    |
| 189    | 8                                 | 7    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 8    | --   | 2    | --   | 2    | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   |
| 190    | 1                                 | --   | --   | --   | 5    | --   | --   | 4    | 3    | 14   | 1    | 4    | --   | --   | --   | 3    | --   | --   | 3    |
| 191    | --                                | 2    | 4    | 15   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 192    | 2                                 | --   | --   | --   | 29   | 1    | 4    | 1    | --   | 3    | 21   | --   | 39   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 6    | --   |
| 193    | 10                                | --   | 6    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 3    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   |
| 194    | --                                | 22   | 13   | --   | --   | 5    | --   | 12   | --   | 17   | --   | 3    | --   | --   | 1    | 1    | --   | --   | --   |
| 195    | --                                | --   | --   | --   | 3    | --   | --   | --   | 5    | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    |
| 196    | 7                                 | --   | --   | --   | 21   | --   | --   | 4    | 2    | --   | 15   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 197    | --                                | --   | --   | 2    | --   | 1    | 1    | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | 3    | --   | --   | --   | --   | 3    | --   |
| 198    | --                                | --   | --   | 14   | --   | --   | --   | 4    | 2    | 2    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 199    | --                                | --   | --   | --   | 1    | 7    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 200    | --                                | --   | 6    | --   | 1    | --   | --   | 1    | 11   | 9    | --   | --   | 1    | 1    | --   | 1    | --   | 1    | --   |
| 201    | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 5    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   |
| 202    | 1                                 | --   | 4    | 2    | 5    | --   | --   | --   | --   | 2    | --   | --   | 2    | --   | --   | --   | --   | 2    | --   |
| 203    | --                                | --   | --   | 1    | --   | 2    | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 204    | 2                                 | --   | --   | --   | --   | 3    | --   | 1    | 8    | --   | --   | 4    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 205    | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 206    | --                                | --   | 3    | --   | 1    | --   | 4    | 1    | --   | 11   | 3    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | 2    | --   |
| 207    | 1                                 | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 208    | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 2    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 209    | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | 2    | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   |
| 210    | --                                | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | 1    | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 211    | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 212    | --                                | --   | --   | --   | 2    | --   | --   | --   | 2    | 3    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 213    | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 214    | 1                                 | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 2    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 215    | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 216    | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 217    | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 218    | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   |
| 219    | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 220    | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| n      | 59                                | 31   | 110  | 38   | 137  | 35   | 24   | 33   | 62   | 73   | 62   | 18   | 71   | 23   | 1    | 7    | 3    | 22   | 13   |

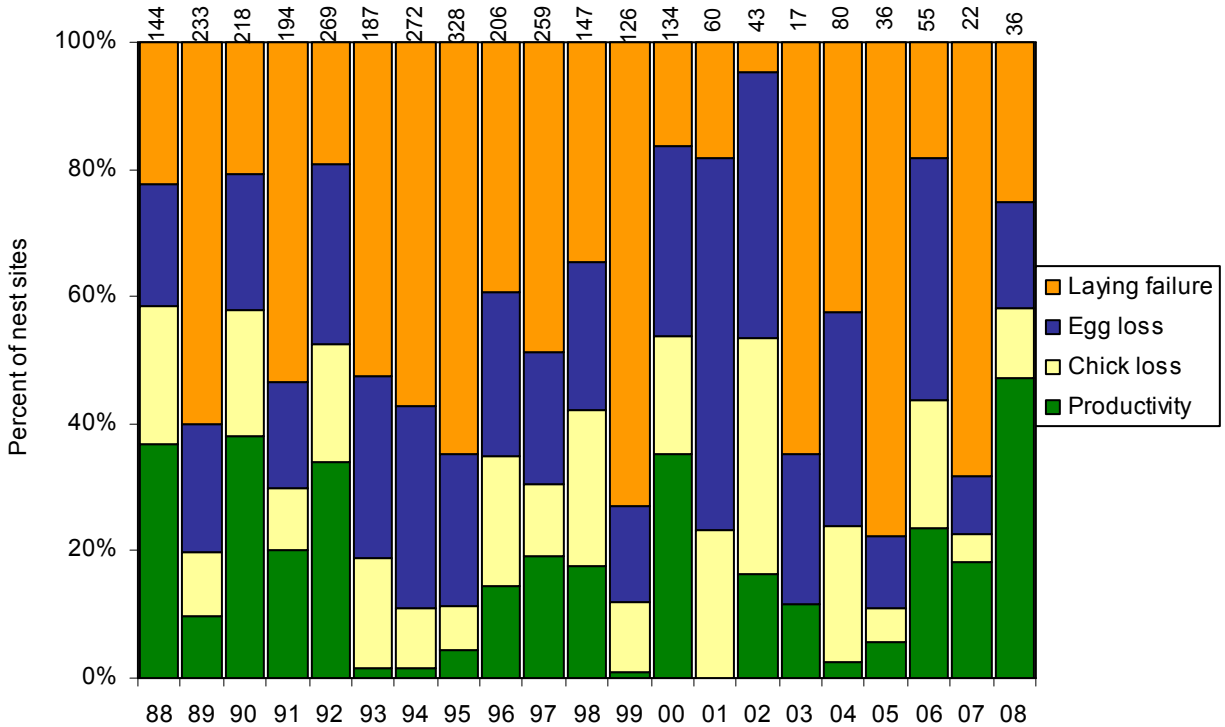


Figure 22. Reproductive performance of red-legged kittiwakes at Buldir Island, Alaska. Laying Failure=(A-B)/A; Egg Loss=(B-C)/A; Chick Loss=(C-D)/A; Productivity=D/A, where A=total number of nests; B=number of nests with  $\geq 1$  egg; C=number of nests with  $\geq 1$  chick; D= number of nests with  $\geq 1$  fledged chick. The number of nests monitored are given above each bar.

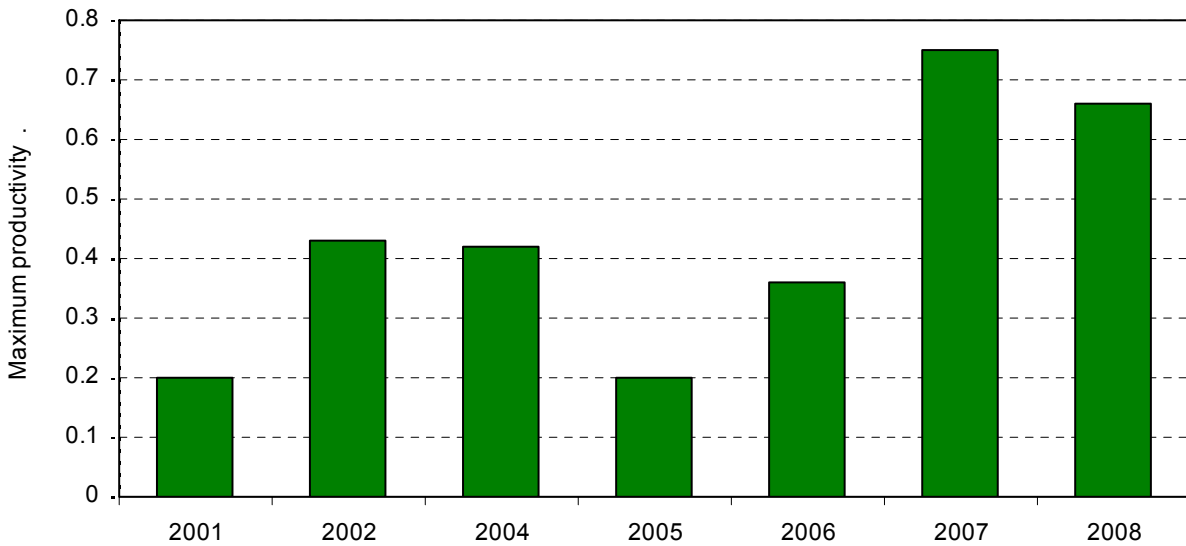


Figure 23. Maximum possible productivity for red-legged kittiwakes at Kittiwake Lane, Buldir Island, Alaska. Measurements were determined by the boom or bust method: number of chicks counted before fledging divided by number of nests counted early in the season.

Table 37. Reproductive performance of red-legged kittiwakes at Buldir Island, Alaska.

| Year              | total<br>nests<br>(A) | no. nests<br>w/ eggs<br>(B) | no. nests<br>w/ chicks<br>(C) | no. nests w/<br>fledged chick<br>(D) | laying<br>success<br>(B/A) | nesting<br>success<br>(C/B) | fledging<br>success<br>(D/C) | reproductive<br>success<br>(D/B) | productivity<br>(D/A) |
|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1988              | 144                   | 112                         | 84                            | 53                                   | 0.78                       | 0.75                        | 0.58                         | 0.45                             | 0.35                  |
| 1989              | 233                   | 93                          | 46                            | 23                                   | 0.40                       | 0.49                        | 0.50                         | 0.25                             | 0.10                  |
| 1990              | 218                   | 173                         | 126                           | 83                                   | 0.79                       | 0.73                        | 0.66                         | 0.48                             | 0.41                  |
| 1991              | 194                   | 90                          | 58                            | 39                                   | 0.46                       | 0.64                        | 0.67                         | 0.43                             | 0.20                  |
| 1992              | 269                   | 217                         | 141                           | 91                                   | 0.81                       | 0.65                        | 0.65                         | 0.42                             | 0.34                  |
| 1993              | 187                   | 89                          | 35                            | 3                                    | 0.48                       | 0.44                        | 0.09                         | 0.03                             | 0.02                  |
| 1994              | 272                   | 116                         | 30                            | 4                                    | 0.43                       | 0.26                        | 0.13                         | 0.03                             | 0.01                  |
| 1995              | 328                   | 116                         | 37                            | 14                                   | 0.35                       | 0.32                        | 0.38                         | 0.12                             | 0.04                  |
| 1996              | 206                   | 125                         | 72                            | 30                                   | 0.61                       | 0.58                        | 0.42                         | 0.24                             | 0.15                  |
| 1997              | 259                   | 133                         | 79                            | 50                                   | 0.51                       | 0.59                        | 0.63                         | 0.38                             | 0.19                  |
| 1998              | 147                   | 96                          | 62                            | 26                                   | 0.65                       | 0.65                        | 0.42                         | 0.27                             | 0.18                  |
| 1999              | 126                   | 34                          | 15                            | 1                                    | 0.27                       | 0.44                        | 0.07                         | 0.03                             | 0.01                  |
| 2000              | 134                   | 112                         | 72                            | 47                                   | 0.84                       | 0.64                        | 0.65                         | 0.42                             | 0.35                  |
| 2001              | 60                    | 47                          | 14                            | 0                                    | 0.78                       | 0.30                        | 0.00                         | 0.00                             | 0.00                  |
| 2002              | 43                    | 41                          | 23                            | 7                                    | 0.95                       | 0.56                        | 0.30                         | 0.17                             | 0.16                  |
| 2003              | 17                    | 6                           | 2                             | 2                                    | 0.35                       | 0.33                        | 1.00                         | 0.33                             | 0.12                  |
| 2004              | 80                    | 46                          | 19                            | 2                                    | 0.58                       | 0.41                        | 0.11                         | 0.04                             | 0.03                  |
| 2005              | 36                    | 8                           | 4                             | 2                                    | 0.22                       | 0.50                        | 0.50                         | 0.25                             | 0.06                  |
| 2006 <sup>a</sup> | 55                    | 45                          | 24                            | 13                                   | 0.82                       | 0.53                        | 0.54                         | 0.29                             | 0.24                  |
| 2007              | 22                    | 7                           | 5                             | 4                                    | 0.32                       | 0.71                        | 0.80                         | 0.57                             | 0.18                  |
| 2008              | 37                    | 27                          | 21                            | 17                                   | 0.75                       | 0.78                        | 0.81                         | 0.63                             | 0.47                  |

<sup>a</sup> On 27 June, a 6.2 magnitude earthquake approximately 22km SSE of Buldir caused a total of 5 nests with a combined 2 eggs to fail. The reproductive performance presented in this table does not include the nests and eggs lost in the earthquake. If one includes the nests and eggs lost to the earthquake, the laying success = 0.78, nesting success = 0.51, reproductive success = 0.28, and the productivity = 0.22.



Table 38. Red-legged kittiwake productivity as determined by Boom or Bust methodology at Kittiwake Lane, Buldir Island, Alaska.

|                                 | 2001   | 2002   | 2004   | 2005   | 2006   | 2007   | 2008           |
|---------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|----------------|
| No. of plots monitored          | 3      | 3      | 4      | 2      | 3      | 3      | 7              |
| No. of nests (A)                | 84     | 167    | 195    | 49     | 264    | 32     | 37             |
| Date of nest count              | 26 Jun | 9 Jun  | 17 Jun | 23 Jun | 23 Jun | 19 Jun | 18 Jun         |
| No. of chicks (B)               | 17     | 72     | 81     | 10     | 94     | 24     | 37             |
| Date(s) of chick counts         | 29 Jul | 27 Jul | 3 Aug  | 7 Aug  | 9 Aug  | 8 Aug  | 19 Jul, 12 Aug |
| Productivity (A/B) <sup>a</sup> | 0.20   | 0.43   | 0.42   | 0.20   | 0.36   | 0.75   | 0.66           |

<sup>a</sup> Productivity measurements are based on all chicks fledging and represent the maximum possible productivity

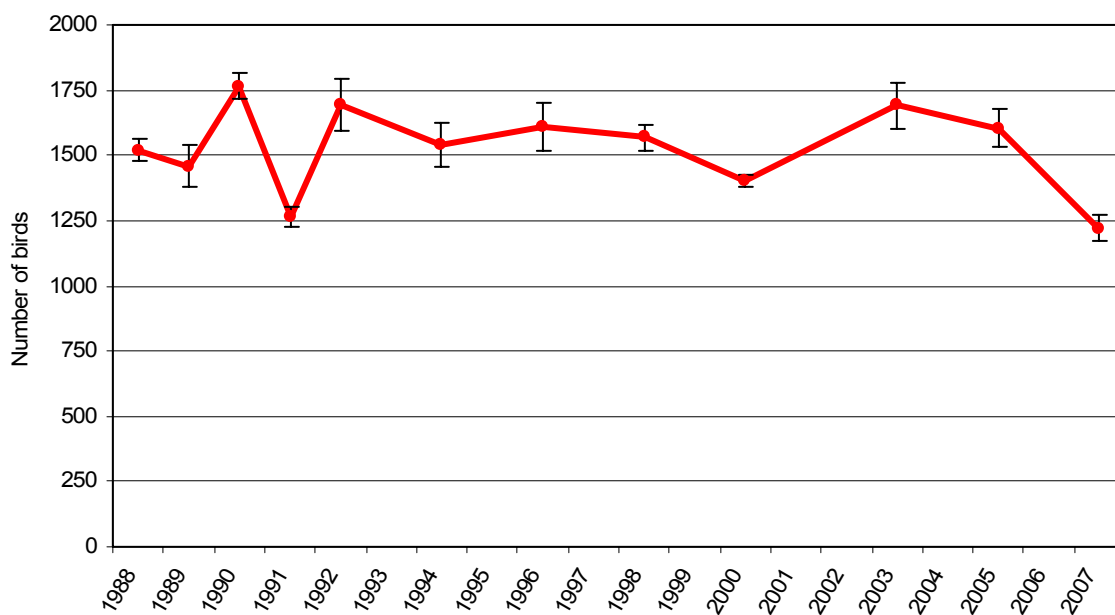


Figure 24. Counts of red-legged kittiwakes on index plots at Buldir Island, Alaska. Error bars represent the standard deviation of replicate counts in each year.

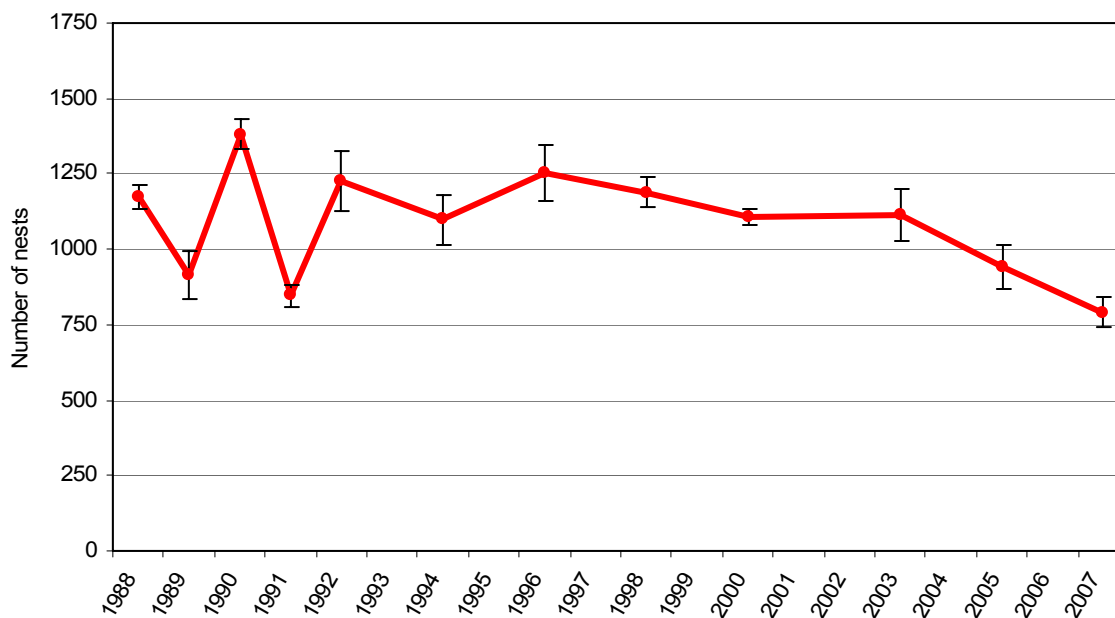


Figure 25. Counts of red-legged kittiwake nests on index plots at Buldir Island, Alaska. Error bars represent the standard deviation of replicate counts in each year.

Table 39. Red-legged kittiwake nest counts at Buldir Island, Alaska (The Dip, Kittiwake Lane East and Kittiwake Lane West combined).

| Count        | 1988   | 1989   | 1990   | 1991   | 1992   | 1994   | 1996   | 1998   | 2000   | 2003   | 2005   | 2007   |
|--------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 1            | 1182   | 826    | 1441   | 806    | 1094   | 1030   | 1133   | 1168   | 1120   | 984    | 829    | 729    |
| 2            | 1130   | 828    | 1415   | 835    | 1237   | 1060   | 1196   | 1112   | 1147   | 1139   | 954    | 803    |
| 3            | 1208   | 973    | 1315   | 874    | 1251   | 1082   | 1299   | 1239   | 1092   | 1156   | 937    | 819    |
| 4            | --     | 957    | 1366   | 828    | 1330   | 1217   | 1366   | 1210   | 1084   | 1179   | 956    | 748    |
| 5            | --     | 988    | 1367   | 895    | --     | --     | 1274   | 1215   | 1099   | --     | 1030   | 854    |
| mean         | 1173.3 | 914.4  | 1380.8 | 847.6  | 1228.0 | 1097.3 | 1253.6 | 1188.8 | 1108.4 | 1114.5 | 941.2  | 788.8  |
| <i>n</i>     | 3      | 5      | 5      | 5      | 4      | 4      | 5      | 5      | 5      | 4      | 5      | 5      |
| SD           | 39.7   | 80.5   | 48.8   | 36.1   | 98.3   | 82.6   | 90.8   | 50.0   | 25.4   | 88.5   | 72.2   | 48.8   |
| first survey | 5 Jul  | 26 Jun | 30 Jun | 4 Jul  | 3 Jul  | 3 Jul  | 27 Jun | 4 Jul  | 27 Jun | 9 Jul  | 23 Jun | 25 Jun |
| last survey  | 27 Jul | 16 Jul | 18 Jul | 19 Jul | 21 Jul | 19 Jul | 19 Jul | 24 Jul | 20 Jul | 25 Jul | 18 Jul | 15 Jul |

Table 40. Red-legged kittiwake counts at Buldir Island, Alaska (The Dip, Kittiwake Lane East and Kittiwake Lane West combined).

| Count        | 1988   | 1989   | 1990   | 1991   | 1992   | 1994   | 1996   | 1998   | 2000   | 2003   | 2005   | 2007   |
|--------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 1            | 1279   | 1220   | 1823   | 1139   | 1470   | 1387   | 1422   | 1506   | 1396   | 1630   | 1488   | 1026   |
| 2            | 1558   | 1389   | 1727   | 1165   | 1752   | 1466   | 1565   | 1487   | 1394   | 1790   | 1612   | 1110   |
| 3            | 1614   | 1533   | 1695   | 1320   | 1695   | 1565   | 1625   | 1582   | 1371   | 1742   | 1503   | 1229   |
| 4            | 1633   | 1560   | 1774   | 1320   | 1854   | 1747   | 1747   | 1605   | 1389   | 1602   | 1707   | 1289   |
| 5            | --     | 1585   | 1811   | 1373   | --     | --     | 1697   | 1664   | 1455   | --     | 1714   | 1453   |
| mean         | 1521.0 | 1457.4 | 1766.0 | 1258.8 | 1692.8 | 1541.3 | 1611.2 | 1568.8 | 1401.0 | 1691.0 | 1604.8 | 1221.4 |
| <i>n</i>     | 4      | 5      | 5      | 5      | 4      | 4      | 5      | 5      | 5      | 4      | 5      | 5      |
| SD           | 164.4  | 152.9  | 54.5   | 101.7  | 162.4  | 155.3  | 126.4  | 72.8   | 31.8   | 89.5   | 107.7  | 165.0  |
| first survey | 5 Jul  | 26 Jun | 30 Jun | 4 Jul  | 3 Jul  | 3 Jul  | 27 Jun | 4 Jul  | 27 Jun | 9 Jul  | 23 Jun | 25 Jun |
| last survey  | 27 Jul | 16 Jul | 18 Jul | 19 Jul | 21 Jul | 19 Jul | 19 Jul | 24 Jul | 20 Jul | 25 Jul | 18 Jul | 15 Jul |

Table 41. Numbers of red-legged kittiwake nests on index plots at Buldir Island, Alaska in 2007.

| Plot (segment)                | Count |     |     |     |     | mean  | SD   | max. |
|-------------------------------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|------|------|
|                               | 1     | 2   | 3   | 4   | 5   |       |      |      |
| Spike (Dip)                   |       |     |     |     |     |       |      |      |
| 1                             | 0     | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0.0   | 0.0  | 0    |
| 2                             | 0     | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0.0   | 0.0  | 0    |
| 3                             | 0     | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0.0   | 0.0  | 0    |
| 4                             | 0     | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0.0   | 0.0  | 0    |
| 5                             | 6     | 4   | 4   | 4   | 4   | 4.4   | 0.9  | 6    |
| 6                             | 22    | 32  | 33  | 35  | 28  | 30.0  | 5.1  | 35   |
| 7                             | 0     | 3   | 1   | 1   | 1   | 1.2   | 1.1  | 3    |
| A                             | 70    | 45  | 83  | 48  | 51  | 59.4  | 16.4 | 83   |
| B                             | 16    | 12  | 31  | 41  | 32  | 26.4  | 12.1 | 41   |
| C                             | 25    | 86  | 63  | 77  | 82  | 66.6  | 24.8 | 86   |
| Total                         | 139   | 182 | 215 | 206 | 198 | 188.0 | 30.0 | 215  |
| Kittiwake Lane                |       |     |     |     |     |       |      |      |
| 15(1)                         | 0     | 6   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1.2   | 2.7  | 6    |
| 16(2)                         | 82    | 87  | 89  | 99  | 105 | 92.4  | 9.4  | 105  |
| 17(3)                         | 95    | 104 | 107 | 47  | 93  | 89.2  | 24.3 | 107  |
| 18(4)                         | 68    | 85  | 75  | 87  | 78  | 78.6  | 7.7  | 87   |
| 19(5)                         | 44    | 43  | 32  | 32  | 54  | 41.0  | 9.3  | 54   |
| 20(6)                         | 58    | 60  | 47  | 44  | 63  | 54.4  | 8.4  | 63   |
| 21(7)                         | 92    | 92  | 94  | 89  | 93  | 92.0  | 1.9  | 94   |
| 22(8)                         | 69    | 58  | 66  | 63  | 64  | 64.0  | 4.1  | 69   |
| 23(9)                         | 46    | 42  | 52  | 38  | 53  | 46.2  | 6.4  | 53   |
| 24(10)                        | 11    | 13  | 11  | 18  | 6   | 11.8  | 4.3  | 18   |
| 25(11)                        | 11    | 12  | 18  | 18  | 15  | 14.8  | 3.3  | 18   |
| 26(12)                        | 13    | 18  | 11  | 4   | 16  | 12.4  | 5.4  | 18   |
| 27(13)                        | 1     | 1   | 2   | 3   | 1   | 1.6   | 0.9  | 3    |
| 28(14)                        | 0     | 0   | 0   | 0   | 6   | 1.2   | 2.7  | 6    |
| 29(15)                        | 0     | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0.0   | 0.0  | 0    |
| KWLE <sup>a</sup>             | 245   | 282 | 271 | 233 | 276 | 261.4 | 21.2 | 282  |
| KWLW                          | 345   | 339 | 333 | 309 | 371 | 339.4 | 22.3 | 371  |
| KWL Total                     | 590   | 621 | 604 | 542 | 647 | 600.8 | 39.1 | 647  |
| Index Plot Total <sup>b</sup> | 729   | 803 | 819 | 748 | 845 | 788.8 | 48.8 | 845  |

<sup>a</sup> KWLE is Kittiwake Lane East (plots 15-18), KWLW is KWL West (plots 19-28).

<sup>b</sup> Consists of all plots at The Dip and Kittiwake Lane combined.

Table 42. Numbers of red-legged kittiwakes on index plots at Buldir Island, Alaska in 2007.

| Plot (segment)                | Count |      |      |      |      | mean   | SD    | max. |
|-------------------------------|-------|------|------|------|------|--------|-------|------|
|                               | 1     | 2    | 3    | 4    | 5    |        |       |      |
| Spike (Dip)                   |       |      |      |      |      |        |       |      |
| 1                             | 0     | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0.0    | 0.0   | 0    |
| 2                             | 0     | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0.0    | 0.0   | 0    |
| 3                             | 0     | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0.0    | 0.0   | 0    |
| 4                             | 0     | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0.0    | 0.0   | 0    |
| 5                             | 9     | 5    | 4    | 7    | 9    | 6.8    | 2.3   | 9    |
| 6                             | 37    | 55   | 54   | 55   | 62   | 52.6   | 9.3   | 62   |
| 7                             | 0     | 8    | 5    | 4    | 5    | 4.4    | 2.9   | 8    |
| A                             | 101   | 82   | 151  | 156  | 158  | 129.6  | 35.5  | 158  |
| B                             | 24    | 15   | 47   | 64   | 48   | 39.6   | 19.8  | 64   |
| C                             | 46    | 124  | 111  | 132  | 169  | 116.4  | 44.9  | 169  |
| Total                         | 217   | 289  | 372  | 418  | 451  | 349.4  | 95.8  | 451  |
| Kittiwake Lane                |       |      |      |      |      |        |       |      |
| 15(1)                         | 5     | 13   | 6    | 2    | 20   | 9.2    | 7.3   | 20   |
| 16(2)                         | 97    | 107  | 116  | 134  | 143  | 119.4  | 19.0  | 143  |
| 17(3)                         | 120   | 138  | 128  | 88   | 134  | 121.6  | 20.0  | 138  |
| 18(4)                         | 104   | 108  | 107  | 145  | 144  | 121.6  | 21.0  | 145  |
| 19(5)                         | 63    | 64   | 56   | 60   | 83   | 65.2   | 10.4  | 83   |
| 20(6)                         | 76    | 72   | 65   | 64   | 77   | 70.8   | 6.1   | 77   |
| 21(7)                         | 105   | 113  | 125  | 119  | 131  | 118.6  | 10.1  | 131  |
| 22(8)                         | 95    | 83   | 94   | 87   | 93   | 90.4   | 5.2   | 95   |
| 23(9)                         | 73    | 54   | 74   | 78   | 87   | 73.2   | 12.1  | 87   |
| 24(10)                        | 23    | 19   | 25   | 38   | 22   | 25.4   | 7.4   | 38   |
| 25(11)                        | 23    | 16   | 28   | 29   | 32   | 25.6   | 6.3   | 32   |
| 26(12)                        | 18    | 26   | 23   | 17   | 26   | 22.0   | 4.3   | 26   |
| 27(13)                        | 4     | 1    | 6    | 7    | 4    | 4.4    | 2.3   | 7    |
| 28(14)                        | 3     | 7    | 4    | 3    | 6    | 4.6    | 1.8   | 7    |
| 29(15)                        | 0     | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0.0    | 0.0   | 0    |
| KWLE <sup>a</sup>             | 326   | 366  | 357  | 369  | 441  | 371.8  | 42.3  | 441  |
| KWLW                          | 483   | 455  | 500  | 502  | 561  | 500.2  | 38.9  | 561  |
| KWL Total                     | 809   | 821  | 857  | 871  | 1002 | 872.0  | 77.0  | 1002 |
| Index Plot Total <sup>b</sup> | 1026  | 1110 | 1229 | 1289 | 1453 | 1221.4 | 165.0 | 1453 |

<sup>a</sup> KWLE is Kittiwake Lane East (plots 15-18), KWLW is KWL West (plots 19-28).

<sup>b</sup> Consists of all plots at The Dip and Kittiwake Lane combined.

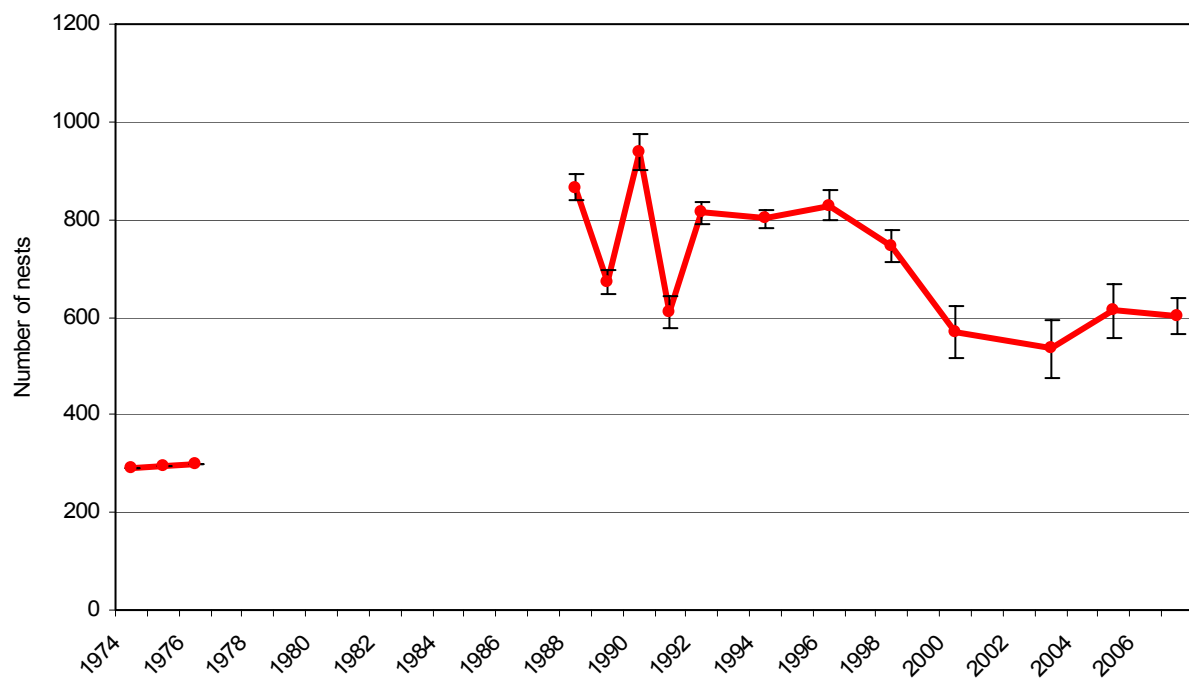


Figure 26. Counts of red-legged kittiwake nests at Kittiwake Lane, Buldir Island, Alaska. Error bars represent the standard deviation of counts in each year. Note that the general trend at Kittiwake Lane does not mirror that of the island counts in Figure 20.

Table 43. Red-legged kittiwake nest counts by sub-area at Kittiwake Lane (Slide Mountain Colony), Buldir Island, Alaska.

| Segment (Plot)  | 1974            | 1975            | 1976            | 1988   | 1989   | 1990   | 1991   | 1992   | 1994   | 1996   | 1998   | 2000   | 2003   | 2005   | 2007   |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 1 (15)          | --              | 80              | --              | 127    | 95     | 145    | 75     | 96     | 81     | 88     | 81     | 46     | 69     | 46     | 1      |
| 2 (16)          | --              | 89              | --              | 110    | 83     | 108    | 75     | 98     | 95     | 68     | 70     | 37     | 33     | 31     | 92     |
| 3 (17)          | --              | 46              | --              | 149    | 125    | 129    | 63     | 87     | 80     | 79     | 56     | 57     | 53     | 88     | 89     |
| 4 (18)          | --              | 49              | --              | 167    | 75     | 114    | 85     | 123    | 137    | 171    | 135    | 93     | 81     | 141    | 79     |
| 5 (19)          | --              | 12              | --              | 52     | 51     | 75     | 34     | 62     | 66     | 59     | 49     | 46     | 43     | 52     | 41     |
| 6 (20)          | --              | 20              | --              | 109    | 72     | 117    | 44     | 95     | 94     | 81     | 81     | 83     | 38     | 45     | 54     |
| 7 (21)          | --              | 0               | --              | 49     | 49     | 76     | 73     | 70     | 86     | 95     | 95     | 70     | 63     | 68     | 92     |
| 8 (22)          | --              | 0               | --              | 56     | 56     | 78     | 79     | 88     | 82     | 66     | 69     | 31     | 48     | 44     | 64     |
| 9 (23)          | --              | 0               | --              | 46     | 63     | 87     | 80     | 90     | 57     | 44     | 37     | 27     | 31     | 59     | 46     |
| 10 (24)         | --              | 0               | --              | 1      | 1      | 6      | 2      | 4      | 7      | 17     | 26     | 24     | 12     | 4      | 12     |
| 11 (25)         | --              | 0               | --              | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 5      | 11     | 10     | 11     | 22     | 24     | 15     |
| 12 (26)         | --              | 0               | --              | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 2      | 12     | 14     | 18     | 28     | 7      | 12     |
| 13 (27)         | --              | 0               | --              | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 1      | 10     | 8      | 13     | 10     | 3      | 2      |
| 14 (28)         | --              | 0               | --              | 0      | 1      | 3      | 0      | 0      | 9      | 28     | 15     | 12     | 3      | 1      | 1      |
| 15 (29)         | --              | 0               | --              | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 2      | 0      | 0      |
| Total           | 289             | 296             | 299             | 866    | 671    | 938    | 610    | 813    | 802    | 829    | 746    | 568    | 536    | 613    | 647    |
| SD <sup>a</sup> | --              | --              | --              | 27.1   | 25.9   | 36.5   | 33.1   | 21.3   | 17.9   | 30.6   | 31.9   | 53.8   | 59.3   | 54.4   | 39.1   |
| <i>n</i>        | 1               | 1               | 1               | 3      | 5      | 5      | 5      | 4      | 4      | 5      | 5      | 5      | 4      | 5      | 5      |
| first survey    | -- <sup>b</sup> | -- <sup>b</sup> | -- <sup>b</sup> | 5 Jul  | 29 Jun | 30 Jun | 8 Jul  | 6 Jul  | 4 Jul  | 28 Jun | 4 Jul  | 27 Jun | 9 Jul  | 23 Jun | 25 Jun |
| last survey     | -- <sup>b</sup> | -- <sup>b</sup> | -- <sup>b</sup> | 27 Jul | 16 Jul | 18 Jul | 18 Jul | 20 Jul | 19 Jul | 18 Jul | 24 Jul | 20 Jul | 25 Jul | 18 Jul | 15 Jul |

<sup>a</sup> SD based on replicate counts of all plots, not the sum of the plot means as presented above.

<sup>b</sup> From Byrd (1978); figures are from single counts made early to mid-July 1974, 1975, and 1976.

Table 44. Red-legged kittiwake nest counts by sub-area at Middle Rock, Buldir Island, Alaska.

| Segment     | 1974     | 1975     | 1984      | 1988      | 1989      | 1990         | 1991      | 1992      | 1994         | 1996      | 1998     | 2001     | 2004      | 2005      | 2007      |
|-------------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| I           | 9        | 5        | 0         | --        | 0         | 0            | 0         | 0         | 0            | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0         | 2         | 0         |
| II          | 0        | 0        | 0         | --        | 0         | 0            | 0         | 0         | 1            | 0         | 0        | 2        | 0         | 0         | 0         |
| III         | 0        | 0        | 0         | --        | 0         | 0            | 0         | 0         | 2            | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0         |
| IV          | 0        | 0        | 0         | --        | 0         | 0            | 0         | 0         | 0            | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0         |
| V           | 1        | 2        | 1         | --        | 0         | 0            | 0         | 0         | 0            | 0         | 0        | 1        | 0         | 0         | 1         |
| VI          | 0        | 0        | 0         | --        | 0         | 0            | 0         | 0         | 0            | 1         | 9        | 0        | 0         | 0         | 5         |
| VII         | 0        | 0        | 0         | --        | 0         | 2            | 4         | 4         | 0            | 1         | 0        | 2        | 2         | 0         | 6         |
| Total       | 10       | 7        | 1         | --        | 0         | 2            | 4         | 4         | 3            | 2         | 9        | 5        | 2         | 2         | 12        |
| Survey date | 9<br>Aug | 4<br>Jun | 17<br>Jun | 19<br>Jul | 20<br>Jul | 19-26<br>Jul | 17<br>Jul | 26<br>Jul | 23-24<br>Jul | 22<br>Jul | 1<br>Jul | 6<br>Jul | 13<br>Jul | 25<br>Jul | 23<br>Jul |

Table 45. Red-legged kittiwake counts by sub-area at Middle Rock, Buldir Island, Alaska.

| Segment     | 1974     | 1975     | 1984      | 1988      | 1989      | 1990         | 1991      | 1992      | 1994         | 1996      | 1998     | 2001     | 2004      | 2005      | 2007      |
|-------------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| I           | --       | --       | --        | --        | 0         | 0            | 0         | 0         | 0            | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0         | 4         | 0         |
| II          | --       | --       | --        | --        | 0         | 0            | 0         | 0         | 0            | 0         | 0        | 2        | 0         | 0         | 0         |
| III         | --       | --       | --        | --        | 0         | 0            | 0         | 0         | 0            | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0         |
| IV          | --       | --       | --        | --        | 0         | 0            | 0         | 0         | 0            | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0         |
| V           | --       | --       | --        | --        | 3         | 0            | 0         | 0         | 0            | 0         | 5        | 1        | 0         | 0         | 2         |
| VI          | --       | --       | --        | --        | 0         | 0            | 0         | 0         | 0            | 1         | 13       | 0        | 0         | 3         | 23        |
| VII         | --       | --       | --        | --        | 4         | 3            | 8         | 4         | 0            | 3         | 0        | 4        | 6         | 0         | 20        |
| Total       | --       | --       | --        | --        | 7         | 3            | 8         | 4         | 0            | 4         | 18       | 7        | 6         | 7         | 45        |
| Survey date | 9<br>Aug | 4<br>Jun | 17<br>Jun | 19<br>Jul | 20<br>Jul | 19-26<br>Jul | 17<br>Jul | 26<br>Jul | 23-24<br>Jul | 22<br>Jul | 1<br>Jul | 6<br>Jul | 13<br>Jul | 25<br>Jul | 23<br>Jul |



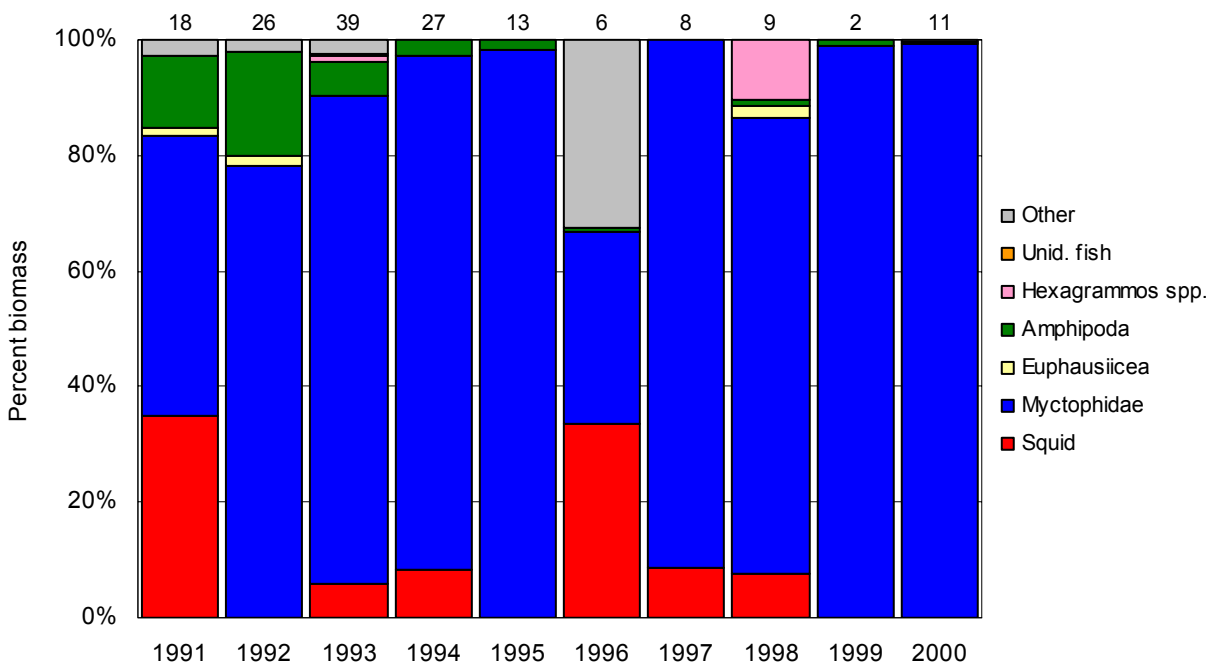


Figure 27. Relative biomass of prey in diets of red-legged kittiwakes at Buldir Island, Alaska. Numbers above columns indicate sample sizes.

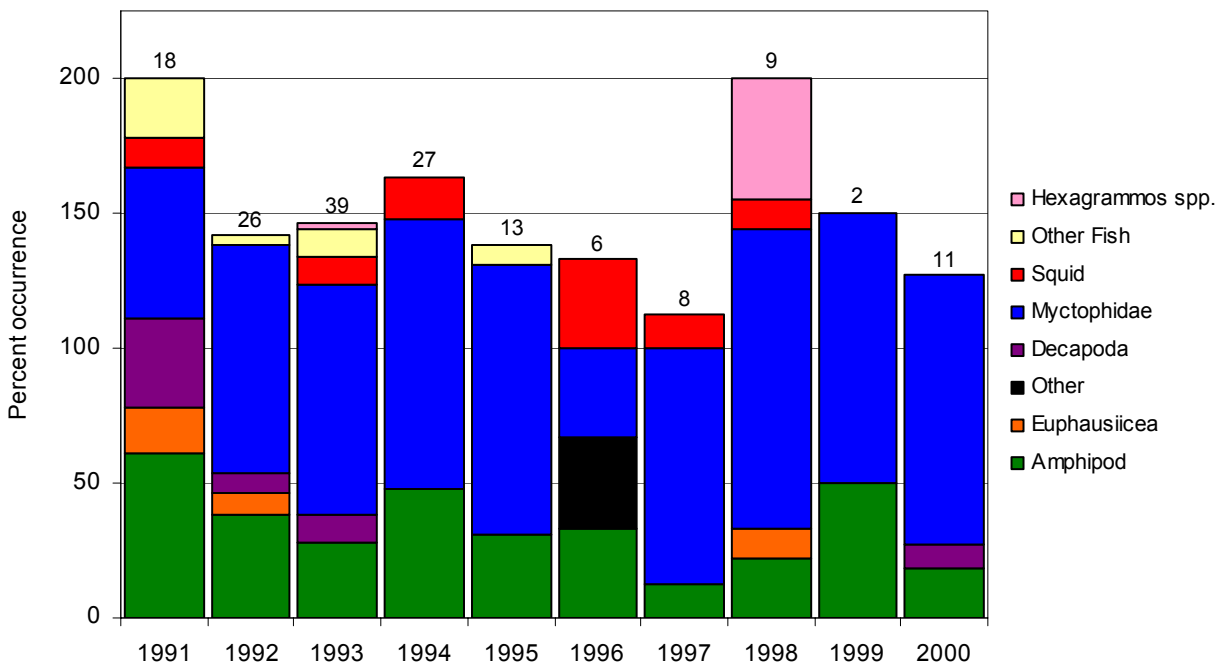


Figure 28. Frequency of occurrence of prey in diets of red-legged kittiwakes at Buldir Island, Alaska. Numbers above columns indicate sample sizes.

Table 46. Relative biomass of prey in diets of red-legged kittiwakes at Buldir Island, Alaska. Numbers represent the percentage of the mass of combined food samples comprised by each species.

|                                  | 1991  | 1992 | 1993  | 1994  | 1995  | 1996  | 1997  | 1998  | 1999 | 2000  |
|----------------------------------|-------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|
| No. samples                      | 18    | 26   | 39    | 27    | 13    | 6     | 8     | 9     | 2    | 11    |
| Total mass (g)                   | 171.5 | 47.9 | 189.8 | 389.3 | 145.5 | 136.6 | 174.4 | 238.9 | 57.0 | 127.0 |
| Cephalopoda - squid              | 35.0  | --   | 5.8   | 8.3   | --    | 33.7  | 8.6   | 7.5   | --   | --    |
| Amphipoda                        |       |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |
| Hyperiidea                       |       |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |
| <i>Parathemisto pacifica</i>     | --    | --   | --    | 0.2   | --    | --    | --    | --    | --   | --    |
| <i>Parathemisto</i> spp.         | --    | 3.3  | 0.6   | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --   | --    |
| Gammaridea                       |       |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |
| Lysianassidae                    | 9.6   | 10.4 | 5.0   | 2.4   | 1.7   | 0.8   | 0.1   | 0.8   | 0.9  | 0.5   |
| Unid. Amphipoda                  | 2.6   | 4.2  | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --   | --    |
| Euphausiacea                     |       |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |
| <i>Thysanoessa</i> spp.          | 1.5   | 2.0  | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --   | --    |
| Unid. euphausid                  | --    | --   | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | 2.1   | --   | --    |
| Decapoda - shrimp                | 2.9   | 2.1  | 1.1   | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --   | 0.4   |
| Fish                             |       |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |
| Osmeridae                        | --    | --   | 1.3   | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --   | --    |
| Myctophidae                      |       |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |
| <i>Stenobrachius leucopsarus</i> | --    | --   | 84.6  | --    | --    | --    | 91.3  | 69.0  | --   | --    |
| Unid. Myctophidae                | 48.3  | 78.0 |       | 89.0  | 98.3  | 32.9  | --    | 10.0  | 99.1 | 99.1  |
| <i>Hexagrammos</i> spp.          | --    | --   | 1.1   | --    | --    | --    | --    | 10.5  | --   | --    |
| Unid. fish                       | --    | --   | 0.5   | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --   | --    |
| Offal                            | --    | --   | --    | --    | --    | 32.6  | --    | --    | --   | --    |

Table 47. Frequency of occurrence of prey in diets of red-legged kittiwakes at Buldir Island, Alaska. Frequency is expressed as the percentage of food samples in which each species was present.

|                                    | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994  | 1995  | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999  | 2000  |
|------------------------------------|------|------|------|-------|-------|------|------|------|-------|-------|
| No. samples                        | 18   | 26   | 39   | 27    | 13    | 6    | 8    | 9    | 2     | 11    |
| Cephalopoda - squid                | 11.1 | --   | 10.3 | 14.8  | --    | 33.3 | 12.5 | 11.1 | --    | --    |
| Amphipoda                          |      |      |      |       |       |      |      |      |       |       |
| Hyperiidea                         |      |      |      |       |       |      |      |      |       |       |
| <i>Parathemisto pacifica</i>       | --   | --   | --   | 7.4   | --    | --   | --   | --   | --    | --    |
| <i>Parathemisto</i> spp.           | --   | 15.4 | 7.7  | --    | --    | --   | --   | --   | --    | --    |
| Gammaridea                         |      |      |      |       |       |      |      |      |       |       |
| Lysianassidae                      | 44.4 | 19.2 | 20.5 | 40.7  | 30.8  | 33.3 | 12.5 | 22.2 | 50.0  | 18.1  |
| Unid. Amphipoda                    | 16.7 | 3.8  | --   | --    | --    | --   | --   | --   | --    | --    |
| Euphausiacea                       |      |      |      |       |       |      |      |      |       |       |
| <i>Thysanoessa</i> spp.            | 16.7 | 7.7  | --   | --    | --    | --   | --   | --   | --    | --    |
| Unid. euphausid                    | --   | --   | --   | --    | --    | --   | --   | 11.1 | --    | --    |
| Decapoda - shrimp                  | 33.3 | 7.7  | 10.3 | --    | --    | --   | --   | --   | --    | 9.1   |
| Fish                               |      |      |      |       |       |      |      |      |       |       |
| Osmeridae                          | --   | --   | 2.6  | --    | --    | --   | --   | --   | --    | --    |
| Myctophidae                        |      |      |      |       |       |      |      |      |       |       |
| <i>Stenobrachius leucopsarus</i>   | --   | --   | 82.1 | --    | --    | --   | 87.5 | 88.9 | --    | --    |
| Myctophidae - not <i>S. leuco.</i> | --   | --   | 2.6  | --    | --    | --   | --   | 22.2 | --    | --    |
| Unid. Myctophidae                  | 55.6 | 84.6 | --   | 100.0 | 100.0 | 33.3 | --   | --   | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| <i>Ammodytes hexapterus</i>        | 5.6  | --   | --   | --    | --    | --   | --   | --   | --    | --    |
| <i>Hexagrammos</i> spp.            | --   | --   | 2.6  | --    | --    | --   | --   | 44.4 | --    | --    |
| Unid. fish                         | 16.7 | 3.8  | 10.3 | --    | 7.7   | --   | --   | --   | --    | --    |
| Offal                              | --   | --   | --   | --    | --    | 33.3 | --   | --   | --    | --    |

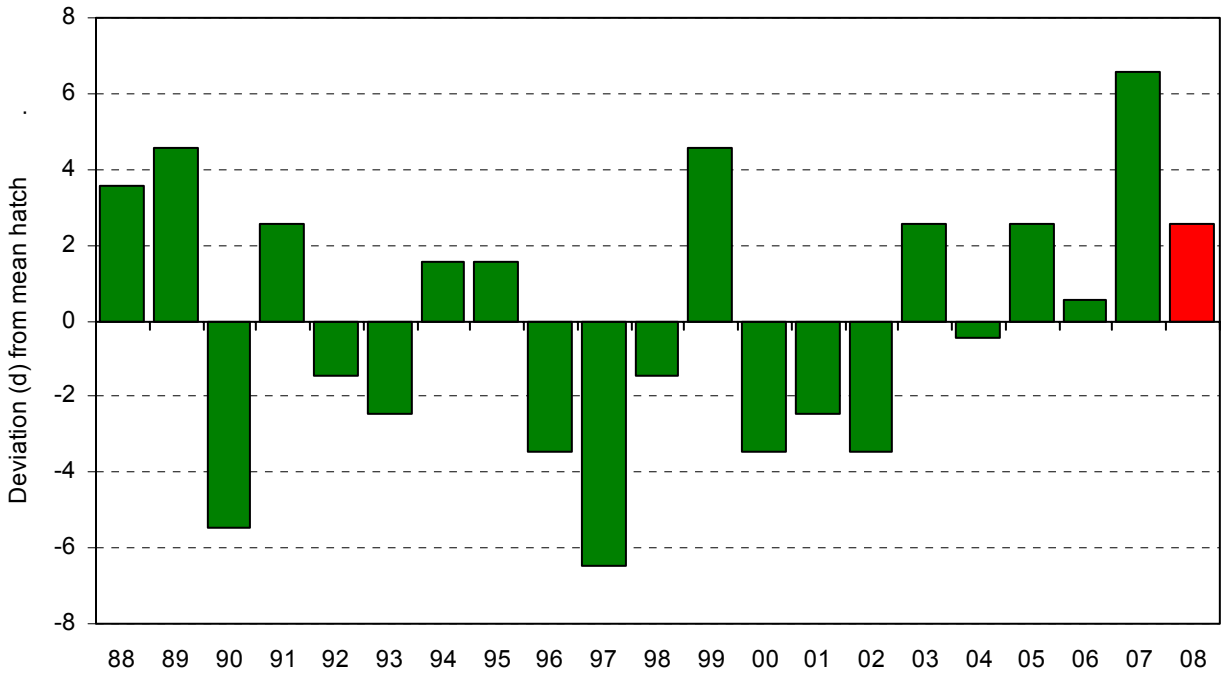


Figure 29. Yearly hatch date deviation (from the 1988-2007 average of 17 July) for thick-billed murres at Buldir Island, Alaska. Numbers below the mean indicate hatch dates earlier, positive numbers indicate hatch dates later.

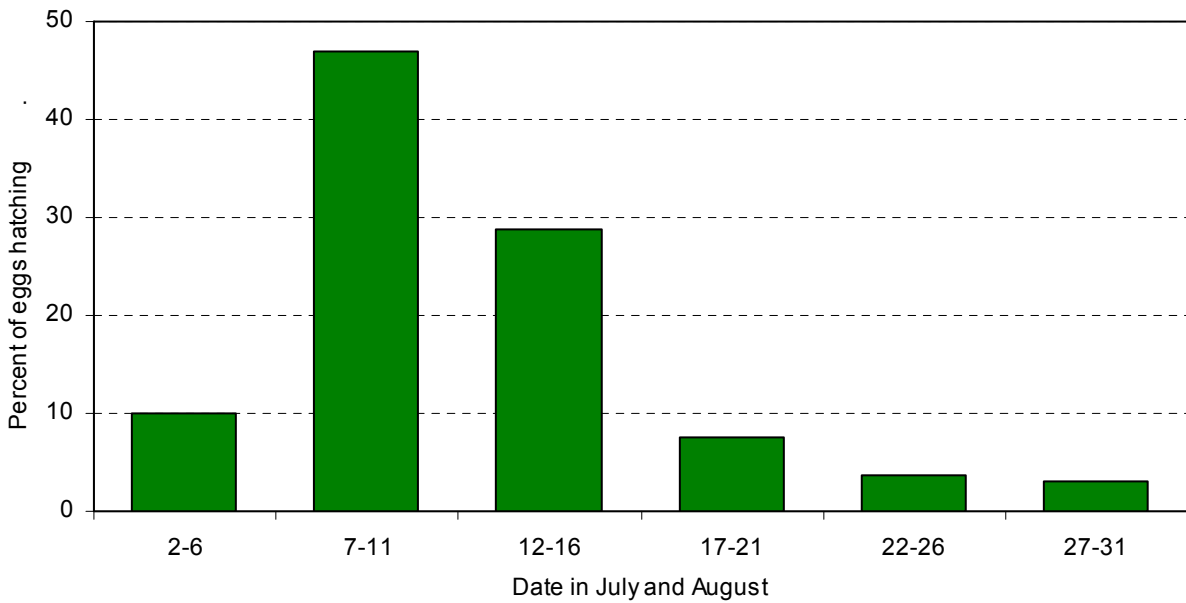


Figure 30. Hatching chronology of thick-billed murres at Buldir Island, Alaska in 2008 ( $n=99$ ).

Table 48. Breeding chronology dates for thick-billed murres at Buldir Island, Alaska.

| Year | mean hatch | SD  | <i>n</i> <sup>a</sup> | median hatch | no. nests monitored <sup>b</sup> | first lay | last lay | first hatch | last hatch | first jump | last jump |
|------|------------|-----|-----------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|-----------|----------|-------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| 1988 | 20 Jul     | 8.9 | 38                    | 17 Jul       | 363                              | 23 Jun    | 23 Jul   | 11 Jul      | 19 Aug     | 3 Aug      | 28 Aug    |
| 1989 | 22 Jul     | 6.1 | 42                    | 21 Jul       | 545                              | 14 Jun    | 22 Jul   | 14 Jul      | 10 Aug     | 2 Aug      | >16 Aug   |
| 1990 | 12 Jul     | 5.7 | 60                    | 13 Jul       | 473                              | 6 Jun     | 10 Jul   | 7 Jul       | 3 Aug      | 23 Jul     | >14 Aug   |
| 1991 | 20 Jul     | 4.4 | 195                   | 21 Jul       | 514                              | 14 Jun    | 19 Jul   | 15 Jul      | 27 Jul     | 3 Aug      | >13 Aug   |
| 1992 | 16 Jul     | 7.1 | 39                    | 14 Jul       | 345                              | 7 Jun     | 17 Jul   | 4 Jul       | 3 Aug      | 29 Jul     | >12 Aug   |
| 1993 | 15 Jul     | 5.5 | 89                    | 15 Jul       | 271                              | 14 Jun    | 12 Jul   | 5 Jul       | 31 Jul     | 24 Jul     | >15 Aug   |
| 1994 | 19 Jul     | 7.6 | 44                    | 19 Jul       | 385                              | 13 Jun    | 22 Jul   | 5 Jul       | 12 Aug     | 25 Jul     | 26 Aug    |
| 1995 | 19 Jul     | 5.0 | 178                   | 19 Jul       | 288                              | 8 Jun     | 13 Jul   | 11 Jul      | 10 Aug     | 28 Jul     | >17 Aug   |
| 1996 | 13 Jul     | 5.9 | 179                   | 14 Jul       | 308                              | 14 Jun    | 16 Jul   | 2 Jul       | 12 Aug     | 18 Jul     | 18 Aug    |
| 1997 | 11 Jul     | 5.7 | 182                   | 11 Jul       | 407                              | 12 Jun    | 18 Jul   | 2 Jul       | 11 Aug     | 27 Jul     | --        |
| 1998 | 16 Jul     | 5.6 | 56                    | 15 Jul       | 271                              | <14 Jun   | 15 Jul   | 5 Jul       | 13 Aug     | 20 Jul     | 21 Aug    |
| 1999 | 22 Jul     | 5.8 | 31                    | 21 Jul       | 269                              | <27 Jun   | 19 Jul   | 16 Jul      | 12 Aug     | 2 Aug      | >14 Aug   |
| 2000 | 15 Jul     | 6.5 | 263                   | 14 Jul       | 329                              | <14 Jun   | 6 Jul    | 3 Jul       | 7 Aug      | 19 Jul     | 21 Aug    |
| 2001 | 15 Jul     | 6.5 | 59                    | 13 Jul       | 181                              | <17 Jun   | 15 Jul   | 27 Jun      | 21 Aug     | 27 Jul     | 21 Aug    |
| 2002 | 13 Jul     | 5.2 | 50                    | 11 Jul       | 238                              | <6 Jun    | 7 Jul    | 8 Jul       | 9 Aug      | 28 Jul     | 26 Aug    |
| 2003 | 20 Jul     | 6.9 | 150                   | 19 Jul       | 316                              | <17 Jun   | 10 Jul   | 20 Jun      | 11 Aug     | 10 Jul     | >26 Aug   |
| 2004 | 20 Jul     | 6.6 | 97                    | 19 Jul       | 213                              | 11 Jun    | 29 Jul   | 9 Jul       | 11 Aug     | 29 Jul     | >24 Aug   |
| 2005 | 20 Jul     | 7.2 | 75                    | 20 Jul       | 286                              | <15 Jun   | 28 Jul   | 8 Jul       | 16 Aug     | 31 Jul     | 22 Aug    |
| 2006 | 18 Jul     | 6.1 | 160                   | 16 Jul       | 289                              | <13 Jun   | 28 Jul   | 7 Jul       | 4 Aug      | 31 Jul     | >22 Aug   |
| 2007 | 24 Jul     | 6.1 | 58                    | 21 Jul       | 249                              | <16 Jun   | 9 Jul    | 13 Jul      | 10 Aug     | 10 Aug     | >26 Aug   |
| 2008 | 19 Jul     | 6.1 | 99                    | 19 Jul       | 235                              | <15 Jun   | 10 Jul   | 8 Jul       | 6 Aug      | 31 Jul     | >23 Aug   |

<sup>a</sup> Sample size is for the calculation of mean and median hatch dates. These dates are a subsample for which we have observations  $\leq 7$  days apart from egg to chick.

<sup>b</sup> The total used for estimating the remaining parameters. These dates might contain observations  $> 7$  days apart or estimated event dates (e.g. "no egg" on first visit followed by "bird incubating" on the next visit).

Table 49. Frequency distribution of hatch dates for thick-billed murres at Buldir Island, Alaska.

| Julian   | No. nests hatching on Julian date |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|----------|-----------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Date     | 1988                              | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
| 183      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 3    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 184      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 5    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 185      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 2    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 186      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | 1    | 4    | 1    | --   | 1    | --   | 3    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 187      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 188      | --                                | --   | 25   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 2    | 16   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 2    | 1    | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   |
| 189      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 4    | --   | --   | 2    | 9    | --   | --   |
| 190      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 7    | --   | 59   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 2    | 3    | --   | --   | 2    |
| 191      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | 28   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | 17   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | 2    | --   | --   |
| 192      | 2                                 | --   | --   | --   | 11   | --   | --   | 10   | 3    | 73   | 12   | --   | --   | --   | 24   | --   | --   | 1    | 4    | --   | --   |
| 193      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 26   | --   | --   |
| 194      | 1                                 | --   | 11   | --   | --   | 1    | 2    | 1    | --   | 1    | --   | --   | 1    | --   | 2    | 33   | 22   | 4    | 4    | 2    | 4    |
| 195      | --                                | 1    | 7    | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | 5    | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | 1    | 10   | 1    | --   | 23   |
| 196      | 6                                 | --   | 1    | 3    | 13   | 38   | 7    | 45   | 60   | 49   | 29   | --   | 6    | --   | 10   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   |
| 197      | 7                                 | --   | 1    | 7    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 6    | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | 1    | 44   | --   | --   |
| 198      | 8                                 | 14   | 9    | 4    | --   | --   | --   | 3    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 3    | --   | --   | 7    | --   |
| 199      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | 5    | 1    | --   | 2    | 3    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 2    |
| 200      | --                                | 6    | 3    | --   | --   | --   | 17   | 65   | 38   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | 9    | 67   | 33   | 13   | --   | --   | 5    |
| 201      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | 5    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 3    | --   | 7    | --   | --   | --   | --   | 21   | --   | --   | 34   |
| 202      | 3                                 | --   | --   | 11   | --   | 10   | --   | 1    | 1    | 23   | --   | 17   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 46   | 23   | --   |
| 203      | --                                | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 3    | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 204      | 4                                 | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | 31   | 2    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | 1    | 18   | --   | 1    | --   | 2    |
| 205      | 2                                 | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 2    | --   | --   | --   |
| 206      | --                                | 16   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 4    | --   | --   | --   | 6    | --   | --   | --   | --   | 24   | --   | 12   | 11   | 1    | 8    |
| 207      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 14   | 10   |
| 208      | --                                | --   | --   | 8    | --   | 5    | --   | --   | 2    | 6    | --   | 3    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 209      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 8    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 2    | --   | --   |
| 210      | 1                                 | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | 2    | --   | --   | --   | 3    | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | 6    | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 211      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 2    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 212      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | 2    | --   | 2    | 1    | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 14   | --   | 2    | 4    | 6    | 1    |
| 213      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 5    |
| 214      | --                                | 2    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 5    | --   | --   | --   | 2    | --   | --   | --   | --   | 3    | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 215      | 1                                 | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 216      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | 4    | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 5    | 3    | --   |
| 217      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 2    | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 218      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 3    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 2    | --   | --   | --   | 1    |
| 219      | 1                                 | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 2    |
| 220      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 221      | --                                | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 222      | --                                | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | 1    | --   | 2    | --   |
| 223      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 4    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 224      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 225      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 226      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 227      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 228      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 2    | --   | --   | --   |
| 229      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 230      | 1                                 | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| <i>n</i> | 37                                | 42   | 60   | 33   | 39   | 89   | 44   | 178  | 175  | 179  | 56   | 31   | 36   | 0    | 50   | 150  | 95   | 75   | 160  | 58   | 99   |

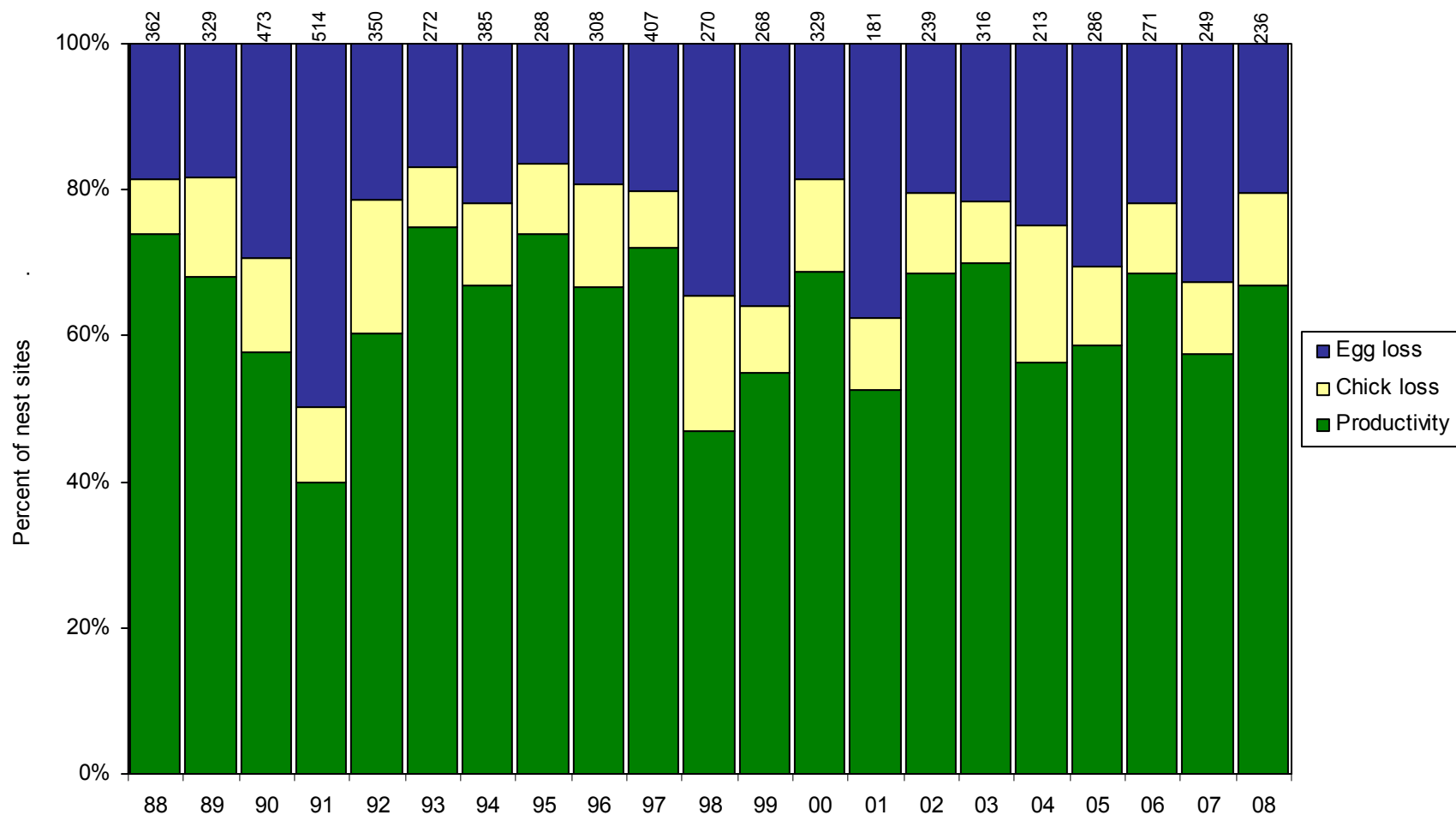


Figure 31. Reproductive performance of thick-billed murres at Buldir Island, Alaska. Egg Loss=(A-B)/A; Chick Loss=(B-C)/A; Productivity=C/A, where A=number nest sites, B=number of nest sites with a chick; C=number of nests sites with fledged chick. The number of known fate eggs monitored are given above each bar.

Table 50. Reproductive performance of thick-billed murres on index plots at Buldir Island, Alaska.

| Year | no. sites<br>w/ egg<br>(A) | no. sites<br>w/ chick<br>(B) | no. sites w/<br>fledged chick<br>(C) | hatching<br>success<br>(B/A) | fledging<br>success<br>(C/B) | reproductive<br>success<br>(C/A) |
|------|----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1988 | 362                        | 295                          | 268                                  | 0.80                         | 0.90                         | 0.73                             |
| 1989 | 329                        | 269                          | 224                                  | 0.82                         | 0.83                         | 0.68                             |
| 1990 | 473                        | 334                          | 273                                  | 0.82                         | 0.94                         | 0.76                             |
| 1991 | 514                        | 258                          | 205                                  | 0.79                         | 0.80                         | 0.64                             |
| 1992 | 350                        | 275                          | 211                                  | 0.79                         | 0.77                         | 0.60                             |
| 1993 | 272                        | 226                          | 204                                  | 0.83                         | 0.90                         | 0.75                             |
| 1994 | 385                        | 301                          | 258                                  | 0.78                         | 0.86                         | 0.67                             |
| 1995 | 288                        | 241                          | 213                                  | 0.84                         | 0.88                         | 0.74                             |
| 1996 | 308                        | 249                          | 205                                  | 0.81                         | 0.82                         | 0.67                             |
| 1997 | 407                        | 325                          | 293                                  | 0.80                         | 0.90                         | 0.72                             |
| 1998 | 270                        | 177                          | 127                                  | 0.65                         | 0.71                         | 0.47                             |
| 1999 | 268                        | 172                          | 147                                  | 0.64                         | 0.85                         | 0.55                             |
| 2000 | 329                        | 268                          | 226                                  | 0.81                         | 0.84                         | 0.69                             |
| 2001 | 181                        | 113                          | 95                                   | 0.62                         | 0.84                         | 0.52                             |
| 2002 | 239                        | 190                          | 164                                  | 0.79                         | 0.86                         | 0.69                             |
| 2003 | 316                        | 248                          | 221                                  | 0.78                         | 0.89                         | 0.70                             |
| 2004 | 213                        | 160                          | 120                                  | 0.75                         | 0.75                         | 0.56                             |
| 2005 | 286                        | 199                          | 168                                  | 0.70                         | 0.84                         | 0.59                             |
| 2006 | 271                        | 212                          | 186                                  | 0.78                         | 0.86                         | 0.67                             |
| 2007 | 249                        | 168                          | 143                                  | 0.67                         | 0.85                         | 0.57                             |
| 2008 | 235                        | 188                          | 158                                  | 0.80                         | 0.84                         | 0.67                             |



Table 51. Reproductive performance of thick-billed murres on index plots at Buldir Island, Alaska, in 2008.

| Parameter                            | Plot |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      | Total | n | mean | SD   |
|--------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|---|------|------|
|                                      | 36A  | 36B  | 37R  | 37L  | 39A  | 39B  | 40A  | 40B  | 45   |       |   |      |      |
| No. of sites with an egg (A)         | 13   | 19   | 27   | 23   | 23   | 19   | 31   | 58   | 22   | 235   |   |      |      |
| No. of sites with chick (B)          | 12   | 18   | 23   | 19   | 21   | 8    | 26   | 47   | 14   | 188   |   |      |      |
| No. of sites where chick fledged (C) | 11   | 14   | 19   | 19   | 21   | 6    | 18   | 38   | 12   | 158   |   |      |      |
| Hatching success (B/A)               | 0.92 | 0.95 | 0.85 | 0.83 | 0.91 | 0.42 | 0.84 | 0.81 | 0.64 | 0.80  | 9 | 0.80 | 0.17 |
| Fledging success (C/B)               | 0.92 | 0.78 | 0.83 | 1.0  | 1.0  | 0.75 | 0.69 | 0.81 | 0.86 | 0.84  | 9 | 0.85 | 0.11 |
| Reproductive success (C/A)           | 0.85 | 0.74 | 0.70 | 0.83 | 0.91 | 0.32 | 0.58 | 0.66 | 0.55 | 0.67  | 9 | 0.68 | 0.18 |

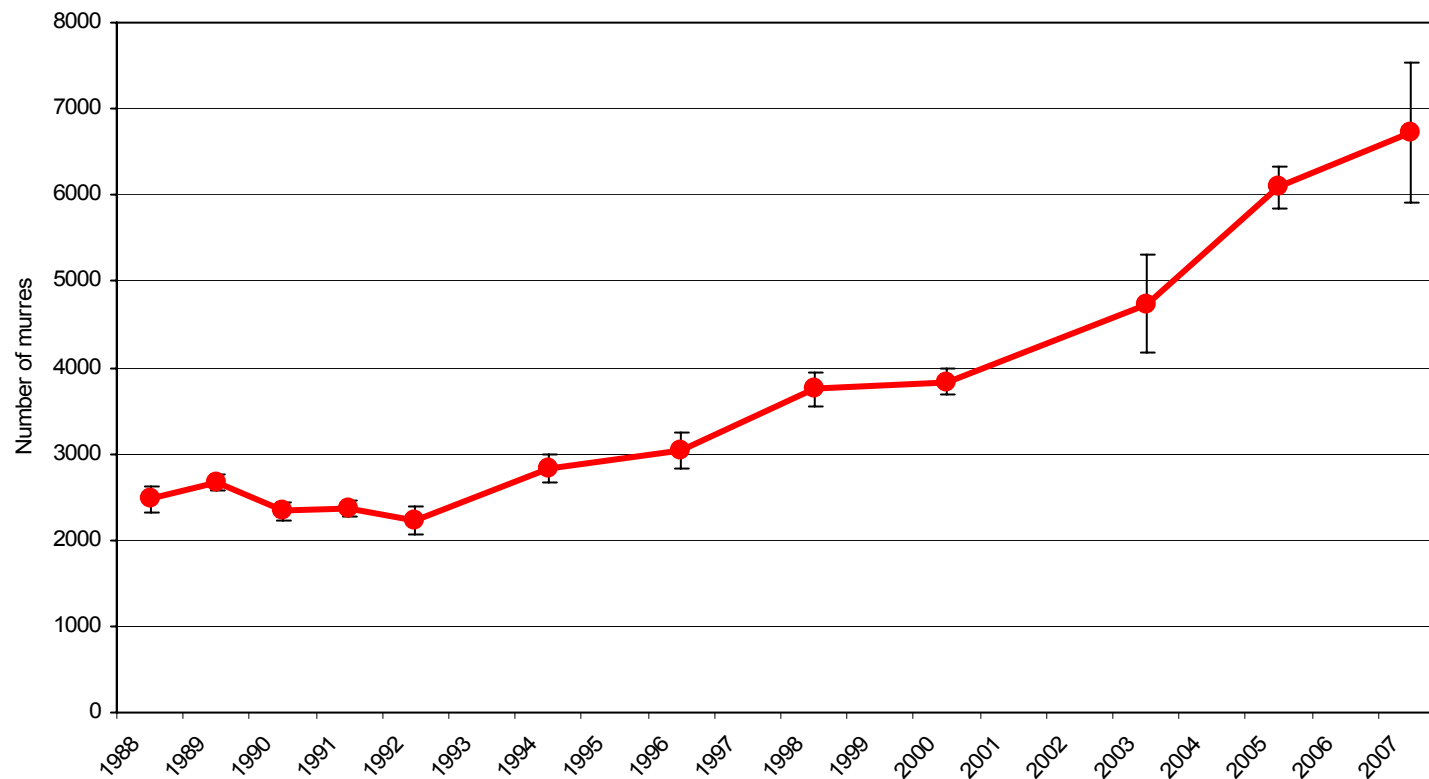


Figure 32. Counts of murre on index plots at Buldir Island, Alaska. Error bars represent the standard deviation of replicate counts in each year.

Table 52. Murre population counts at Buldir Island, Alaska (The Dip and Kittiwake Lane East & West combined).

| Count        | 1988   | 1989   | 1990   | 1991   | 1992   | 1994   | 1996   | 1998   | 2000   | 2003   | 2005   | 2007   |
|--------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 1            | 2224   | 2637   | 2306   | 2245   | 2127   | 3046   | 3177   | 3575   | 3787   | 4362   | 5768   | 5537   |
| 2            | 2487   | 2529   | 2379   | 2504   | 2195   | 2662   | 2863   | 3970   | 3791   | 4544   | 5958   | 6450   |
| 3            | 2602   | 2798   | 2488   | 2354   | 2476   | 2758   | 3064   | 3812   | 3704   | 4482   | 6397   | 6743   |
| 4            | 2464   | 2704   | 2237   | 2350   | 2135   | 2837   | 2775   | 3848   | 4086   | 5572   | 6075   | 7241   |
| 5            | 2577   | 2692   | 2254   | 2386   | --     | --     | 3283   | 3522   | 3796   | --     | 6268   | 7658   |
| mean         | 2470.8 | 2672.0 | 2332.8 | 2367.8 | 2233.3 | 2825.8 | 3032.4 | 3745.4 | 3832.8 | 4740.0 | 6093.2 | 6725.8 |
| <i>n</i>     | 5      | 5      | 5      | 5      | 4      | 4      | 5      | 5      | 5      | 4      | 5      | 5      |
| SD           | 149.8  | 98.7   | 102.9  | 92.8   | 164.7  | 163.3  | 211.9  | 190.0  | 146.5  | 559.8  | 248.6  | 809.9  |
| first survey | 5 Jul  | 26 Jun | 30 Jun | 4 Jul  | 3 Jul  | 3 Jul  | 27 Jun | 4 Jul  | 27 Jun | 9 Jul  | 23 Jun | 25 Jun |
| last survey  | 27 Jul | 16 Jul | 18 Jul | 19 Jul | 21 Jul | 19 Jul | 19 Jul | 24 Jul | 20 Jul | 25 Jul | 18 Jul | 15 Jul |

Table 53. Murre population counts on index plots at Buldir Island, Alaska in 2007.

| Plot (segment)                | Count |      |      |      |      | mean   | SD    | max. |
|-------------------------------|-------|------|------|------|------|--------|-------|------|
|                               | 1     | 2    | 3    | 4    | 5    |        |       |      |
| Spike (Dip)                   |       |      |      |      |      |        |       |      |
| 1                             | 0     | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0.0    | 0.0   | 0    |
| 2                             | 7     | 11   | 0    | 0    | 0    | 3.6    | 5.1   | 11   |
| 3                             | 155   | 183  | 181  | 159  | 198  | 175.2  | 17.9  | 198  |
| 4                             | 76    | 81   | 59   | 58   | 61   | 67.0   | 10.7  | 81   |
| 5                             | 129   | 151  | 151  | 151  | 166  | 149.6  | 13.2  | 166  |
| 6                             | 129   | 114  | 116  | 138  | 167  | 132.8  | 21.5  | 167  |
| 7                             | 137   | 125  | 136  | 111  | 139  | 129.6  | 11.7  | 139  |
| 8                             | 243   | 230  | 229  | 244  | 230  | 235.2  | 7.6   | 244  |
| 9                             | 0     | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0.0    | 0.0   | 0    |
| 10                            | 0     | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0.0    | 0.0   | 0    |
| 11                            | 104   | 145  | 134  | 123  | 137  | 128.6  | 15.9  | 145  |
| 12                            | 729   | 833  | 805  | 773  | 789  | 785.8  | 38.7  | 833  |
| 13                            | 190   | 235  | 205  | 260  | 242  | 226.4  | 28.4  | 260  |
| 14                            | 23    | 26   | 30   | 36   | 26   | 28.2   | 5.0   | 36   |
| A                             | 235   | 462  | 707  | 745  | 774  | 584.6  | 231.2 | 774  |
| B                             | 393   | 396  | 709  | 689  | 669  | 571.2  | 161.9 | 709  |
| C                             | 467   | 601  | 835  | 1082 | 1059 | 808.8  | 272.9 | 1082 |
| Total                         | 3017  | 3593 | 4297 | 4569 | 4657 | 4027   | 842   | 4845 |
| Kittiwake Lane                |       |      |      |      |      |        |       |      |
| 15(1)                         | 0     | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0.0    | 0.0   | 0    |
| 16(2)                         | 623   | 798  | 573  | 765  | 754  | 702.6  | 98.4  | 798  |
| 17(3)                         | 348   | 338  | 341  | 307  | 401  | 347.0  | 34.0  | 401  |
| 18(4)                         | 233   | 248  | 185  | 229  | 246  | 228.2  | 25.5  | 248  |
| 19(5)                         | 357   | 399  | 371  | 327  | 346  | 360.0  | 27.1  | 399  |
| 20(6)                         | 285   | 320  | 271  | 260  | 380  | 303.2  | 48.5  | 380  |
| 21(7)                         | 133   | 154  | 152  | 171  | 201  | 162.2  | 25.5  | 201  |
| 22(8)                         | 111   | 127  | 111  | 133  | 165  | 129.4  | 22.2  | 165  |
| 23(9)                         | 33    | 43   | 46   | 41   | 41   | 40.8   | 4.8   | 46   |
| 24(10)                        | 0     | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0.0    | 0.0   | 0    |
| 25(11)                        | 0     | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0.0    | 0.0   | 0    |
| 26(12)                        | 40    | 44   | 40   | 41   | 52   | 43.4   | 5.1   | 52   |
| 27(13)                        | 11    | 9    | 14   | 13   | 14   | 12.2   | 2.2   | 14   |
| 28(14)                        | 276   | 314  | 267  | 309  | 325  | 298.2  | 25.3  | 325  |
| 29(15)                        | 70    | 63   | 75   | 76   | 76   | 72.0   | 5.6   | 76   |
| KWLE <sup>a</sup>             | 1204  | 1384 | 1099 | 1301 | 1401 | 1277.8 | 126.9 | 1401 |
| KWLW                          | 1316  | 1473 | 1347 | 1371 | 1600 | 1421.4 | 115.9 | 1600 |
| KWL Total                     | 2520  | 2857 | 2446 | 2672 | 3001 | 2699.2 | 230.7 | 3001 |
| Index Plot Total <sup>b</sup> | 5537  | 6450 | 6743 | 7241 | 7658 | 6725.8 | 809.9 | 7658 |

<sup>a</sup> KWLE is Kittiwake Lane East (plots 15-18), KWLW is KWL West (plots 19-29).<sup>b</sup> Consists of all plots at The Dip and Kittiwake Lane combined.

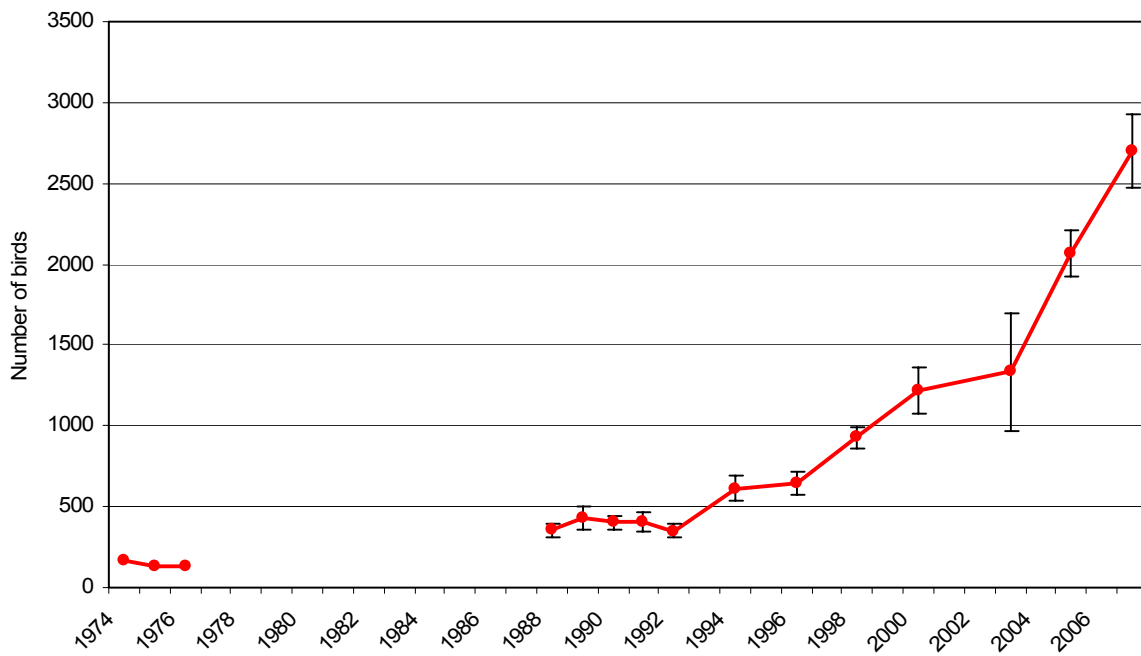


Figure 33. Counts of murre at Kittiwake lane, Buldir Island, Alaska. Error bars represent the standard deviation of replicate counts in each year.

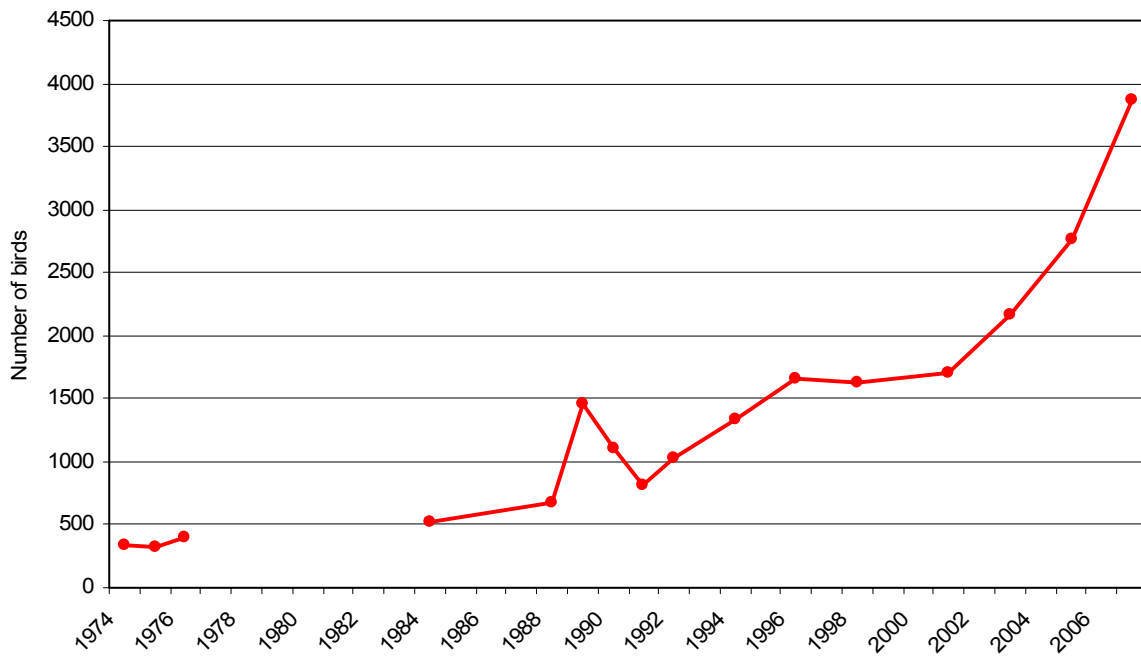


Figure 34. Counts of murre at Middle Rock, Buldir Island, Alaska. This area is not included in the island-wide index plot counts.

Table 54. Murre counts by sub-area at Kittiwake Lane (Slide Mountain Colony), Buldir Island, Alaska.

| Segment (Plot)  | 1974            | 1975            | 1976            | 1988   | 1989   | 1990   | 1991   | 1992   | 1994   | 1996   | 1998   | 2000   | 2003   | 2005   | 2007   |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 15 (1)          | --              | 20              | --              | 73     | 70     | 93     | 65     | 73     | 85     | 88     | 163    | 116    | 146    | 220    | 0      |
| 16 (2)          | --              | 43              | --              | 99     | 167    | 144    | 126    | 119    | 195    | 158    | 370    | 407    | 343    | 412    | 703    |
| 17 (3)          | --              | 37              | --              | 113    | 125    | 112    | 116    | 78     | 145    | 136    | 101    | 230    | 273    | 375    | 347    |
| 18 (4)          | --              | 35              | --              | 71     | 67     | 55     | 85     | 57     | 121    | 149    | 94     | 145    | 114    | 176    | 228    |
| 19 (5)          | --              | 0               | --              | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 31     | 81     | 119    | 211    | 360    |
| 20 (6)          | --              | 0               | --              | 0      | 0      | 0      | 13     | 22     | 42     | 46     | 88     | 135    | 99     | 181    | 303    |
| 21 (7)          | --              | 0               | --              | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 16     | 95     | 162    |
| 22 (8)          | --              | 0               | --              | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 11     | 94     | 129    |
| 23 (9)          | --              | 0               | --              | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 6      | 41     |
| 24(10)          | --              | 0               | --              | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      |
| 25(11)          | --              | 0               | --              | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      |
| 26(12)          | --              | 0               | --              | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 13     | 43     |
| 27(13)          | --              | 0               | --              | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 4      | 12     |
| 28(14)          | --              | 0               | --              | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 24     | 67     | 82     | 103    | 190    | 236    | 298    |
| 29(15)          | --              | 0               | --              | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 21     | 42     | 72     |
| Total           | 173             | 135             | 135             | 355    | 429    | 404    | 406    | 349    | 612    | 645    | 928    | 1217   | 1332   | 2066   | 2699   |
| SD <sup>a</sup> | --              | --              | --              | 38.5   | 76     | 40.3   | 56.4   | 43.0   | 79.0   | 66.3   | 62.3   | 140.9  | 366.5  | 139.0  | 230.7  |
| n               | 1               | 1               | 1               | 6      | 5      | 5      | 5      | 4      | 4      | 5      | 5      | 5      | 4      | 5      | 5      |
| first survey    | -- <sup>b</sup> | -- <sup>b</sup> | -- <sup>b</sup> | 5 Jul  | 29 Jun | 30 Jun | 8 Jul  | 6 Jul  | 4 Jul  | 28 Jun | 4 Jul  | 27 Jun | 9 Jul  | 23 Jun | 25 Jun |
| last survey     | -- <sup>b</sup> | -- <sup>b</sup> | -- <sup>b</sup> | 27 Jul | 16 Jul | 18 Jul | 18 Jul | 20 Jul | 19 Jul | 18 Jul | 24 Jul | 20 Jul | 25 Jul | 18 Jul | 15 Jul |

<sup>a</sup> SD based on replicate counts of all plots, not the sum of the plot means as presented above.

<sup>b</sup> From Byrd (1978); figures are from single counts made early to mid-July 1974, 1975, and 1976.

Table 55. Murre counts by sub-area at Middle Rock, Buldir Island, Alaska.

| Segment     | 1974             | 1975     | 1976             | 1984             | 1988             | 1989      | 1990         | 1991      | 1992      | 1994         | 1996      | 1998     | 2001     | 2004      | 2005      | 2007      |
|-------------|------------------|----------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| I           | --               | 170      | --               | 208 <sup>a</sup> | 147 <sup>b</sup> | 306       | 194          | 170       | 241       | 309          | 398       | 307      | 266      | 476       | 530       | 881       |
| II          | --               | 70       | --               | 69               | 74               | 133       | 85           | 51        | 63        | 115          | 155       | 132      | 244      | 283       | 522       | 355       |
| III         | --               | 10       | --               | 69               | 47               | 34        | 37           | 0         | 24        | 46           | 20        | 61       | 42       | 31        | 46        | 141       |
| IV          | --               | 0        | --               | 149              | 28               | 111       | 104          | 39        | 62        | 253          | 188       | 196      | 184      | 162       | 249       | 549       |
| V           | --               | 65       | --               | 23               | 0                | 72        | 58           | 34        | 56        | 42           | 172       | 129      | 146      | 282       | 293       | 355       |
| VI          | --               | 0        | --               | 0                | 44               | 69        | 56           | 65        | 67        | 82           | 89        | 102      | 120      | 114       | 148       | 229       |
| VII         | --               | 0        | --               | 0                | 341              | 740       | 566          | 456       | 520       | 485          | 641       | 697      | 701      | 823       | 979       | 1354      |
| Total       | 340 <sup>c</sup> | 315      | 405 <sup>d</sup> | 518              | 681              | 1465      | 1100         | 815       | 1033      | 1332         | 1663      | 1624     | 1703     | 2171      | 2767      | 3864      |
| survey date | 9<br>Aug         | 4<br>Jun | 19<br>Jul        | 17<br>Jun        | 19<br>Jul        | 20<br>Jul | 19-26<br>Jul | 17<br>Jul | 26<br>Jul | 23-24<br>Jul | 22<br>Jul | 1<br>Jul | 6<br>Jul | 13<br>Jul | 25<br>Jul | 23<br>Jul |

<sup>a</sup> In addition 31 common murrelets observed in segment I.

<sup>b</sup> In addition 35 common murrelets observed in segment I.

<sup>c</sup> In addition, 22 common murrelets were observed.

<sup>d</sup> In addition, 28 common murrelets were observed.

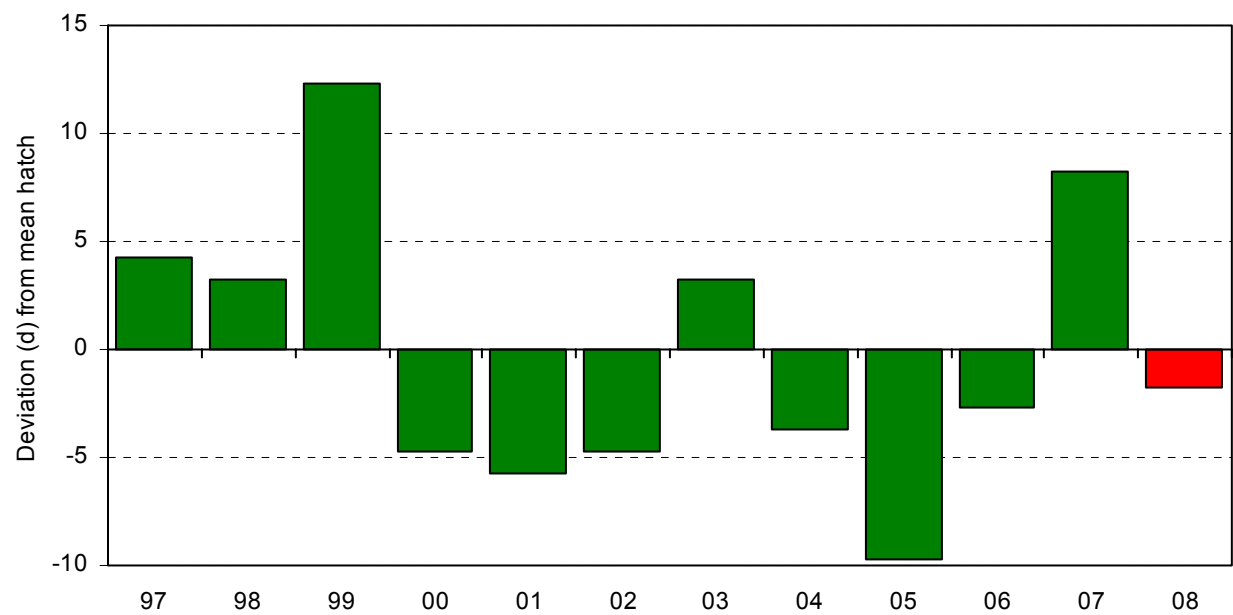


Figure 35. Yearly hatch date deviation (from the 1997-2007 average of 17 July) for common murrelets at Buldir Island, Alaska. Numbers below the mean indicate hatch dates earlier, positive numbers indicate hatch dates later.



Table 56. Breeding chronology dates for common murre at Buldir Island, Alaska.

| Year | mean hatch | SD   | <i>n</i> <sup>a</sup> | median hatch | mean jump | SD   | <i>n</i> <sup>a</sup> | median jump | no. nests monitored <sup>b</sup> | first hatch | last hatch | first jump | last jump |
|------|------------|------|-----------------------|--------------|-----------|------|-----------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|-------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| 1997 | 22-Jul     | 13.3 | 8                     | 18-Jul       | 6-Aug     | 6.4  | 11                    | 11-Aug      | 18                               | 11-Jul      | 6-Aug      | 6-Aug      | 16-Aug    |
| 1998 | 21-Jul     | 9.5  | 4                     | 18-Jul       | 16-Aug    | 6    | 6                     | 17-Aug      | 11                               | 15-Jul      | 4-Aug      | 4-Aug      | 19-Aug    |
| 1999 | 30-Jul     | 4.2  | 2                     | --           | --        | --   | --                    | >14 Aug     | 8                                | 27-Jul      | 2-Aug      | >14 Aug    | >14 Aug   |
| 2000 | 14-Jul     | 7.8  | 15                    | 9-Jul        | 6-Aug     | 10.6 | 12                    | 7-Aug       | 22                               | 6-Jul       | 2-Aug      | 24-Jul     | 21-Aug    |
| 2001 | 12-Jul     | 1.7  | 3                     | 13-Jul       | 9-Aug     | 5    | 3                     | 6-Aug       | 7                                | 10-Jul      | 13-Jul     | 6-Aug      | 15-Aug    |
| 2002 | 13-Jul     | 5.1  | 7                     | 11-Jul       | 3-Aug     | 6.5  | 5                     | 5-Aug       | 10                               | 7-Jul       | 23-Jul     | 23-Jul     | 9-Aug     |
| 2003 | 21-Jul     | 8.3  | 7                     | 19-Jul       | 13-Aug    | 6.1  | 6                     | 11-Aug      | 15                               | 13-Jul      | 31-Jul     | 6-Aug      | 24-Aug    |
| 2004 | 15-Jul     | 3.1  | 6                     | 13-Jul       | 3-Aug     | 8.1  | 3                     | 29-Jul      | 16                               | 13-Jul      | 2-Aug      | 29-Jul     | 22-Aug    |
| 2005 | 8-Jul      | --   | 1                     | 8-Jul        | 16-Aug    | --   | 1                     | 16-Aug      | 8                                | 8-Jul       | 19-Jul     | 25-Jul     | 16-Aug    |
| 2006 | 15-Jul     | 5.8  | 5                     | 12-Jul       | 5-Aug     | 7.1  | 2                     | 10-Aug      | 16                               | 11-Jul      | 25-Jul     | 31-Jul     | 14-Aug    |
| 2007 | 26-Jul     | 12.7 | 2                     | 26-Jul       | 13-Aug    | 2.9  | 3                     | 15-Aug      | 10                               | 17-Jul      | 4-Aug      | 10-Aug     | 10-Aug    |
| 2008 | 17-Jul     | --   | 1                     | 17-Jul       | 8-Aug     | 3.4  | 4                     | 9-Aug       | 7                                | 12-Jul      | 18-Jul     | 30-Jul     | 13-Aug    |

<sup>a</sup> Sample size is for the calculation of mean and median hatch and jump dates. These dates are a subsample for which we have observations  $\leq 7$  days apart from egg to chick or chick to nothing.

<sup>b</sup> The total used for estimating the remaining parameters. These dates might contain observations  $> 7$  days apart or estimated event dates (e.g. "no egg" on first visit followed by "bird incubating" on the next visit).

Table 57. Frequency distribution of hatch dates for common murrelets at Buldir Island, Alaska.

| Julian   | No. nests hatching on Julian date |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|----------|-----------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Date     | 1995                              | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
| 188      | --                                | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 189      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   |
| 190      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 191      | --                                | --   | --   | 8    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 192      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 193      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 4    | --   | --   |
| 194      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | 3    | 4    | --   | --   | --   | 2    |
| 195      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 196      | 1                                 | 2    | --   | 2    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 197      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 198      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   |
| 199      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    |
| 200      | 1                                 | --   | --   | --   | 1    | 2    | --   | --   | --   | 1    |
| 201      | --                                | 1    | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 202      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 203      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 204      | 1                                 | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 205      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 206      | --                                | 1    | --   | 2    | 1    | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   |
| 207      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 208      | --                                | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 209      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 210      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 211      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 212      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | 2    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 213      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 214      | --                                | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 215      | --                                | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 216      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   |
| <i>n</i> | 3                                 | 4    | 2    | 15   | 7    | 6    | 1    | 5    | 2    | 4    |

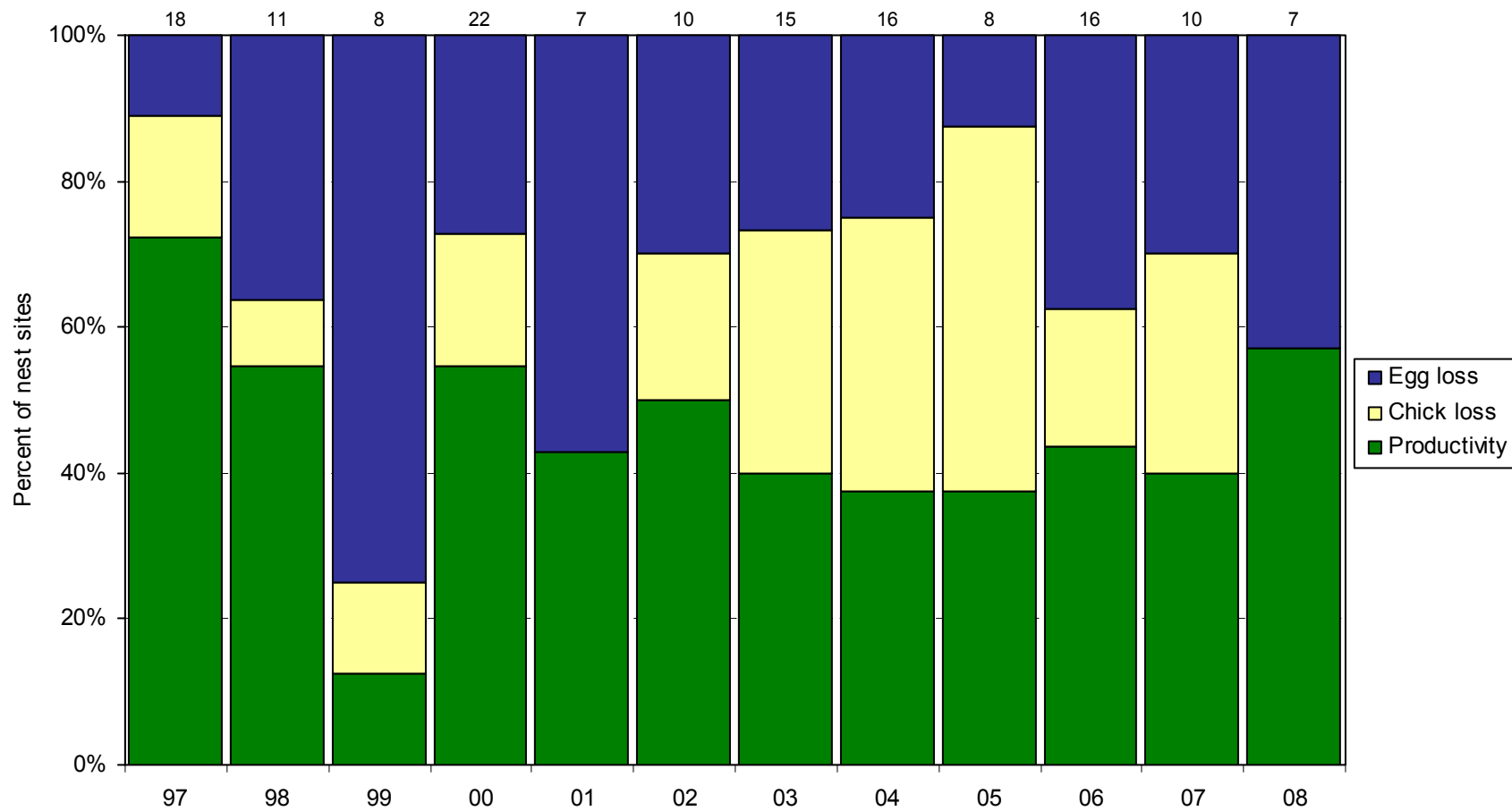


Figure 36. Reproductive performance of common murres at Buldir Island, Alaska. Egg Loss= $(A-B)/A$ ; Chick Loss= $(B-C)/A$ ; Productivity= $C/A$ , where A=number nest sites, B=number of nest sites with a chick; C=number of nests sites with fledged chick. The number of known fate eggs monitored are given above each bar.

Table 58. Reproductive performance of common murrelets at Buldir Island, Alaska.

| Parameter                           | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
|-------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| No. sites w/<br>egg (A)             | 18   | 11   | 8    | 22   | 7    | 10   | 15   | 16   | 8    | 16   | 10   | 7    |
| No. sites w/<br>chick (B)           | 16   | 7    | 2    | 16   | 3    | 7    | 11   | 12   | 7    | 10   | 7    | 4    |
| Sites where<br>chick<br>fledged (C) | 13   | 6    | 1    | 12   | 3    | 5    | 6    | 6    | 3    | 7    | 4    | 4    |
| Hatching<br>success (B/A)           | 0.89 | 0.64 | 0.25 | 0.73 | 0.43 | 0.7  | 0.73 | 0.75 | 0.88 | 0.63 | 0.7  | 0.57 |
| Fledging<br>success (C/B)           | 0.81 | 0.86 | 0.5  | 0.75 | 1.0  | 0.71 | 0.55 | 0.5  | 0.43 | 0.7  | 0.57 | 1.0  |
| Reproductive<br>success (C/A)       | 0.72 | 0.55 | 0.13 | 0.55 | 0.43 | 0.5  | 0.4  | 0.38 | 0.38 | 0.44 | 0.4  | 0.57 |

Table 59. Counts of pigeon guillemots at Buldir Island, Alaska.

| Coastline<br>section | 1972 <sup>a</sup> | 1979      | 1997     | 1998      | 1999     | 2000      | 2001     | 2002     | 2005 <sup>b</sup> | 2006     | 2007     | 2008     |
|----------------------|-------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|-------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| A-B                  | --                | 15        | 13       | 8         | 18       | 5         | 11       | 9        | 5                 | 1        | 6        | 4        |
| B-C                  | --                | 9         | 10       | 3         | 15       | 4         | 4        | 15       | 4                 | 1        | 19       | 1        |
| C-D                  | --                | 19        | 1        | 6         | 11       | 5         | 7        | 3        | -                 | 7        | 6        | 2        |
| D-E                  | --                | 8         | 11       | 8         | 9        | 2         | 7        | 9        | -                 | 0        | 6        | 1        |
| E-F                  | --                | 8         | 20       | 6         | 4        | 6         | 7        | 14       | -                 | 9        | 5        | 10       |
| F-A                  | --                | 14        | 12       | 5         | 18       | 7         | 6        | 14       | 3 <sup>c</sup>    | 7        | 11       | 3        |
| Total                | 60                | 73        | 67       | 36        | 75       | 29        | 42       | 64       | 12                | 25       | 43       | 21       |
| Date                 |                   | 24<br>Jun | 3<br>Jun | 13<br>Jun | 1<br>Jul | 20<br>Jun | 5<br>Jun | 2<br>Jul | 10<br>Jun         | 7<br>Jun | 2<br>Jun | 3<br>Jun |

<sup>a</sup> Boat count conducted by Byrd (1972) 7 July 1972 on south side of island (50 individuals). Approximately 10 individuals were counted along the north shore 30 June - 8 July 1972.

<sup>b</sup> Circumnavigation not completed due to technical difficulties.

<sup>c</sup> Surveyed only from the beginning of section A to Bull Point.

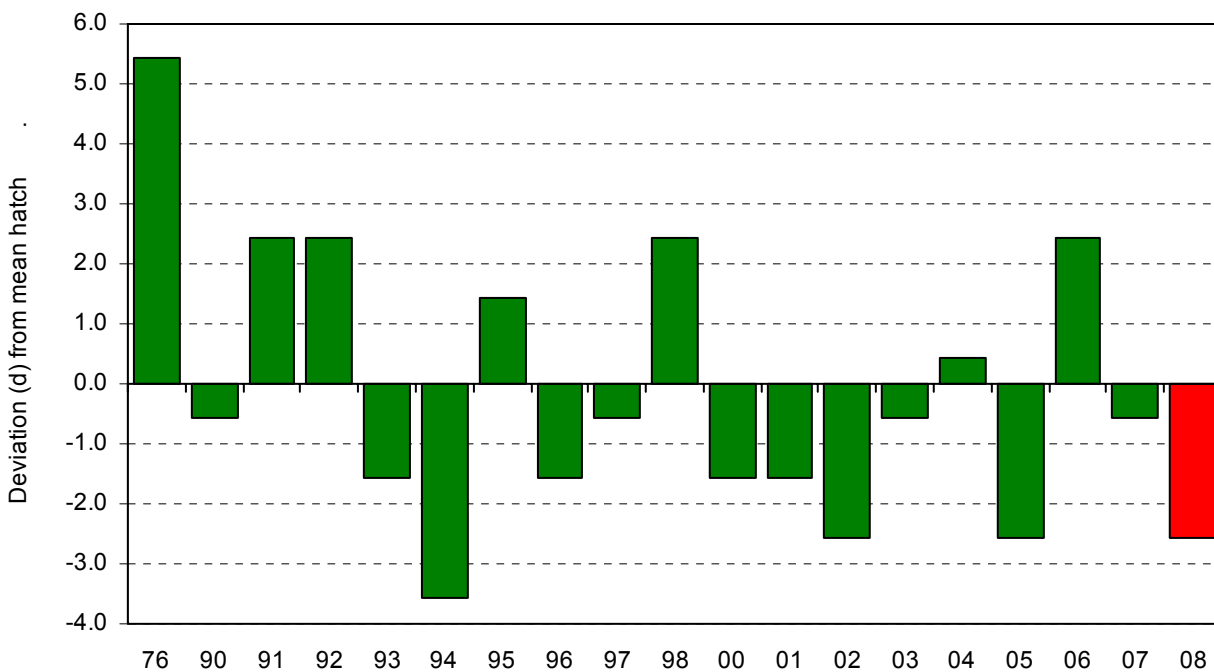


Figure 37. Yearly hatch date deviation (from the average of 28 June, excluding 2008) for least auklets at Buldir Island, Alaska. Numbers below the mean indicate hatch dates earlier, positive numbers indicate hatch dates later.

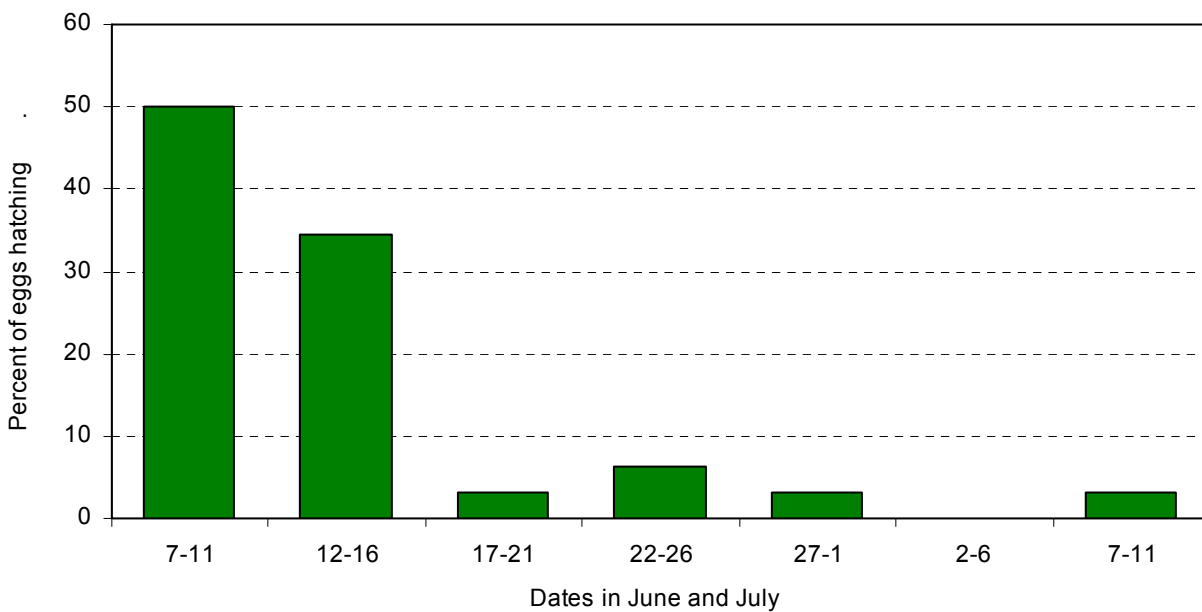


Figure 38. Hatching chronology of least auklets at Buldir Island, Alaska in 2008 ( $n=31$ ).

Table 60. Breeding chronology dates for least auklets at Buldir Island, Alaska.

| Year              | mean hatch | SD            | $n^b$ | median hatch | mean fledge | SD  | $n^c$ | median fledge | no. nests monitored <sup>d</sup> | first hatch | last hatch | first fledge | last fledge |
|-------------------|------------|---------------|-------|--------------|-------------|-----|-------|---------------|----------------------------------|-------------|------------|--------------|-------------|
| 1976 <sup>a</sup> | 2 Jul      | 3.6           | 15    | 2 Jul        | --          | --  | --    | --            | 15                               | 27 Jun      | 10 Jun     | --           | --          |
| 1990              | 27 Jun     | 6.3           | 10    | 1 Jul        | --          | --  | 23    | 28 Jul        | 61                               | 21 Jun      | 9 Jul      | 19 Jul       | >1 Aug      |
| 1991              | 30 Jun     | 3.4           | 9     | 3 Jul        | --          | --  | 50    | 1 Aug         | 81                               | 21 Jun      | 12 Jul     | 25 Jul       | 6 Aug       |
| 1992              | 29 Jun     | 8.0           | 12    | 23 Jun       | --          | --  | 43    | 26 Jul        | 89                               | 16 Jun      | 13 Jun     | 13 Jul       | 5 Aug       |
| 1993              | 26 Jun     | 5.3           | 8     | 24 Jun       | 25 Jul      | 4.0 | 22    | 27 Jul        | 44                               | 16 Jun      | 9 Jul      | 19 Jul       | 27 Jul      |
| 1994              | 24 Jun     | 4.3           | 26    | 24 Jun       | 21 Jul      | 5.1 | 26    | 23 Jul        | 64                               | 19 Jun      | 15 Jul     | 15 Jul       | 1 Aug       |
| 1995              | 29 Jun     | 5.2           | 49    | 26 Jun       | 29 Jul      | 5.2 | 45    | 30 Jul        | 64                               | 21 Jun      | 15 Jul     | 21 Jul       | 10 Aug      |
| 1996              | 25 Jun     | 6.5           | 23    | 22 Jun       | 25 Jul      | 5.7 | 34    | 26 Jul        | 57                               | 16 Jun      | 12 Jul     | 12 Jul       | 1 Aug       |
| 1997              | 27 Jun     | 5.1           | 35    | 25 Jun       | 27 Jul      | 5.3 | 50    | 29 Jul        | 84                               | 20 Jun      | 15 Jul     | 16 Jul       | 8 Aug       |
| 1998              | 30 Jun     | 5.5           | 44    | 29 Jun       | 28 Jul      | 5.3 | 34    | 29 Jul        | 76                               | 19 Jun      | 9 Jul      | 19 Jul       | 8 Aug       |
| 1999              | --         | not monitored |       | --           | --          | --  | --    | --            | --                               | 26 Jun      | --         | 27 Jul       | 14 Aug      |
| 2000              | 25 Jun     | 7.2           | 30    | 23 Jun       | 25 Jul      | 4.8 | 33    | 22 Jul        | 69                               | 18 Jun      | 8 Jul      | 17 Jul       | 1 Aug       |
| 2001              | 26 Jun     | 5.0           | 20    | 29 Jun       | 27 Jul      | 4.7 | 34    | 29 Jul        | 65                               | 21 Jun      | 3 Jul      | 20 Jul       | 8 Aug       |
| 2002              | 25 Jun     | 5.0           | 13    | 27 Jun       | 25 Jul      | 4.9 | 30    | 27 Jul        | 50                               | 17 Jun      | 10 Jul     | 14 Jul       | 8 Aug       |
| 2003              | 27 Jun     | 5.3           | 14    | 26 Jun       | 26 Jul      | 3.9 | 28    | 27 Jul        | 83                               | 13 Jun      | 9 Jul      | 21 Jul       | 1 Aug       |
| 2004              | 28 Jun     | 3.2           | 22    | 27 Jun       | 27 Jul      | 2.9 | 18    | 27 Jul        | 81                               | 19 Jun      | 9 Jul      | 23 Jul       | 5 Aug       |
| 2005              | 25 Jun     | 5.8           | 33    | 25 Jun       | 24 Jul      | 5.6 | 40    | 21 Jul        | 73                               | 11 Jun      | 11 Jul     | 16 Jul       | 6 Aug       |
| 2006              | 30 Jun     | 5.3           | 34    | 27 Jun       | 29 Jul      | 6.5 | 63    | 27 Jul        | 101                              | 18 Jun      | 11 Jul     | 16 Jul       | 16 Aug      |
| 2007              | 27 Jun     | 7.8           | 24    | 25 Jun       | 24 Jul      | 4.2 | 24    | 23 Jul        | 68                               | 15 Jun      | 18 Jul     | 14 Jul       | 2 Aug       |
| 2008              | 24 Jun     | 6.5           | 31    | 23 Jun       | 24 Jul      | 6.0 | 47    | 23 Jul        | 67                               | 20 Jun      | 17 Jul     | 17 Jul       | 16 Aug      |

<sup>a</sup> Hatch dates in 1976 were assumed to be the midpoint of the interval reported in Knudtson and Byrd (1982).

<sup>b</sup> Sample size is for the calculation of mean and median hatch dates. These dates are a subsample for which we have observations  $\leq 7$  day from egg to chick in all years except 1990 when  $\leq 10$  days egg to chick.

<sup>c</sup> Sample size is for the calculation of mean and median fledge dates.

<sup>d</sup> The total used for estimating the remaining parameters. These dates might contain observations  $> 7$  days, but less than 10 days apart or estimated event dates (e.g. "bird incubating" on first visit followed by "chick" on the next visit).

Table 61. Frequency distribution of hatch dates for least auklets at Buldir Island, Alaska. Intervals from egg to chick  $\leq 7$  days for all years except 1990 when  $\leq 10$  days. Data were not collected in 1999.

| Julian<br>Date | No. nests hatching on Julian date |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
|                | 1988                              | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
| 166            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 167            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 2    | --   | --   | --   |
| 168            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 3    | --   | --   | --   | --   | 2    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 169            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | 1    | --   | --   |
| 170            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | 6    | --   | --   | --   | 2    | 6    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 171            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 5    | --   | --   | --   |
| 172            | --                                | 4    | --   | --   | --   | --   | 3    | --   | 7    | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 9    | 16   |
| 173            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 11   | --   | --   | 2    | 2    | --   | --   | --   |
| 174            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | 12   | --   | 9    | 2    | --   | 4    | 7    | --   | --   | 4    | 1    | --   |
| 175            | --                                | --   | --   | 7    | 7    | 15   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | 8    | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | 1    |
| 176            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 13   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 13   | --   | 6    | 10   |
| 177            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 27   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 178            | --                                | --   | 4    | --   | --   | 2    | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | 5    | --   | 13   | --   | 13   | --   | --   |
| 179            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 5    | 7    | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   |
| 180            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | 1    | 4    | 1    | 19   | --   | --   | --   | 4    | --   | 3    | --   | --   | --   |
| 181            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 182            | 3                                 | 5    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 8    | 1    | --   | --   | 1    | --   | 5    | --   | 7    | 4    | 1    |
| 183            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 184            | --                                | --   | 4    | --   | --   | --   | 11   | --   | 1    | 1    | 5    | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 185            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 2    | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    |
| 186            | --                                | --   | 2    | --   | --   | --   | --   | 3    | 3    | 6    | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | 4    | 6    | 1    | --   |
| 187            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    |
| 188            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 189            | --                                | --   | --   | 4    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   |
| 190            | --                                | 1    | --   | --   | 1    | 1    | 4    | --   | --   | 5    | 1    | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 191            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   |
| 192            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | 2    | --   | --   |
| 193            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    |
| 194            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 195            | --                                | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   |
| 196            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 197            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 198            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 199            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | 1    |
| 200            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 201            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 202            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 203            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 204            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 205            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| <i>n</i>       | 3                                 | 10   | 10   | 12   | 8    | 26   | 49   | 23   | 35   | 44   | 30   | 20   | 13   | 14   | 22   | 33   | 34   | 24   | 32   |

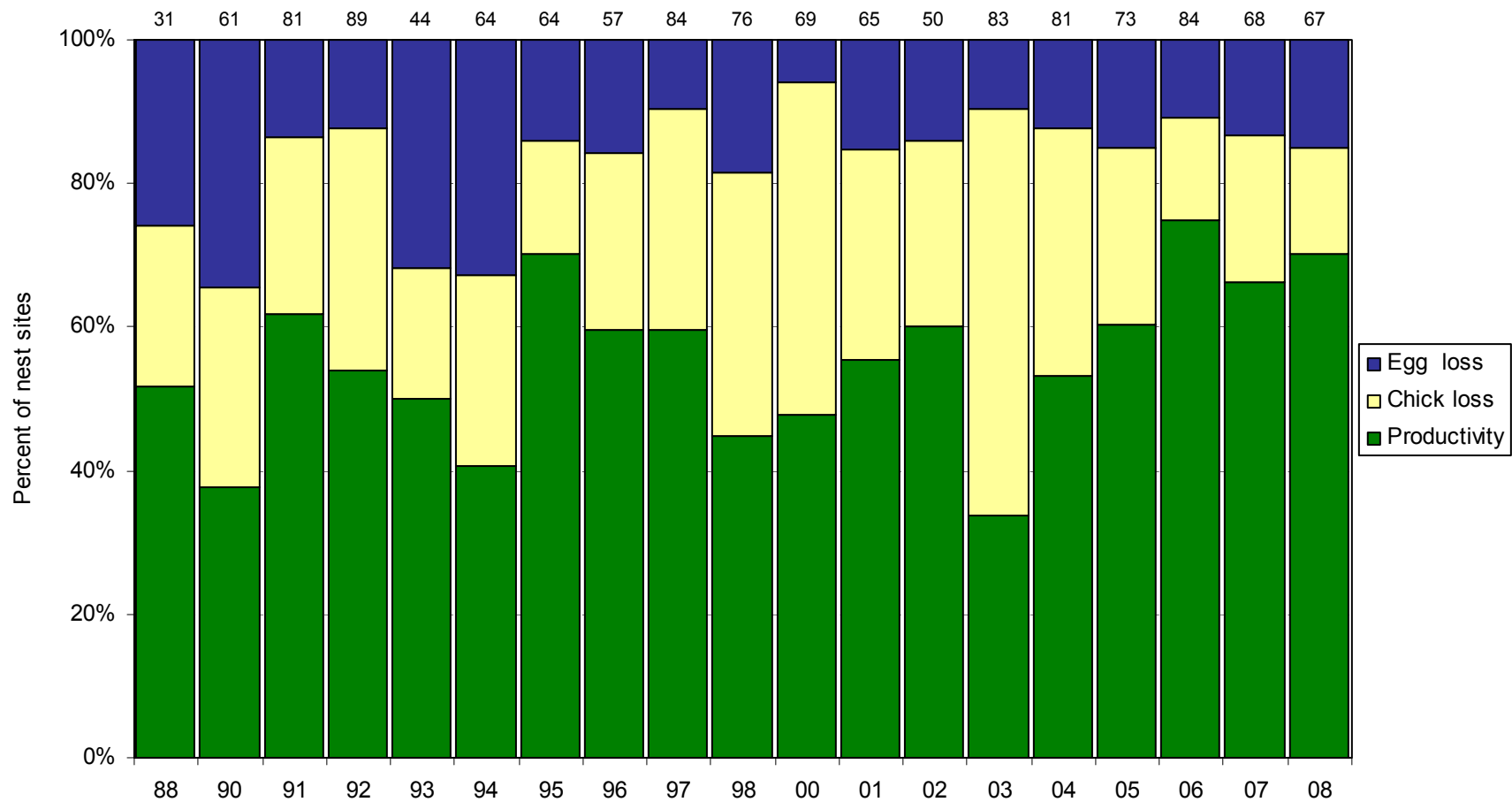


Figure 39. Reproductive performance of least auklets at Buldir Island, Alaska.  $\text{Egg loss} = (A-B)/A$ ;  $\text{Chick loss} = (B-C)/A$ ;  $\text{Productivity} = C/A$ , where  $A$ =number of nest sites,  $B$ =number of nest sites with a chick,  $C$ =number of sites with fledged chick. The number of known fate eggs monitored are given above each bar.



Table 62. Reproductive performance of least auklets at Buldir Island, Alaska.

| Parameter <sup>a</sup>              | 1976 | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 |
|-------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| No. eggs found (A)                  | 28   | 31   | 60   | 61   | 81   | 89   | 44   | 64   | 64   | 57   | 84   |
| No. eggs lost to:                   |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| disappearance                       | --   | 6    | 18   | 18   | 9    | 9    | 9    | 14   | 3    | 6    | 7    |
| abandonment                         | --   | 0    | 2    | 2    | 0    | 1    | 3    | 6    | 3    | 1    | 0    |
| breakage                            | --   | 2    | 3    | 1    | 2    | 1    | 2    | 1    | 3    | 2    | 1    |
| No. eggs hatched (B)                | 19   | 23   | 37   | 40   | 70   | 78   | 30   | 43   | 55   | 48   | 76   |
| No. chicks lost to:                 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| disappearance                       | --   | 5    | --   | 16   | 14   | 26   | 4    | 10   | 9    | 7    | 22   |
| death                               | --   | 2    | --   | 1    | 6    | 4    | 4    | 7    | 1    | 7    | 3    |
| No. chicks fledged (C) <sup>b</sup> | --   | 16   | --   | 23   | 50   | 48   | 22   | 26   | 45   | 34   | 50   |
| Hatching success (B/A)              | 0.68 | 0.74 | 0.62 | 0.66 | 0.86 | 0.88 | 0.68 | 0.67 | 0.86 | 0.84 | 0.91 |
| Fledging success (C/B)              | --   | 0.7  | --   | 0.58 | 0.71 | 0.61 | 0.73 | 0.60 | 0.81 | 0.71 | 0.66 |
| Reproductive success (C/A)          | --   | 0.52 | --   | 0.38 | 0.62 | 0.54 | 0.50 | 0.41 | 0.70 | 0.60 | 0.60 |
| Productivity (hs x fs)              | --   | 0.52 | --   | 0.38 | 0.61 | 0.54 | 0.50 | 0.40 | 0.70 | 0.60 | 0.60 |

<sup>a</sup> Data are from nest sites for which visit intervals at hatching and fledging were  $\leq 12$  days.

<sup>b</sup> For chicks to be considered fledged, they had to have attained the age of 25 days before disappearing or 21 days at time of last visit if chicks were still present.

Table 62 continued. Reproductive performance of least auklets at Buldir Island, Alaska.

| Parameter <sup>a</sup>              | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
|-------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| No. eggs found (A)                  | 76   | 0    | 69   | 65   | 50   | 83   | 81   | 73   | 84   | 68   | 67   |
| No. eggs lost to:                   |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| disappearance                       | 8    | --   | 4    | 5    | 4    | 2    | 3    | 4    | 10   | 3    | 6    |
| abandonment                         | 6    | --   | 0    | 5    | 3    | 4    | 4    | 7    | 4    | 6    | 4    |
| breakage                            | 0    | --   | 0    | 0    | 0    | 2    | 3    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| No. eggs hatched (B)                | 62   | --   | 65   | 55   | 43   | 75   | 71   | 62   | 75   | 59   | 57   |
| No. chicks lost to:                 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| disappearance                       | 24   | --   | 26   | 15   | 10   | 39   | 19   | 15   | 10   | 8    | 4    |
| death                               | 4    | --   | 6    | 4    | 3    | 8    | 9    | 3    | 2    | 6    | 6    |
| No. chicks fledged (C) <sup>b</sup> | 34   | --   | 33   | 36   | 30   | 28   | 43   | 44   | 63   | 45   | 47   |
| Hatching success (B/A)              | 0.82 | --   | 0.94 | 0.85 | 0.86 | 0.90 | 0.88 | 0.85 | 0.89 | 0.87 | 0.85 |
| Fledging success (C/B)              | 0.55 | --   | 0.51 | 0.65 | 0.70 | 0.37 | 0.61 | 0.71 | 0.84 | 0.76 | 0.83 |
| Reproductive success (C/A)          | 0.45 | --   | 0.48 | 0.55 | 0.60 | 0.34 | 0.53 | 0.60 | 0.75 | 0.66 | 0.70 |
| Productivity (hs x fs)              | 0.45 | --   | 0.48 | 0.55 | 0.60 | 0.33 | 0.54 | 0.60 | 0.75 | 0.66 | 0.70 |

<sup>a</sup> Data are from nest sites for which visit intervals at hatching and fledging were  $\leq 12$  days.

<sup>b</sup> For chicks to be considered fledged, they had to have attained the age of 25 days before disappearing or 21 days at time of last visit if chicks were still present.

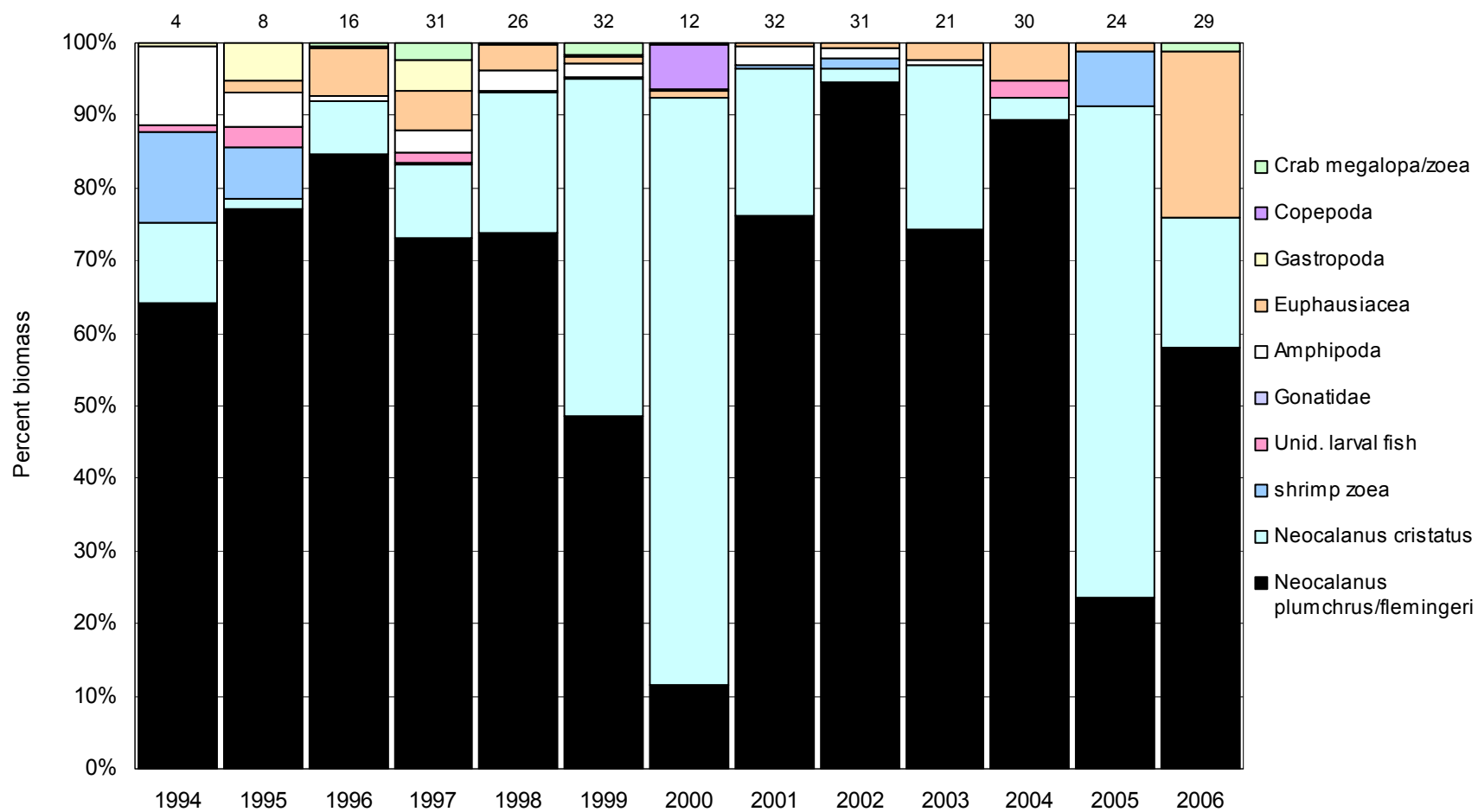


Figure 40. Relative biomass of prey in diets of least auklets at Buldir Island, Alaska. Numbers above columns indicate sample sizes.

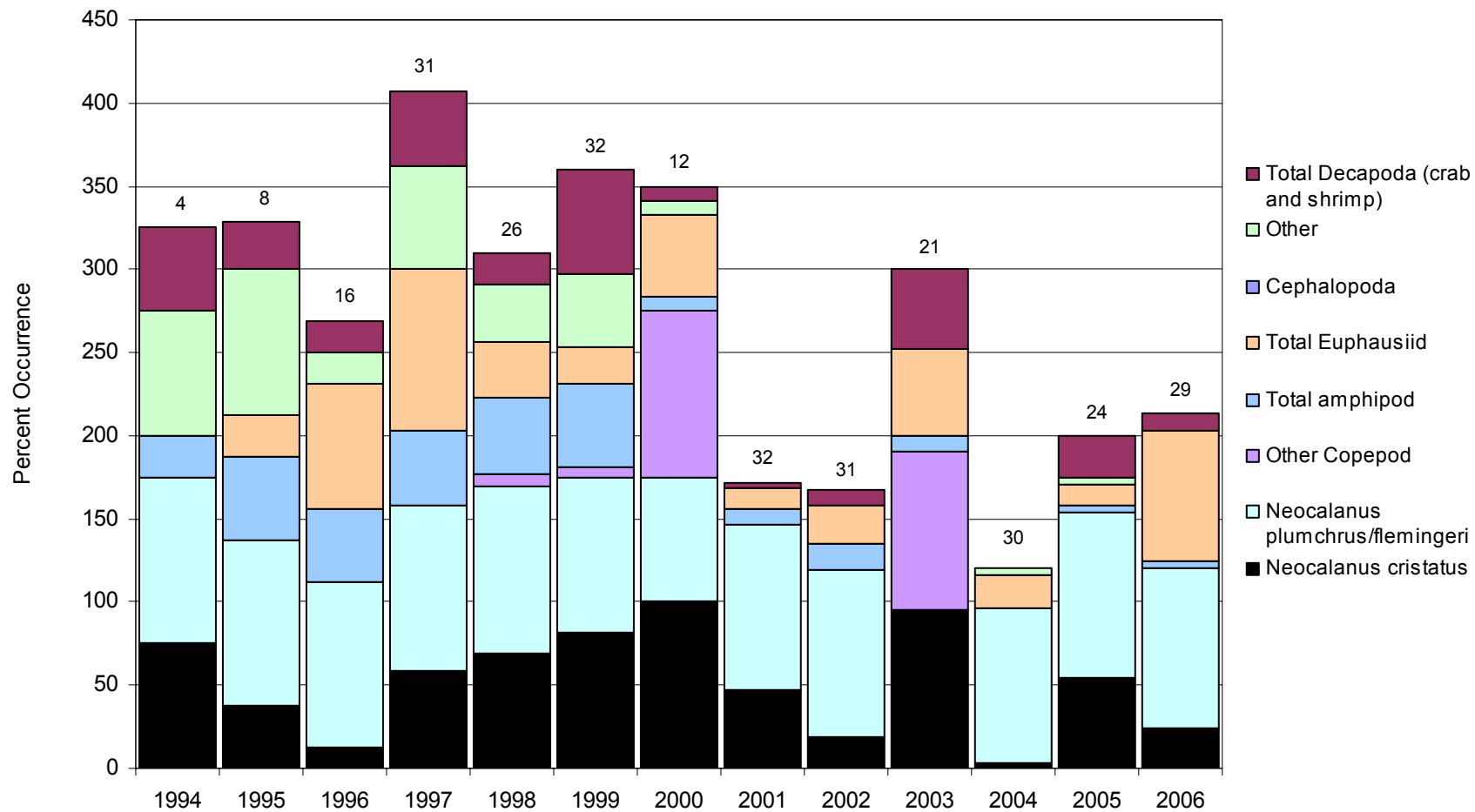


Figure 41. Frequency of occurrence of prey in diets of least auklets at Buldir Island, Alaska. Numbers above columns indicate sample sizes.

Table 63. Relative biomass of prey in diets of least auklets at Buldir Island, Alaska. Numbers represent the percentage of the mass of combined food samples comprised by each species.

|                                        | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999  | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| No. samples                            | 4    | 8    | 16   | 31   | 26   | 32    | 12   | 32   | 31   | 21   | 30   | 24   | 29   |
| Total mass (g)                         | 12.1 | 18.2 | 46.3 | 97.6 | 87.1 | 146.1 | 40.7 | 27.6 | 25.7 | 34.5 | 20.5 | 59.3 | 12.1 |
| Gonatidae                              | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 0.1   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| Gastropoda                             |      |      |      |      |      |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Unid. snail                            | 0.6  | --   | --   | --   | --   | --    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| <i>Limacina helicina</i>               | --   | --   | --   | --   | 0.2  | --    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| Pteropoda                              | --   | 5.3  | 0.3  | 4.4  | --   | 0.3   | .1   | --   | --   | --   | --   | .12  | --   |
| Copepoda                               |      |      |      |      |      |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| <i>Neocalanus plumchrus/flemingeri</i> | 64.2 | 77.1 | 84.5 | 73.0 | 73.9 | 48.7  | 11.5 | 76.3 | 94.7 | 74.3 | 89.5 | 23.5 | 58.0 |
| <i>N. cristatus</i>                    | 11.1 | 1.5  | 7.2  | 10.2 | 19.5 | 46.3  | 80.9 | 20.2 | 1.7  | 22.7 | 3.1  | 67.6 | 17.9 |
| <i>N. spp.</i>                         | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --    | 5.9  | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| <i>Calanus marshallae</i>              | --   | --   | --   | --   | <0.1 | --    | .38  | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| Calanoid spp.                          | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| <i>Pachyptilus pacificus</i>           | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | <0.1  | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| <i>Pareuchaeta birostrata</i>          | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | <0.1  | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| Unid. Copepod                          | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| Amphipoda                              |      |      |      |      |      |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Hyperideia                             |      |      |      |      |      |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| <i>Hyperoche medusarum</i>             | --   | 3.6  | 0.1  | --   | --   | --    | --   | --   | .01  | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| <i>Parathemisto pacifica</i>           | 7.5  | 1.3  | 0.6  | 1.2  | <0.1 | 0.6   | .02  | 2.67 | 1.4  | --   | --   | --   | .06  |
| <i>Parathemisto</i> spp.               | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --    | --   | --   | --   | .68  | --   | --   | --   |
| <i>Primno macropa</i>                  | 3.3  | --   | --   | 1.8  | --   | 1.1   | --   | --   | .02  | .02  | --   | --   | --   |
| Gammaridea                             |      |      |      |      |      |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| <i>Erichthonius</i> spp.               | --   | --   | --   | --   | 2.7  | --    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| Euphausiacea                           |      |      |      |      |      |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| <i>Thysanoessa</i> spp.                | --   | 1.5  | 6.7  | 5.4  | --   | --    | --   | --   | --   | .23  | --   | --   | .65  |
| <i>Thysanoessa raschii</i>             | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | .99  | .99  |
| Euphausiid furcilla                    | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1.0  | 0.3   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| Unid. euphausid                        | --   | --   | --   | --   | 2.5  | 0.7   | 1.02 | .37  | .75  | 2.0  | 5.1  | .08  | 22.4 |
| Decapoda                               |      |      |      |      |      |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Pandalid shrimp                        | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --    | --   | .53  | 1.5  | --   | --   | .33  | --   |
| Larval shrimp                          | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 7.3  | --   |
| Shrimp zoea                            | 12.4 | 7.0  | 0.2  | 0.4  | 0.1  | 0.1   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| Crab zoea                              | --   | --   | --   | 0.3  | --   | 0.1   | --   | --   | --   | .04  | --   | --   | --   |
| Crab megalopa                          | --   | --   | 0.4  | 1.9  | --   | --    | .25  | --   | --   | .03  | --   | .05  | --   |
| Hippolytidae juvenile                  | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1.1   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| Atelecyclidae megalopa                 | --   | --   | --   | --   | 0.1  | 0.1   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1.1  |
| Paguridae megalopa                     | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 0.3   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| Fish                                   | 0.1  | 2.8  | --   | 1.3  | --   | 0.1   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 2.4  | --   | --   |

Table 64. Frequency of occurrence of prey in diets of least auklets at Buldir Island, Alaska. Frequency is expressed as the percentage of food samples in which each species was present.

|                                        | 1994  | 1995  | 1996  | 1997  | 1998  | 1999 | 2000  | 2001  | 2002  | 2003 | 2004 | 2005  | 2006 |
|----------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|-------|------|
| No. samples                            | 4     | 8     | 16    | 31    | 26    | 32   | 12    | 32    | 31    | 21   | 30   | 24    | 29   |
| Gonatidae                              | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | 3.1  | --    | --    | --    | --   | --   | --    | --   |
| Gastropoda                             |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |       |       |      |      |       |      |
| Unid. snail                            | 50.0  | --    | --    | --    | --    | --   | --    | --    | --    | --   | --   | --    | --   |
| <i>Limacina helicina</i>               | --    | --    | --    | --    | 34.6  | --   | --    | --    | --    | --   | --   | --    | --   |
| Pteropoda                              | --    | 75.0  | 18.8  | 54.8  | --    | 40.6 | --    | --    | --    | --   | --   | 4.2   | --   |
| Copepoda                               |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |       |       |      |      |       |      |
| <i>Neocalanus plumchrus/flemingeri</i> | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 93.8 | 75.0  | 100.0 | 100.0 | --   | 93.3 | 100.0 | 96.5 |
| <i>N. cristatus</i>                    | 75.0  | 37.5  | 12.5  | 58.1  | 69.2  | 81.3 | 100.0 | 46.9  | 19.4  | 95.2 | 3.3  | 54.2  | 24.1 |
| <i>N. spp.</i>                         | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --   | --    | --    | --    | 95.2 | --   | --    | --   |
| <i>Calanus marshallae</i>              | --    | --    | --    | --    | 7.7   | --   | --    | --    | --    | --   | --   | --    | --   |
| Calanoid spp.                          | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --   | 41.7  | --    | --    | --   | --   | --    | --   |
| <i>Pachyptilus pacificus</i>           | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | 3.1  | --    | --    | --    | --   | --   | --    | --   |
| <i>Pareuchaeta birostrata</i>          | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | 3.1  | --    | --    | --    | --   | --   | --    | --   |
| Unid. copepod                          | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --   | --    | --    | --    | 95.2 | --   | --    | --   |
| Amphipoda                              |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |       |       |      |      |       |      |
| Hyperideia                             |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |       |       |      |      |       |      |
| <i>Hyperoche medusarum</i>             | --    | 50.0  | 12.5  | --    | --    | --   | --    | --    | 3.2   | --   | --   | --    | --   |
| <i>Parathemisto pacifica</i>           | 75.0  | 50.0  | 31.3  | 19.4  | 11.5  | 31.3 | 8.3   | 9.4   | 9.7   | --   | --   | 4.2   | 3.5  |
| <i>Parathemisto</i> spp.               | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --   | --    | --    | --    | 4.8  | --   | --    | --   |
| <i>Primno macropa</i>                  | 25.0  | --    | --    | 25.8  | --    | 18.8 | --    | --    | 3.2   | 4.8  | --   | --    | --   |
| Gammaridea                             |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |       |       |      |      |       |      |
| <i>Erichthonius</i> spp.               | --    | --    | --    | --    | 34.6  | --   | --    | --    | --    | --   | --   | --    | --   |
| Euphausiacea                           |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |       |       |      |      |       |      |
| <i>Thysanoessa</i> spp.                | --    | 25.0  | 75.0  | 35.5  | --    | --   | --    | --    | --    | 23.8 | --   | --    | 3.5  |
| <i>Thysanoessa raschii</i>             | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --   | --    | --    | --    | --   | --   | 4.2   | --   |
| Euphausiid furcilla                    | --    | --    | --    | --    | 61.5  | 6.3  | --    | --    | --    | --   | --   | --    | --   |
| Unid. euphausiid                       | --    | --    | --    | --    | 26.9  | 21.9 | 50.0  | 12.5  | 22.6  | 28.6 | 20.0 | 8.3   | 75.9 |
| Decapoda                               |       |       |       |       |       |      |       |       |       |      |      |       |      |
| Pandalid shrimp                        | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --   | --    | --    | --    | --   | --   | 4.2   | --   |
| Larval shrimp                          | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --   | --    | --    | --    | --   | --   | 12.5  | --   |
| Shrimp zoea                            | 50.0  | 25.0  | 6.3   | 19.4  | 19.2  | 15.6 | --    | --    | --    | --   | --   | --    | --   |
| Crab zoea                              | --    | --    | --    | 3.2   | --    | 3.1  | --    | --    | --    | 42.9 | --   | --    | --   |
| Crab megalopa                          | --    | --    | 6.3   | 22.6  | --    | --   | 8.3   | --    | --    | 4.8  | --   | 8.3   | --   |
| Hippolytidae megalopa                  | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | 37.5 | --    | --    | --    | --   | --   | --    | --   |
| Atelecyclidae megalopa                 | --    | --    | --    | --    | 3.8   | 6.3  | --    | --    | --    | --   | --   | --    | 10.3 |
| Paguridae megalopa                     | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | 6.3  | --    | --    | --    | --   | --   | --    | --   |
| Fish                                   | 25.0  | 12.5  | --    | 6.5   | 3.1   | --   | --    | --    | --    | 3.3  | --   | --    | --   |

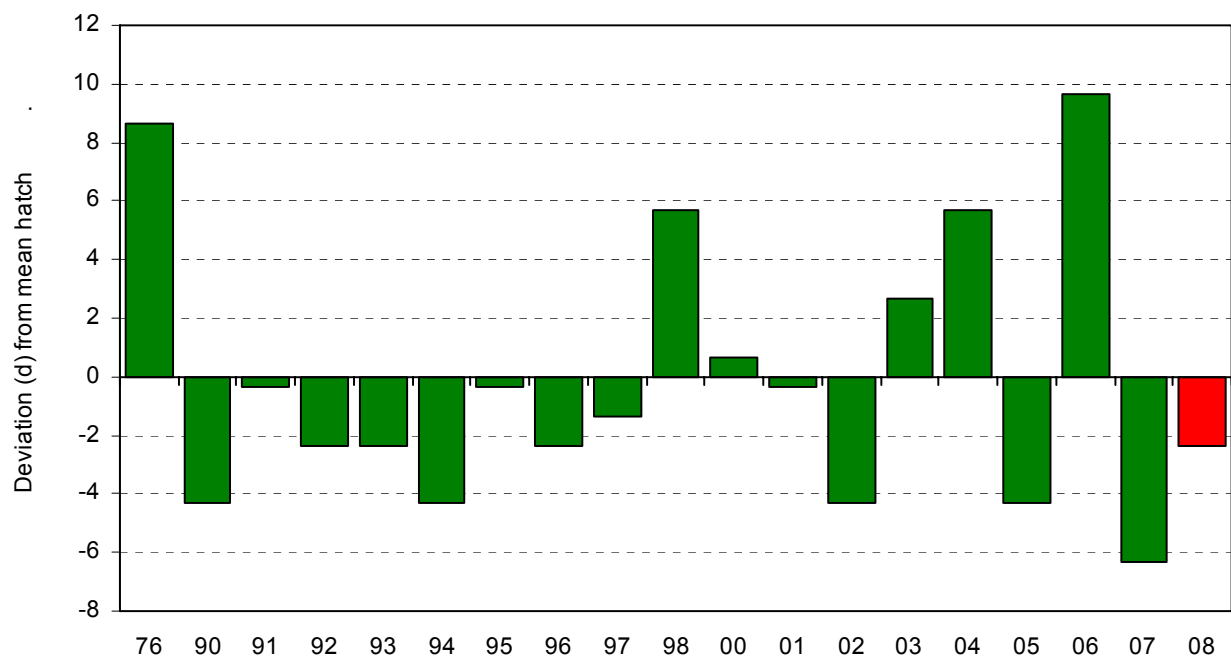


Figure 42. Yearly hatch date deviation (from the average of 29 June, excluding 2008) of crested auklets at Buldir Island, Alaska. Numbers below the mean indicate hatch dates earlier; positive numbers indicate hatch dates later.

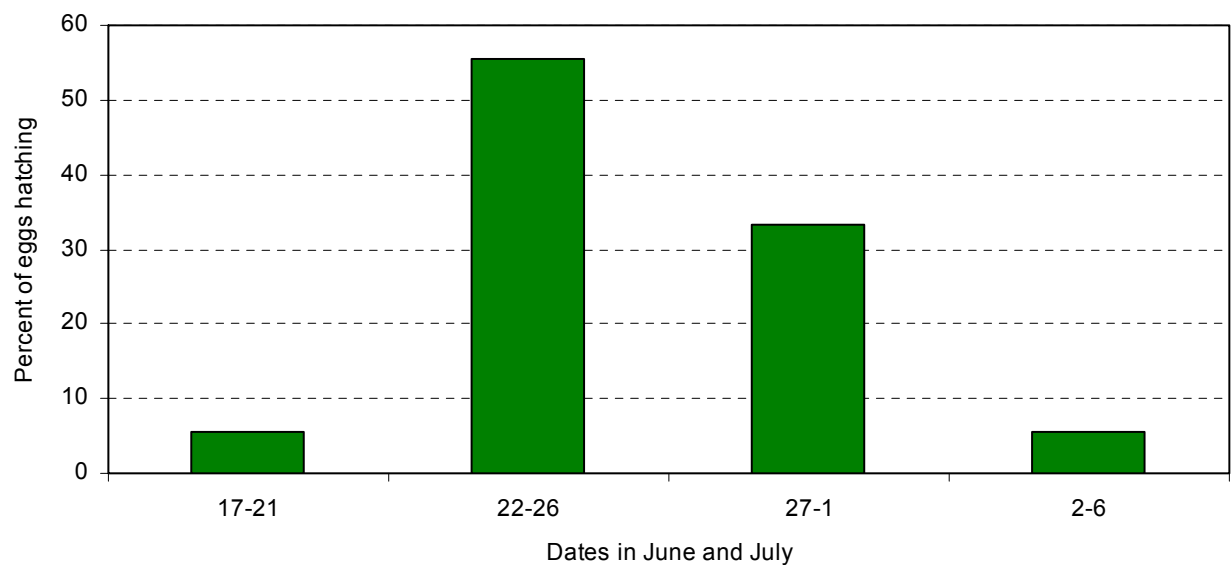


Figure 43. Hatching chronology of crested auklets at Buldir Island, Alaska in 2008 ( $n=36$ ).

Table 65. Breeding chronology dates for crested auklets at Buldir Island, Alaska.

| Year              | mean hatch | SD  | n <sup>b</sup> | median hatch | mean fledge | SD  | n <sup>c</sup> | median fledge | no. nests monitored <sup>d</sup> | first hatch | last hatch | first fledge | last fledge |
|-------------------|------------|-----|----------------|--------------|-------------|-----|----------------|---------------|----------------------------------|-------------|------------|--------------|-------------|
| 1976 <sup>a</sup> | 7 Jul      | 3.2 | 36             | 6 Jul        | --          | --  | --             | --            | 36                               | 2 Jul       | 14 Jul     | --           | --          |
| 1990              | 25 Jun     | 5.1 | 12             | 21 Jun       | --          | --  | 26             | 28 Jul        | 68                               | 21 Jun      | 19 Jul     | 19 Jul       | >1 Aug      |
| 1991              | 29 Jun     | 5.2 | 6              | 30 Jun       | --          | --  | 43             | 1 Aug         | 74                               | 21 Jun      | 12 Jul     | 25 Jul       | 8 Aug       |
| 1992              | 26 Jun     | 6.2 | 10             | 27 Jun       | --          | --  | 43             | 26 Jul        | 79                               | 12 Jun      | 7 Jul      | 13 Jul       | >10 Aug     |
| 1993              | 27 Jun     | 7.1 | 12             | 24 Jun       | --          | --  | 38             | 27 Jul        | 49                               | 16 Jun      | 15 Jul     | 23 Jul       | >31 Jul     |
| 1994              | 25 Jun     | 5.8 | 38             | 25 Jun       | --          | --  | 46             | 28 Jul        | 67                               | 14 Jun      | 15 Jul     | 15 Jul       | 14 Aug      |
| 1995              | 29 Jun     | 6.7 | 48             | 26 Jun       | 31 Jul      | 4.1 | 51             | 30 Jul        | 66                               | 21 Jun      | 21 Jul     | 26 Jul       | 16 Aug      |
| 1996              | 26 Jun     | 6.6 | 14             | 29 Jun       | 31 Jul      | 4.8 | 40             | 3 Aug         | 66                               | 16 Jun      | 12 Jul     | 20 Jul       | 14 Aug      |
| 1997              | 28 Jun     | 6.4 | 11             | 25 Jun       | --          | --  | 62             | 29 Jul        | 82                               | 15 Jun      | 15 Jul     | 16 Jul       | 8 Aug       |
| 1998              | 5 Jul      | 5.2 | 10             | 7 Jul        | 8 Aug       | 4.4 | 53             | 10 Aug        | 70                               | 20 Jun      | 21 Jul     | 27 Jul       | 18 Aug      |
| 1999              | --         |     | not            | monitored    | --          | --  | --             | --            | --                               | 26 Jun      | 23 Jul     | 27 Jul       | 19 Aug      |
| 2000              | 29 Jun     | 3.6 | 19             | 27 Jun       | 1 Aug       | 3.7 | 48             | 1 Aug         | 78                               | 23 Jun      | 8 Jul      | 22 Jul       | 7 Aug       |
| 2001              | 29 Jun     | 4.6 | 16             | 28 Jun       | 31 Jul      | 4.0 | 42             | 29 Jul        | 75                               | 22 Jun      | 2 Jul      | 23 Jul       | 8 Aug       |
| 2002              | 25 Jun     | 4.9 | 26             | 25 Jun       | 30 Jul      | 5.3 | 49             | 31 Jul        | 81                               | 17 Jun      | 5 Jul      | 14 Jul       | 8 Aug       |
| 2003              | 2 Jul      | 4.6 | 9              | 4 Jul        | 31 Jul      | 5.5 | 6              | 1 Aug         | 45                               | 23 Jun      | <18 Jul    | 21 Jul       | 7 Aug       |
| 2004              | 5 Jul      | 4.7 | 17             | 7 Jul        | 7 Aug       | 4.3 | 7              | 10 Aug        | 67                               | 22 Jun      | 17 Jul     | 27 Jul       | 10 Aug      |
| 2005              | 25 Jun     | 3.2 | 29             | 25 Jun       | 30 Jul      | 4.9 | 58             | 1 Aug         | 79                               | 16 Jun      | 11 Jul     | 21 Jul       | 12 Aug      |
| 2006              | 9 Jul      | 6.7 | 28             | 10 Jul       | 11 Aug      | 5.7 | 46             | 11 Aug        | 102                              | 27 Jun      | 27 Jul     | 27 Jul       | 22 Aug      |
| 2007              | 23 Jun     | 2.5 | 31             | 25 Jun       | 26 Jul      | 4.2 | 33             | 27 Jul        | 66                               | 21 Jun      | 5 Jul      | 18 Jul       | 6 Aug       |
| 2008              | 26 Jun     | 3.6 | 36             | 24 Jun       | 31 Jul      | 4.6 | 61             | 29 Jul        | 75                               | 20 Jun      | 5 Jul      | 23 Jul       | 10 Aug      |

<sup>a</sup> Hatch dates in 1976 were assumed to be the midpoint of the interval reported in Knudtson and Byrd (1982).

<sup>b</sup> Sample size is for the calculation of mean and median hatch dates. These dates are a subsample for which we have observations ≤ 7 days from egg to chick in all years except 1990 when ≤ 10 days egg to chick and 1992 when ≤ 8 days egg to chick.

<sup>c</sup> Sample size is for the calculation of mean and median fledge dates.

<sup>d</sup> The total used for estimating the remaining parameters. These dates might contain observations > 7, but less than 10 days apart or estimated event dates (e.g. "bird incubating" on first visit followed by "chick" on the next visit).



Table 66. Frequency distribution of hatch dates for crested auklets at Buldir Island, Alaska. Intervals from egg to chick  $\leq 7$  days for all years except 1990 when  $\leq 10$  days and 1992 when  $\leq 8$  days. Data were not collected in 1999.

| Julian<br>Date | No. nests hatching on Julian date |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
|                | 1990                              | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
| 165            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 166            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 167            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 168            | --                                | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | 3    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 169            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 170            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | 8    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 171            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 4    | --   | --   | --   |
| 172            | 7                                 | 1    | 1    | --   | --   | 2    | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | 16   | 2    |
| 173            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 3    | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   |
| 174            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 2    | --   | --   | --   | --   | 9    | 1    | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   |
| 175            | --                                | --   | 3    | 10   | 23   | --   | 2    | 2    | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   |
| 176            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 3    | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 16   | --   | 13   | 20   |
| 177            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | 32   | --   | 1    | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 178            | --                                | 2    | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 6    | --   | 1    | 1    | 1    | --   | --   |
| 179            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | 1    | 10   | 6    | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | 1    |
| 180            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | 2    | 2    | 3    | --   | 4    | --   | --   | --   |
| 181            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | 5    | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 182            | 5                                 | --   | 4    | --   | 1    | --   | 2    | 1    | 1    | --   | --   | 2    | --   | 6    | --   | 4    | 1    | 11   |
| 183            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 184            | --                                | 2    | --   | --   | --   | 8    | --   | --   | --   | 6    | 3    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 185            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | 4    | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    |
| 186            | --                                | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | 2    | --   | --   | 1    | 6    | --   | --   |
| 187            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    |
| 188            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | 7    | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 189            | --                                | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 190            | --                                | --   | --   | 1    | 4    | 1    | --   | --   | 5    | 1    | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 191            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 192            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | 11   | --   | --   |
| 193            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 194            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 2    | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 195            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 196            | --                                | --   | --   | 1    | --   | 2    | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 197            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 4    | --   | --   |
| 198            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 199            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 200            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 201            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 202            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | 2    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   |
| 203            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 204            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 205            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 206            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 207            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 208            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   |
| 209            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 210            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| <i>n</i>       | 12                                | 6    | 10   | 12   | 38   | 48   | 14   | 11   | 10   | 19   | 16   | 26   | 9    | 17   | 29   | 28   | 31   | 36   |

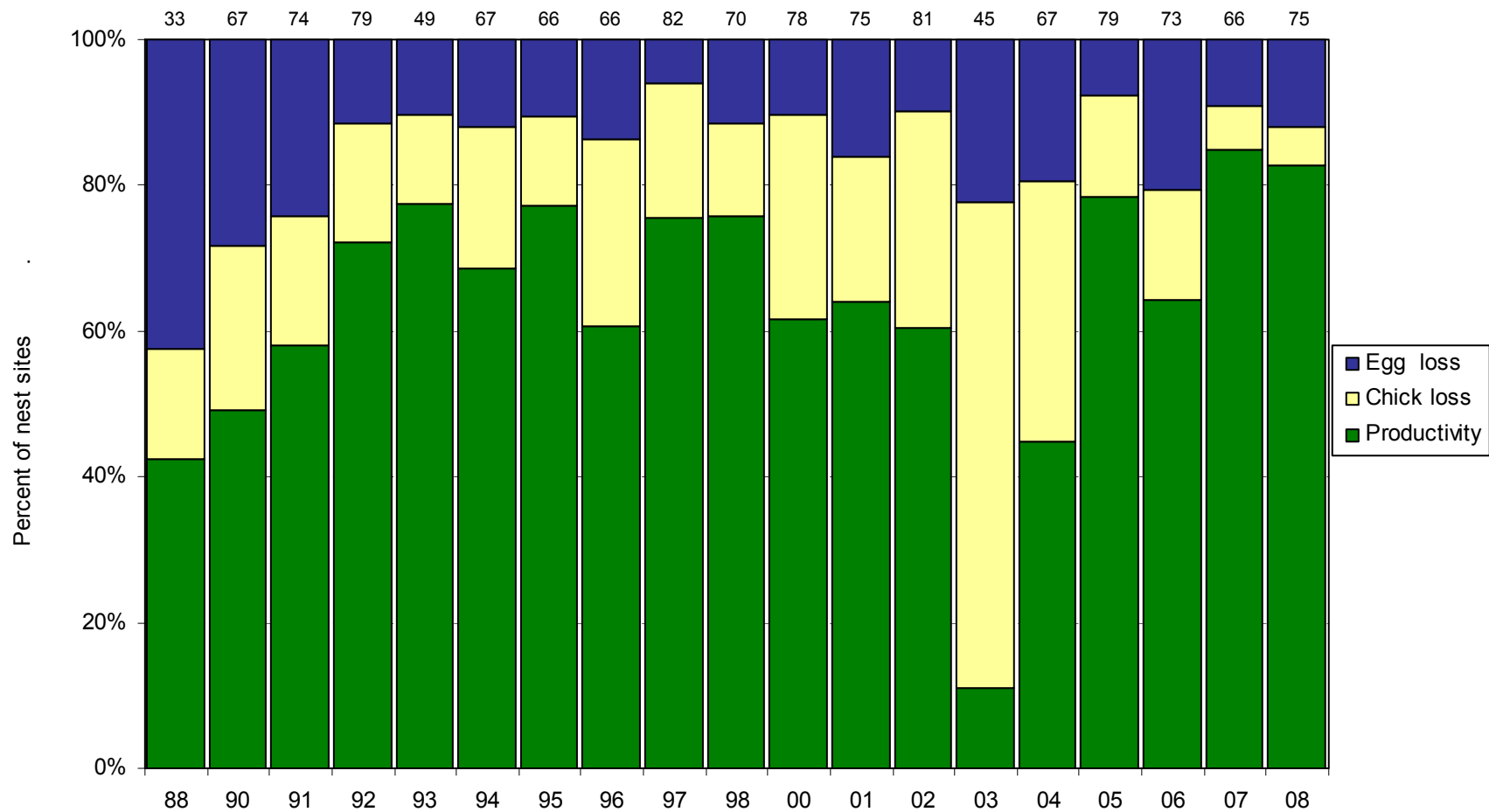


Figure 44. Reproductive performance of crested auklets at Buldir Island, Alaska. Egg loss=(A-B)/A; Chick loss=(B-C)/A; Productivity=C/A, where A=number of nest sites, B=number of nest sites with a chick, C=number of sites with fledged chick. The number of known fate eggs monitored are given above each bar

Table 67. Reproductive performance of crested auklets at Buldir Island, Alaska.

| Parameter <sup>a</sup>              | 1976 | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 |
|-------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| No. eggs found (A)                  | 59   | 33   | 83   | 67   | 74   | 79   | 49   | 67   | 66   | 66   | 82   |
| No. eggs lost to:                   |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| disappearance                       | --   | 4    | 23   | 15   | 13   | 7    | 3    | 4    | 5    | 7    | 2    |
| abandonment                         | --   | 9    | 4    | 3    | 3    | 2    | 2    | 2    | 1    | 2    | 2    |
| breakage                            | --   | 1    | 3    | 1    | 2    | 0    | 0    | 2    | 1    | 0    | 1    |
| No. eggs hatched (B)                | 45   | 19   | 53   | 48   | 56   | 70   | 44   | 59   | 59   | 57   | 77   |
| No. chicks lost to:                 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| disappearance                       | --   | 1    | --   | 13   | 12   | 12   | 6    | 9    | 7    | 9    | 14   |
| death                               | --   | 4    | --   | 2    | 1    | 1    | 0    | 4    | 1    | 8    | 1    |
| No. chicks fledged (C) <sup>b</sup> | --   | 14   | --   | 33   | 43   | 57   | 38   | 46   | 51   | 40   | 62   |
| Hatching success (B/A)              | 0.76 | 0.58 | 0.64 | 0.72 | 0.76 | 0.87 | 0.90 | 0.88 | 0.89 | 0.86 | 0.94 |
| Fledging success (C/B)              | --   | 0.74 | --   | 0.69 | 0.77 | 0.81 | 0.86 | 0.78 | 0.86 | 0.70 | 0.81 |
| Reproductive success (C/A)          | --   | 0.42 | --   | 0.49 | 0.58 | 0.72 | 0.78 | 0.69 | 0.77 | 0.61 | 0.76 |
| Productivity (hs x fs)              | --   | 0.42 | --   | 0.49 | 0.59 | 0.70 | 0.78 | 0.69 | 0.77 | 0.60 | 0.76 |

<sup>a</sup> Data are from nest sites for which visit intervals at hatching and fledging were  $\leq 12$  days.

<sup>b</sup> For chicks to be considered fledged, they had to have attained the age of 26 days before disappearing or 22 days at time of last visit if chicks were still present.

Table 67 continued. Reproductive performance of crested auklets at Buldir Island, Alaska.

| Parameter <sup>a</sup>              | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
|-------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| No. eggs found (A)                  | 70   | 0    | 78   | 75   | 81   | 45   | 67   | 79   | 73   | 66   | 75   |
| No. eggs lost to:                   |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| disappearance                       | 4    | --   | 6    | 6    | 3    | 4    | 6    | 4    | 0    | 3    | 4    |
| abandonment                         | 4    | --   | 1    | 6    | 5    | 6    | 5    | 2    | 15   | 3    | 3    |
| breakage                            | 0    | --   | 1    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 2    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 2    |
| No. eggs hatched (B)                | 62   | --   | 70   | 63   | 73   | 35   | 54   | 73   | 58   | 60   | 66   |
| No. chicks lost to:                 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| disappearance                       | 9    | --   | 17   | 8    | 16   | 14   | 13   | 5    | 4    | 4    | 0    |
| death                               | 0    | --   | 5    | 7    | 8    | 16   | 11   | 6    | 7    | 0    | 4    |
| No. chicks fledged (C) <sup>b</sup> | 53   | --   | 48   | 48   | 49   | 5    | 30   | 62   | 47   | 56   | 62   |
| Hatching success (B/A)              | 0.89 | --   | 0.90 | 0.84 | 0.90 | 0.78 | 0.81 | 0.92 | 0.79 | 0.91 | 0.88 |
| Fledging success (C/B)              | 0.85 | --   | 0.69 | 0.76 | 0.67 | 0.14 | 0.56 | 0.85 | 0.81 | 0.93 | 0.94 |
| Reproductive success (C/A)          | 0.76 | --   | 0.62 | 0.64 | 0.60 | 0.11 | 0.45 | 0.79 | 0.64 | 0.85 | 0.83 |
| Productivity (hs x fs)              | 0.76 | --   | 0.62 | 0.64 | 0.60 | 0.11 | 0.45 | 0.78 | 0.64 | 0.85 | 0.83 |

<sup>a</sup> Data are from nest sites for which visit intervals at hatching and fledging were  $\leq 12$  days.

<sup>b</sup> For chicks to be considered fledged, they had to have attained the age of 26 days before disappearing or 22 days at time of last visit if chicks were still present.

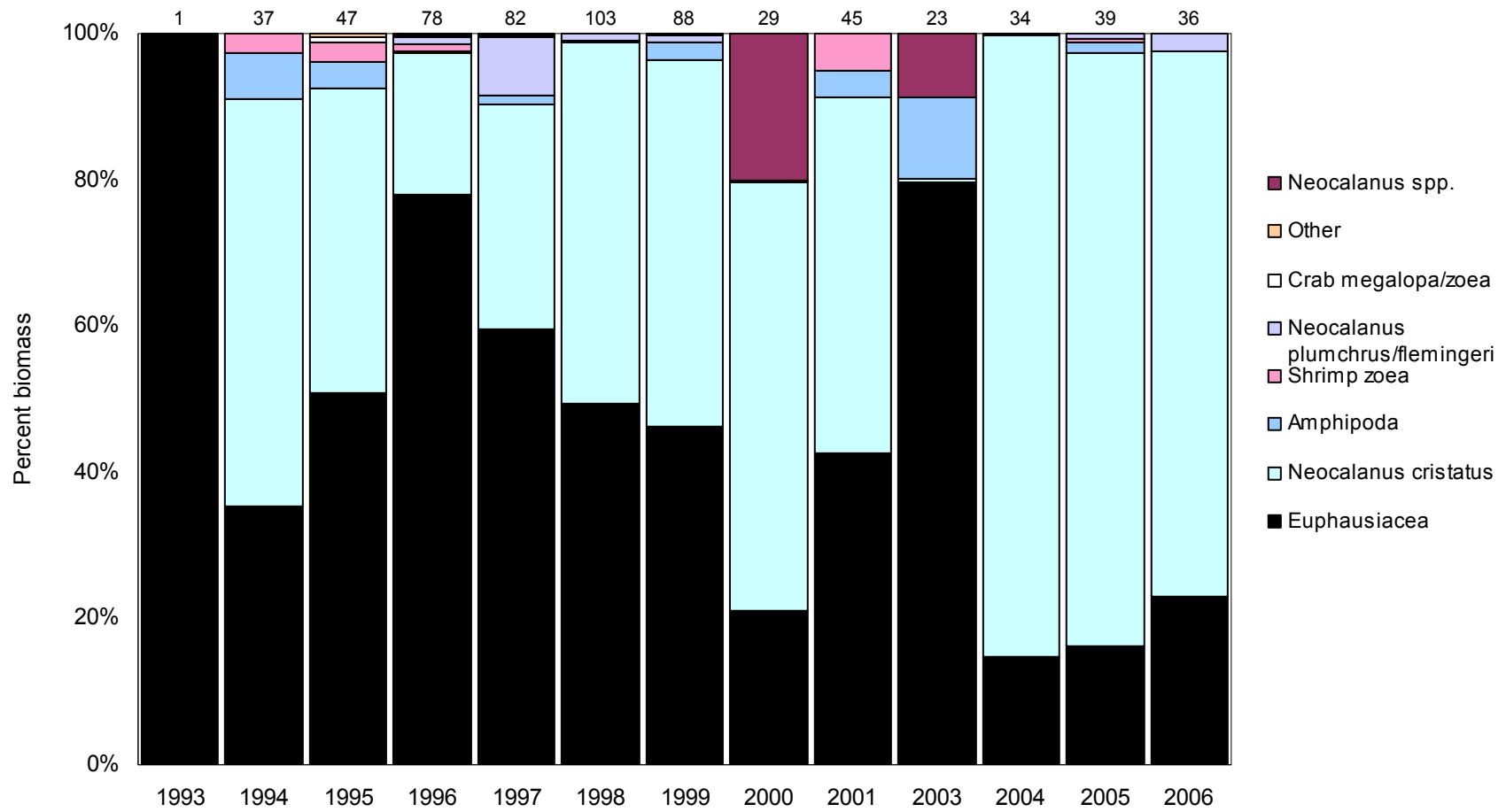


Figure 45. Relative biomass of prey in diets of crested auklets at Buldir Island, Alaska. Numbers above columns indicate sample sizes.

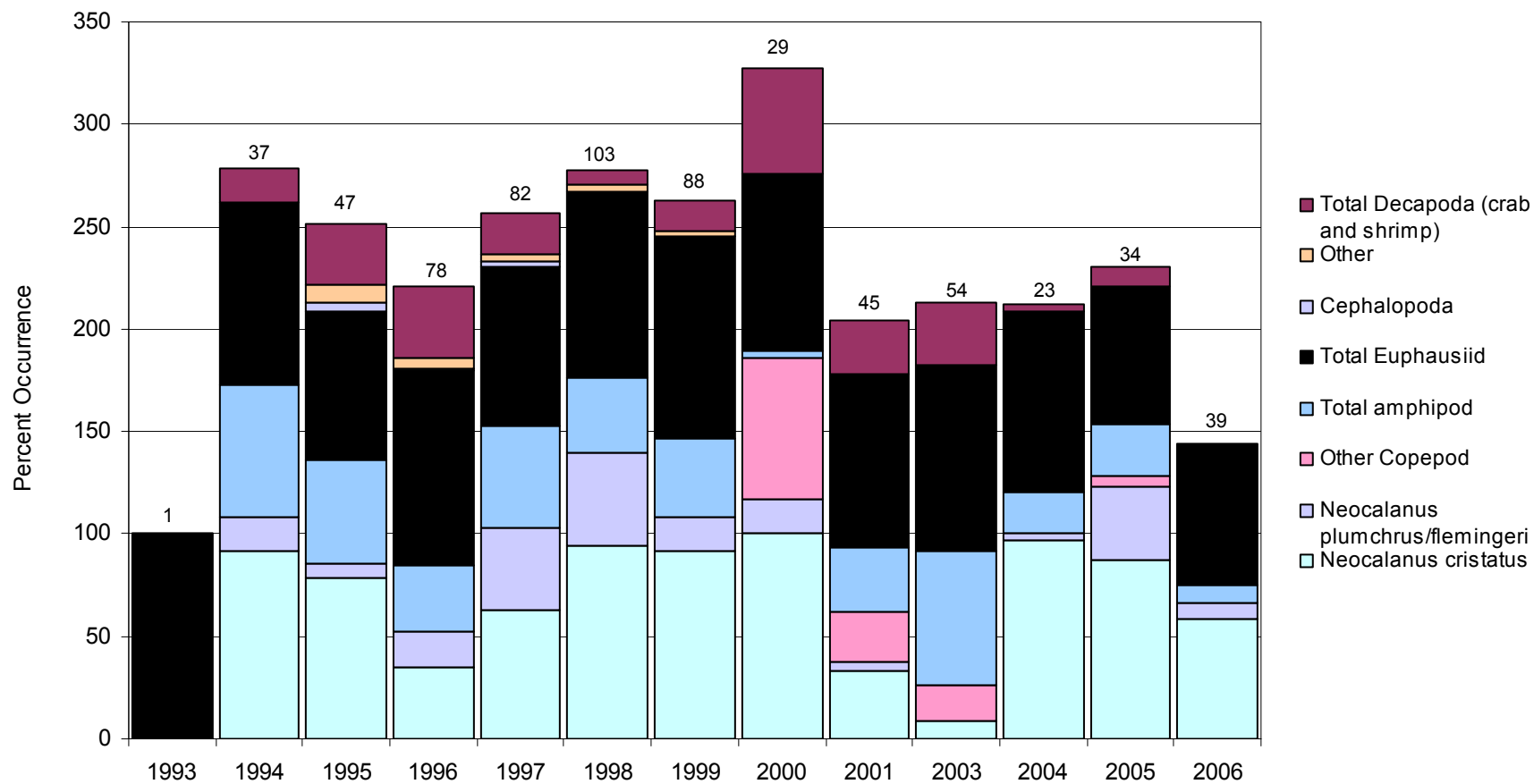


Figure 46. Frequency of prey occurrence in diets of crested auklets at Buldir Island, Alaska. Numbers above columns indicate sample sizes.

Table 68. Relative biomass of prey in diets of crested auklets at Buldir Island, Alaska. Numbers represent the percentage of the mass of combined food samples comprised by each species. Data for 2002 have not yet been analyzed.

|                                        | 1993  | 1994  | 1995  | 1996  | 1997  | 1998   | 1999  | 2000  | 2001  | 2003  | 2004 | 2005  | 2006 |
|----------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|------|
| No. samples                            | 1     | 37    | 47    | 78    | 82    | 103    | 88    | 29    | 45    | 23    | 34   | 39    | 36   |
| Total mass (g)                         | 1.2   | 335.4 | 487.6 | 745.0 | 904.7 | 1102.9 | 908.6 | 380.6 | 183.2 | 128.8 | 87.6 | 245.2 | 47.4 |
| Pteropoda                              | --    | --    | --    | <0.1  | --    | --     | --    | --    | --    | --    | --   | --    | --   |
| Cephalopoda - squid                    | --    | --    | 0.2   | 0.1   | <0.1  | <0.1   | --    | --    | --    | --    | --   | --    | --   |
| Copepoda                               |       |       |       |       |       |        |       |       |       |       |      |       |      |
| <i>Neocalanus plumchrus/flemingeri</i> | --    | 0.1   | 0.1   | 1.0   | 8.1   | 1.0    | 7.5   | .14   | .06   | --    | .05  | .56   | 2.3  |
| <i>N. cristatus</i>                    | --    | 55.8  | 41.6  | 19.3  | 30.7  | 49.5   | 50.2  | 68.7  | 48.7  | .59   | 84.9 | 81.1  | 74.6 |
| <i>N. spp.</i>                         | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --     | --    | 6.2   | --    | 8.6   | --   | .07   | --   |
| <i>Calanus marshallae</i>              | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --     | --    | --    | --    | --    | --   | --    | --   |
| Calanoid spp.                          | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --     | --    | --    | .53   | --    | --   | --    | --   |
| Unid. copepod                          | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --     | --    | --    | --    | --    | --   | --    | --   |
| Amphipoda                              |       |       |       |       |       |        |       |       |       |       |      |       |      |
| Hyperiidea                             |       |       |       |       |       |        |       |       |       |       |      |       |      |
| <i>Hyperoche medusarum</i>             | --    | --    | --    | <0.1  | --    | --     | --    | --    | --    | --    | --   | --    | --   |
| <i>Parathemisto pacifica</i>           | --    | 5.6   | 3.7   | 0.3   | 1.2   | 0.3    | 2.3   | .01   | 2.83  | --    | .17  | .01   | .03  |
| <i>Parathemisto spp.</i>               | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --     | --    | --    | .2    | 10.9  | --   | 1.24  | .02  |
| <i>Primno macropa</i>                  | --    | 0.7   | --    | --    | --    | --     | 0.1   | --    | --    | --    | --   | --    | --   |
| Euphausiacea                           |       |       |       |       |       |        |       |       |       |       |      |       |      |
| <i>Thysanoessa spp.</i>                | 100.0 | 35.2  | 50.9  | 78.1  | 59.6  | --     | --    | 4.1   | 36.5  | 66.7  | 12.4 | 13    | --   |
| Unid. euphausiid                       | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | 49.3   | 46.2  | 20.6  | 6.1   | 12.5  | 2.4  | 3.3   | 23   |
| Euphausiid furcilla                    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --     | <0.1  | --    | --    | --    | --   | --    | --   |
| Decapoda                               |       |       |       |       |       |        |       |       |       |       |      |       |      |
| Pandalid shrimp                        | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --     | --    | --    | .11   | 1.1   | .11  | .69   | --   |
| Larval shrimp                          | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --     | --    | --    | 4.96  | --    | --   | --    | --   |
| Shrimp zoea                            | --    | 2.6   | 2.5   | 0.9   | 0.1   | <0.1   | --    | .18   | --    | --    | --   | --    | --   |
| Crab zoea                              | --    | <0.1  | 0.7   | --    | <0.1  | <0.1   | 0.1   | --    | --    | --    | --   | --    | --   |
| Crab megalopa                          | --    | --    | --    | 0.1   | 0.2   | --     | --    | --    | --    | --    | --   | --    | --   |
| Paguridae megalopa                     | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --     | <0.1  | --    | --    | --    | --   | --    | --   |
| Hippolytidae juvenile                  | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --     | 0.1   | --    | --    | --    | --   | --    | --   |
| Fish                                   | --    | 0.3   | 0.2   | 0.1   | --    | <0.1   | <0.1  | --    | --    | --    | --   | --    | --   |

Table 69. Frequency of occurrence of prey in diets of crested auklets at Buldir Island, Alaska. Frequency is expressed as the percentage of food samples in which each species was present. Data for 2002 have not yet been analyzed.

|                                        | 1993  | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000  | 2001 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006  |
|----------------------------------------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| No. samples                            | 1     | 37   | 47   | 78   | 82   | 103  | 88   | 29    | 45   | 23   | 34   | 39   | 36    |
| Pteropoda                              | --    | --   | --   | 1.3  | --   | --   | --   | --    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --    |
| Cephalopoda - squid                    | --    | --   | 4.3  | 1.3  | 2.2  | 1.0  | --   | --    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --    |
| Copepoda                               |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |      |      |      |      |       |
| <i>Neocalanus plumchrus/flemingeri</i> | --    | 16.2 | 6.4  | 17.9 | 39.6 | 45.6 | 15.9 | 17.2  | 4.4  | --   | 2.9  | 35.9 | 8.3   |
| <i>N. cristatus</i>                    | --    | 91.9 | 78.7 | 34.6 | 63.0 | 94.2 | 92.0 | 100.0 | 33.3 | 8.7  | 97.1 | 87.2 | 58.33 |
| <i>N. spp.</i>                         | --    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 69.0  | --   | 17.4 | --   | --   | --    |
| <i>Calanus marshallae</i>              | --    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --    | --   | --   | --   | 5.1  | --    |
| Calanoid spp.                          | --    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --    | 24.4 | --   | --   | --   | --    |
| Unid. copepod                          | --    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 69.0  | 24.4 | 17.4 | --   | 5.1  | --    |
| Amphipoda                              |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |      |      |      |      |       |
| Hyperiidea                             |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |      |      |      |      |       |
| <i>Hyperoche medusarum</i>             | --    | --   | --   | 2.6  | --   | --   | --   | --    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --    |
| <i>Parathemisto pacifica</i>           | --    | 43.2 | 51.1 | 32.1 | 50.3 | 36.9 | 37.5 | 3.4   | 15.6 | --   | 20.6 | 2.6  | 5.6   |
| <i>Parathemisto</i> spp.               | --    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --    | 15.6 | 65.2 | --   | 23.1 | 2.8   |
| <i>Primno macropa</i>                  | --    | 21.6 | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1.1  | --    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --    |
| Euphausiacea                           |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |      |      |      |      |       |
| <i>Thysanoessa</i> spp.                | 100.0 | 89.2 | 72.3 | 94.9 | 77.6 | --   | --   | 17.2  | 28.9 | 65.2 | 14.7 | 10.3 | --    |
| Unid. euphausiid                       | --    | --   | --   | --   | --   | 90.3 | 97.7 | 69.0  | 55.6 | 26.1 | 73.5 | 56.4 | 69.4  |
| Euphausiid furcilla                    | --    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1.1  | --    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --    |
| Decapoda                               |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |      |      |      |      |       |
| Pandalid shrimp                        | --    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --    | --   | --   | --   | 10.2 | --    |
| Larval shrimp                          | --    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --    | 24.4 | --   | --   | --   | --    |
| Shrimp zoea                            | --    | 13.5 | 25.5 | 25.6 | 6.9  | 5.8  | --   | 51.7  | 2.2  | 30.4 | 2.9  | --   | --    |
| Crab zoea                              | --    | 2.7  | 4.3  | --   | 3.4  | 1.0  | 5.7  | --    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --    |
| Crab megalopa                          | --    | --   | --   | 9.0  | 9.1  | --   | --   | --    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --    |
| Paguridae megalopa                     | --    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1.1  | --    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --    |
| Hippolytidae juvenile                  | --    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 8.0  | --    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --    |
| Fish                                   | --    | 8.5  | 3.8  | 4.2  | --   | 3.9  | 2.3  | --    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --    |
| (Nematodes - probably not prey)        | --    | --   | --   | --   | 28.3 | --   | --   | --    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --    |



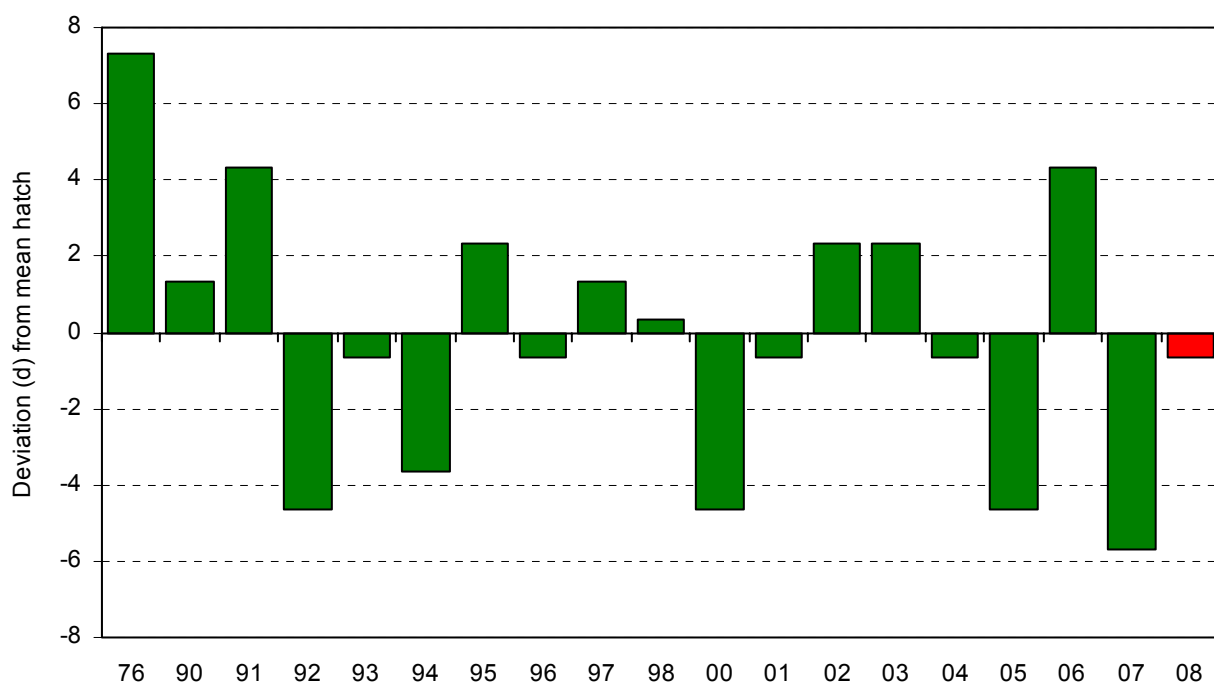


Figure 47. Yearly hatch date deviation (from the 1976-2007 average of 23 June) of whiskered auklets at Buldir Island, Alaska. Numbers below the mean indicate hatch dates earlier; positive numbers indicate hatch dates later.

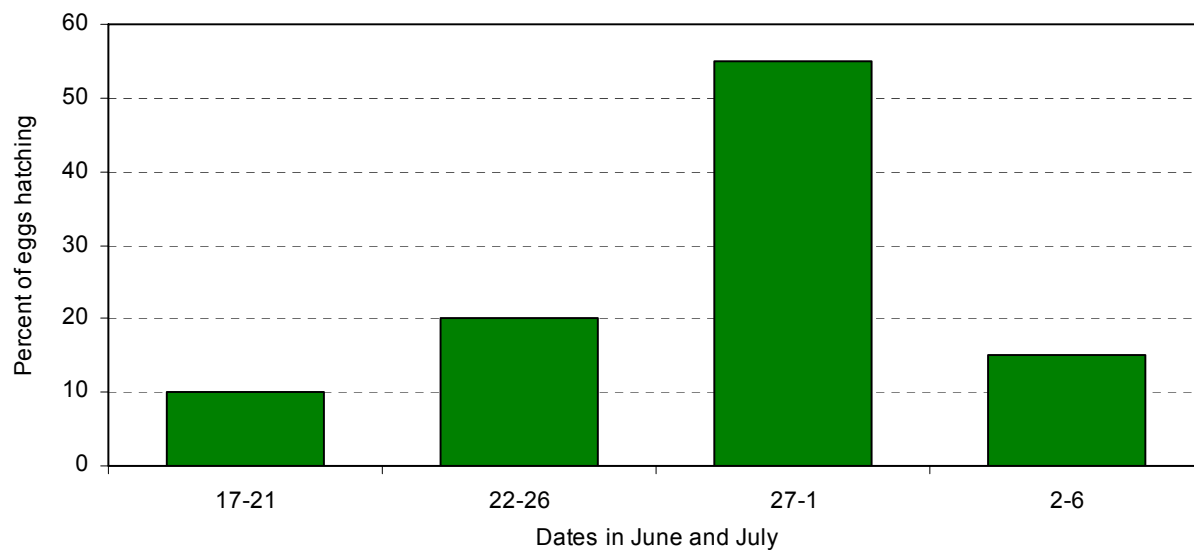


Figure 48. Hatching chronology of whiskered auklets at Buldir Island, Alaska in 2008 ( $n=40$ ).

Table 70. Breeding chronology dates for whiskered auklets at Buldir Island, Alaska.

| Year              | mean hatch | SD            | n <sup>b</sup> | median hatch | mean fledge | SD  | n <sup>c</sup> | median fledge | no. nests monitored <sup>d</sup> | first hatch | last hatch | first fledge | last fledge |
|-------------------|------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|-----|----------------|---------------|----------------------------------|-------------|------------|--------------|-------------|
| 1976 <sup>a</sup> | 30 Jun     | 4.6           | 6              | 27 Jun       | --          | --  | --             | --            | 7                                | 27 Jun      | 6 Jul      | --           | --          |
| 1990              | 24 Jun     | 5.4           | 5              | 20 Jun       | --          | --  | 5              | 28 Jul        | 9                                | 10 Jun      | 30 Jun     | 18 Jul       | 27 Jul      |
| 1991              | 27 Jun     | 3.6           | 9              | 26 Jun       | 3 Aug       | 4.2 | 23             | 4 Aug         | 46                               | 18 Jun      | 8 Jul      | 24 Jul       | 8 Aug       |
| 1992              | 18 Jun     | 10.7          | 10             | 14 Jun       | --          | --  | 33             | 26 Jul        | 58                               | 10 Jun      | 5 Jul      | 13 Jul       | 5 Aug       |
| 1993              | 22 Jun     | 8.2           | 13             | 19 Jun       | --          | --  | 31             | 27 Jul        | 54                               | 13 Jun      | 9 Jul      | 15 Jul       | 12 Aug      |
| 1994              | 19 Jun     | 7.6           | 37             | 17 Jun       | --          | --  | 44             | 23 Jul        | 57                               | 9 Jun       | 8 Jul      | 15 Jul       | 14 Aug      |
| 1995              | 25 Jun     | 6.3           | 50             | 21 Jun       | --          | --  | 45             | 30 Jul        | 68                               | 15 Jun      | 25 Jul     | 21 Jul       | 16 Aug      |
| 1996              | 22 Jun     | 9.8           | 27             | 19 Jun       | --          | --  | 40             | 26 Jul        | 57                               | 10 Jun      | 20 Jul     | 20 Jul       | 14 Aug      |
| 1997              | 24 Jun     | 7.9           | 33             | 21 Jun       | 30 Jul      | 5.9 | 59             | 29 Jul        | 90                               | 11 Jun      | 18 Jul     | 24 Jul       | 14 Aug      |
| 1998              | 23 Jun     | 9.8           | 61             | 19 Jun       | 31 Jul      | 9.3 | 41             | 29 Jul        | 78                               | 9 Jun       | 11 Jul     | 19 Jul       | 27 Aug      |
| 1999              | --         | not monitored |                | --           | --          | --  | --             | --            | --                               | --          | 22 Jul     | 22 Jul       | 13 Aug      |
| 2000              | 17 Jun     | 5.2           | 27             | 18 Jun       | 25 Jul      | 6.3 | 32             | 27 Jul        | 70                               | 6 Jun       | 13 Jul     | 17 Jul       | 13 Aug      |
| 2001              | 22 Jun     | 6.2           | 36             | 20 Jun       | 28 Jul      | 4.2 | 26             | 29 Jul        | 75                               | 9 Jun       | 15 Jul     | 15 Jul       | 2 Aug       |
| 2002              | 24 Jun     | 8.5           | 36             | 21 Jun       | 29 Jul      | 5.4 | 48             | 27 Jul        | 100                              | 15 Jun      | 15 Jul     | 21 Jul       | 14 Aug      |
| 2003              | 25 Jun     | 2.9           | 4              | 25 Jun       | 30 Jul      | 7.1 | 25             | 1 Aug         | 44                               | 9 Jun       | 4 Jul      | 15 Jul       | 12 Aug      |
| 2004              | 21 Jun     | 4.7           | 28             | 21 Jun       | 28 Jul      | 3.7 | 17             | 30 Jul        | 66                               | 16 Jun      | 12 Jul     | 22 Jul       | 4 Aug       |
| 2005              | 18 Jun     | 6.0           | 29             | 16 Jun       | 26 Jul      | 6.2 | 53             | 21 Jul        | 70                               | 9 Jun       | 5 Jul      | 16 Jul       | 12 Aug      |
| 2006              | 27 Jun     | 4.7           | 20             | 27 Jun       | 5 Aug       | 5.4 | 42             | 6 Aug         | 97                               | 19 Jun      | 5 Jul      | 25 Jul       | 26 Aug      |
| 2007              | 17 Jun     | 7.8           | 24             | 15 Jun       | 24 Jul      | 6.5 | 26             | 23 Jul        | 67                               | 9 Jun       | 10 Jul     | 14 Jul       | 12 Aug      |
| 2008              | 21 Jun     | 3.2           | 40             | 20 Jun       | 27 Jul      | 3.6 | 57             | 29 Jul        | 68                               | 14 Jun      | 30 Jun     | 23 Jul       | 4 Aug       |

<sup>a</sup> Hatch dates in 1976 were assumed to be the midpoint of the interval reported in Knudtson and Byrd (1982).

<sup>b</sup> Sample size is for the calculation of mean and median hatch dates. These dates are a subsample for which we have observations  $\leq 7$  days apart from egg to chick in all years except 1990 when  $\leq 10$  days egg to chick.

<sup>c</sup> Sample size is for the calculation of mean and median fledge dates.

<sup>d</sup> The total used for estimating the remaining parameters. These dates might contain observations  $> 7$ , but less than 10 days apart or estimate event dates (e.g. "bird incubating" on first visit followed by "chick" on the next visit).

Table 71. Frequency distribution of hatch dates for Whiskered Auklets at Buldir Island, Alaska. Intervals from egg to chick  $\leq 7$  days for all years except 1990 when  $\leq 10$  days. Data were not collected in 1999.

| Julian   | No. nests hatching on Julian date |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|----------|-----------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Date     | 1990                              | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
| 158      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 159      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 160      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | 2    | --   | --   | --   | 2    | --   | 2    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 161      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 162      | --                                | --   | 1    | --   | 1    | --   | 1    | 1    | 5    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 5    | --   | 5    | --   |
| 163      | --                                | --   | 1    | --   | 2    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 164      | --                                | --   | 1    | 2    | 2    | --   | --   | --   | 1    | 8    | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | 6    | --   |
| 165      | --                                | --   | 1    | --   | 6    | --   | --   | --   | --   | 2    | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   |
| 166      | --                                | --   | 2    | --   | 3    | --   | --   | --   | 9    | --   | --   | 3    | --   | --   | 4    | --   | 7    | 4    |
| 167      | --                                | --   | 1    | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | 7    | --   | --   | --   |
| 168      | --                                | --   | 1    | --   | 1    | --   | 12   | 9    | 1    | --   | --   | 5    | --   | 8    | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 169      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | 2    | --   | 2    | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 170      | --                                | --   | --   | 6    | 4    | --   | --   | --   | 11   | 9    | 1    | --   | --   | --   | 1    | 2    | --   | 2    |
| 171      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | 3    | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | 16   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   |
| 172      | 3                                 | --   | --   | --   | 1    | 30   | --   | 8    | 2    | --   | --   | 10   | --   | 4    | 1    | --   | 3    | --   |
| 173      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | 4    | --   | --   | 8    | --   | 2    | --   | --   |
| 174      | --                                | --   | 1    | --   | --   | 1    | 8    | --   | 6    | --   | --   | 2    | 2    | --   | --   | 2    | --   | 1    |
| 175      | --                                | --   | 1    | 3    | 3    | --   | --   | --   | --   | 4    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 176      | --                                | 3    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 5    | 1    | --   | 5    | 2    | --   | --   | 7    | --   | --   | 9    |
| 177      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | 3    | 9    | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 178      | --                                | 3    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | 3    | --   | 5    | --   | 9    | --   | --   |
| 179      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | 3    | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 180      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 2    | --   | 5    | --   | 1    | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 181      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 2    | --   | 1    | --   | --   |
| 182      | 2                                 | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 4    | --   | --   | --   | 2    | --   | --   | --   | 1    | 1    | 1    |
| 183      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 184      | --                                | 3    | --   | --   | --   | 3    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 185      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 186      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | 2    | 3    | 7    | --   | 1    | 1    | --   | --   | 1    | 3    | 1    | --   |
| 187      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | 2    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 188      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 189      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | 2    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 190      | --                                | --   | --   | 2    | --   | 3    | --   | --   | 4    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 191      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   |
| 192      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | 2    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 193      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 194      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 195      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 196      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | 2    | --   | 1    | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 197      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 198      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 199      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 200      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 201      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 202      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 2    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 203      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 204      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 205      | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| <i>n</i> | 5                                 | 9    | 10   | 13   | 37   | 50   | 27   | 33   | 61   | 27   | 36   | 36   | 4    | 28   | 29   | 20   | 24   | 17   |

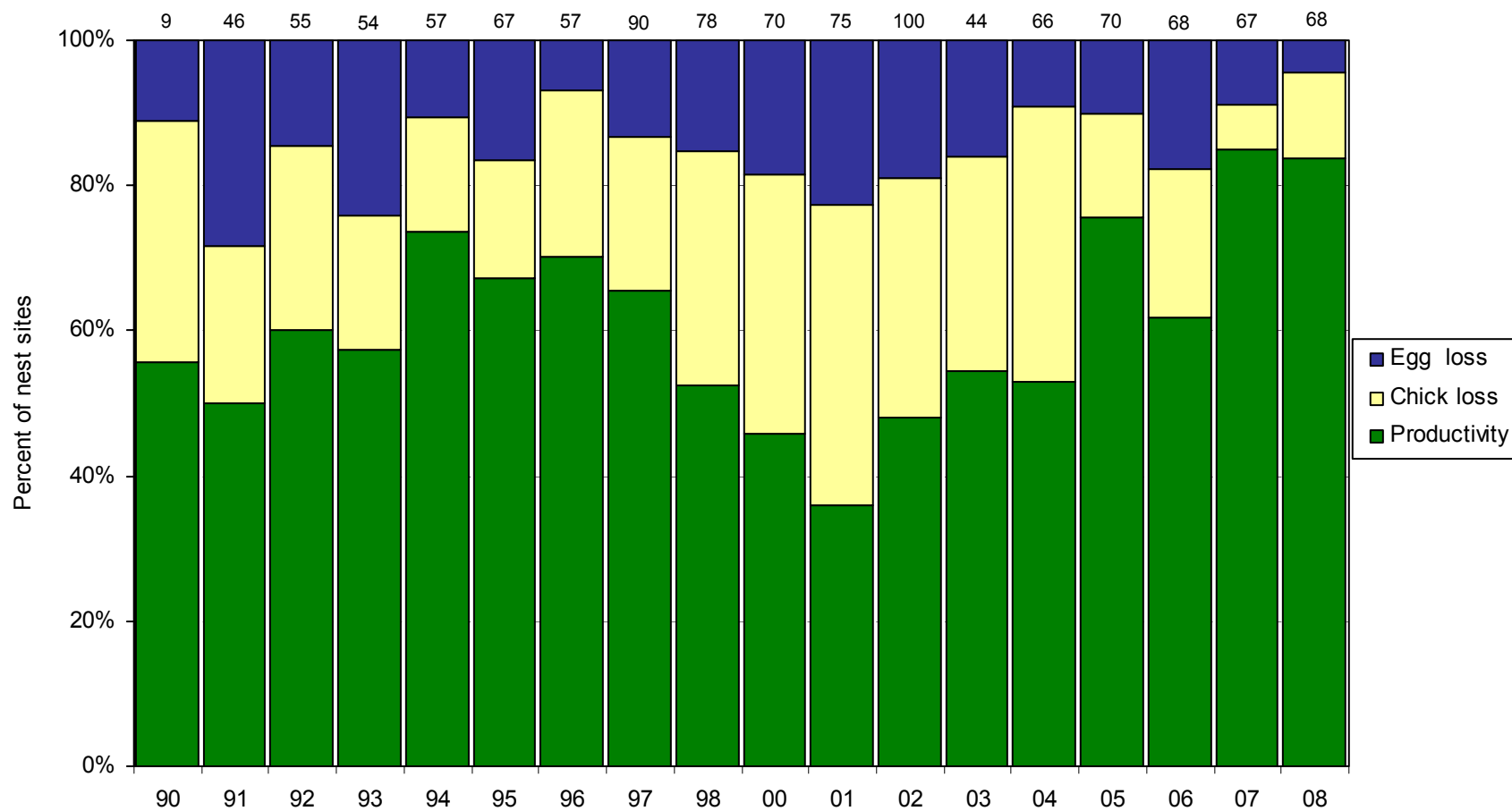


Figure 49. Reproductive performance of whiskered auklets at Buldir Island, Alaska.  $\text{Egg loss} = (A-B)/A$ ;  $\text{Chick loss} = (B-C)/A$ ;  $\text{Productivity} = C/A$ , where  $A$ =number of nest sites,  $B$ =number of nest sites with a chick,  $C$ =number of sites with fledged chick. The number of known fate eggs monitored are given above each bar.

Table 72. Reproductive performance of whiskered auklets at Buldir Island, Alaska.

| Parameter <sup>a</sup>              | 1976 | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 |
|-------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| No. eggs found (A)                  | 7    | 7    | 16   | 9    | 46   | 55   | 54   | 57   | 67   | 57   | 90   | 78   |
| No. eggs lost to:                   |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| disappearance                       | --   | 0    | 1    | 1    | 5    | 5    | 8    | 4    | 2    | 1    | 8    | 9    |
| abandonment                         | --   | 0    | 2    | 0    | 4    | 3    | 4b   | 2    | 9    | 3    | 3    | 2    |
| breakage                            | --   | 0    | 2    | 0    | 4    | 0    | 1    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 1    |
| No. eggs hatched (B)                | 6    | 7    | 11   | 8    | 33   | 47   | 41   | 51   | 56   | 53   | 78   | 66   |
| No. chicks lost to:                 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| disappearance                       | --   | --   | --   | 2    | 7    | 9    | 6    | 6    | 10   | 6    | 17   | 20   |
| death                               | --   | --   | --   | 1    | 3    | 5    | 4    | 3    | 1    | 7    | 2    | 5    |
| No. chicks fledged (C) <sup>b</sup> | --   | --   | --   | 5    | 23   | 33   | 31   | 42   | 45   | 40   | 59   | 41   |
| Hatching success (B/A)              | 0.86 | 1.00 | 0.69 | 0.89 | 0.72 | 0.85 | 0.76 | 0.89 | 0.84 | 0.93 | 0.87 | 0.85 |
| Fledging success (C/B)              | --   | --   | --   | 0.63 | 0.70 | 0.70 | 0.76 | 0.82 | 0.80 | 0.75 | 0.76 | 0.62 |
| Reproductive success (C/A)          | --   | --   | --   | 0.56 | 0.50 | 0.60 | 0.57 | 0.74 | 0.67 | 0.70 | 0.66 | 0.53 |
| Productivity (hs x fs)              | --   | --   | --   | 0.56 | 0.50 | 0.60 | 0.58 | 0.73 | 0.67 | 0.70 | 0.66 | 0.53 |

<sup>a</sup> Data are from nest sites for which visit intervals at hatching and fledging were  $\leq 12$  days.

<sup>b</sup> For chicks to be considered fledged, they had to have attained the age of 32 days before disappearing or 29 days at time of last visit, if chicks were still present.

Table 72 continued. Reproductive performance of whiskered auklets at Buldir Island, Alaska.

| Parameter <sup>a</sup>              | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
|-------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| No. eggs found (A)                  | 0    | 70   | 75   | 100  | 44   | 66   | 70   | 68   | 67   | 68   |
| No. eggs lost to:                   |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| disappearance                       | --   | 4    | 5    | 6    | 3    | 3    | 3    | 2    | 2    | 1    |
| abandonment                         | --   | 9    | 12   | 10   | 4    | 2    | 2    | 8    | 3    | 1    |
| breakage                            | --   | 0    | 0    | 3    | 0    | 1    | 2    | 2    | 1    | 1    |
| No. eggs hatched (B)                | --   | 57   | 58   | 81   | 37   | 60   | 63   | 56   | 61   | 65   |
| No. chicks lost to:                 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| disappearance                       | --   | 20   | 5    | 21   | 9    | 12   | 7    | 4    | 2    | 6    |
| death                               | --   | 5    | 26   | 12   | 4    | 13   | 3    | 0    | 2    | 2    |
| No. chicks fledged (C) <sup>b</sup> | --   | 32   | 27   | 48   | 24   | 35   | 53   | 42   | 57   | 57   |
| Hatching success (B/A)              | --   | 0.81 | 0.77 | 0.81 | 0.84 | 0.91 | 0.90 | 0.82 | 0.91 | 0.96 |
| Fledging success (C/B)              | --   | 0.56 | 0.47 | 0.59 | 0.65 | 0.58 | 0.84 | 0.75 | 0.93 | 0.88 |
| Reproductive success (C/A)          | --   | 0.46 | 0.36 | 0.48 | 0.55 | 0.53 | 0.76 | 0.62 | 0.85 | 0.84 |
| Productivity (hs x fs)              | --   | 0.46 | 0.36 | 0.48 | 0.55 | 0.53 | 0.76 | 0.62 | 0.85 | 0.84 |

<sup>a</sup> Data are from nest sites for which visit intervals at hatching and fledging were  $\leq 12$  days.

<sup>b</sup> For chicks to be considered fledged, they had to have attained the age of 32 days before disappearing or 29 days at time of last visit, if chicks were still present.

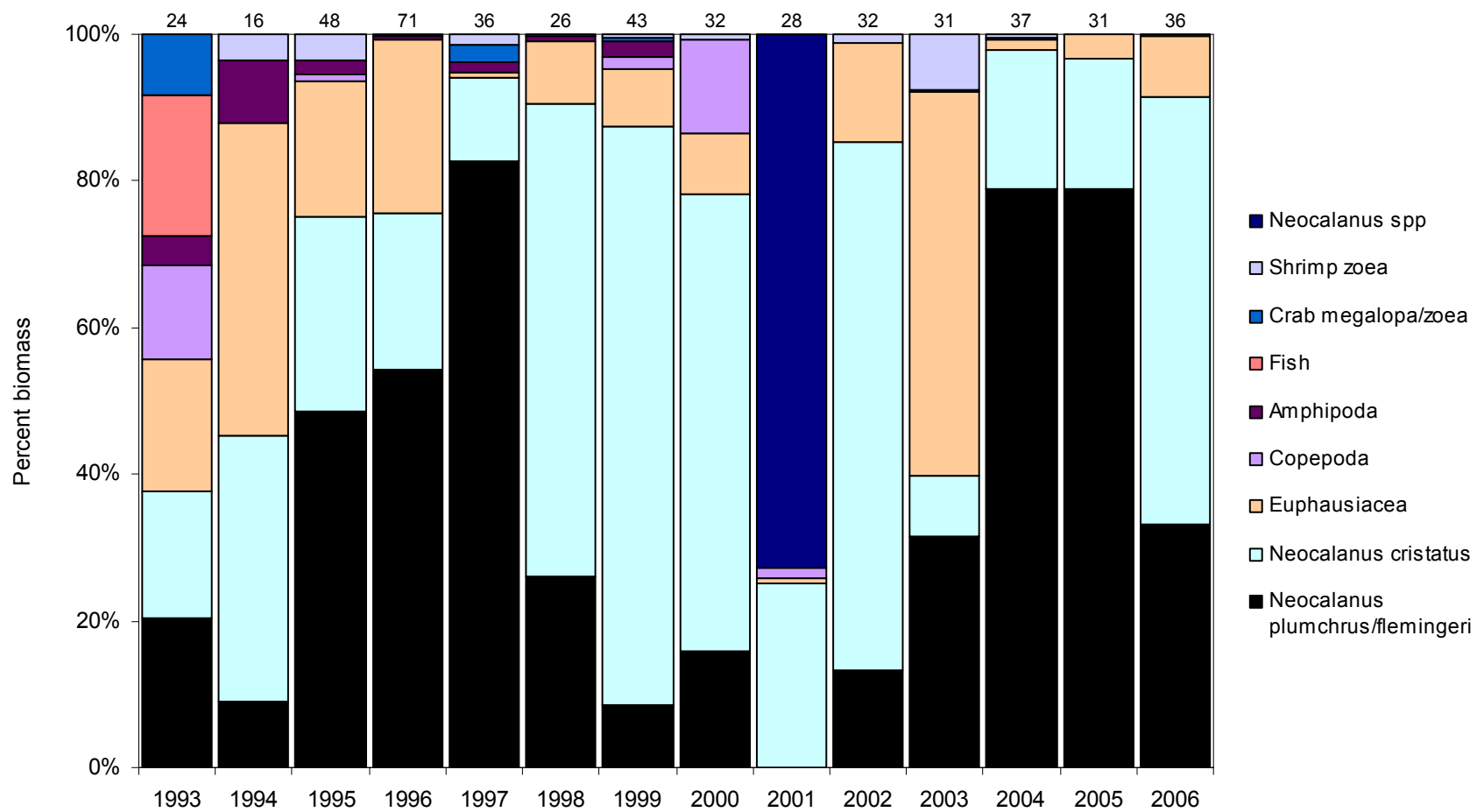


Figure 50. Relative biomass of prey in diets of whiskered auklets at Buldir Island, Alaska. Numbers above columns indicate sample sizes.

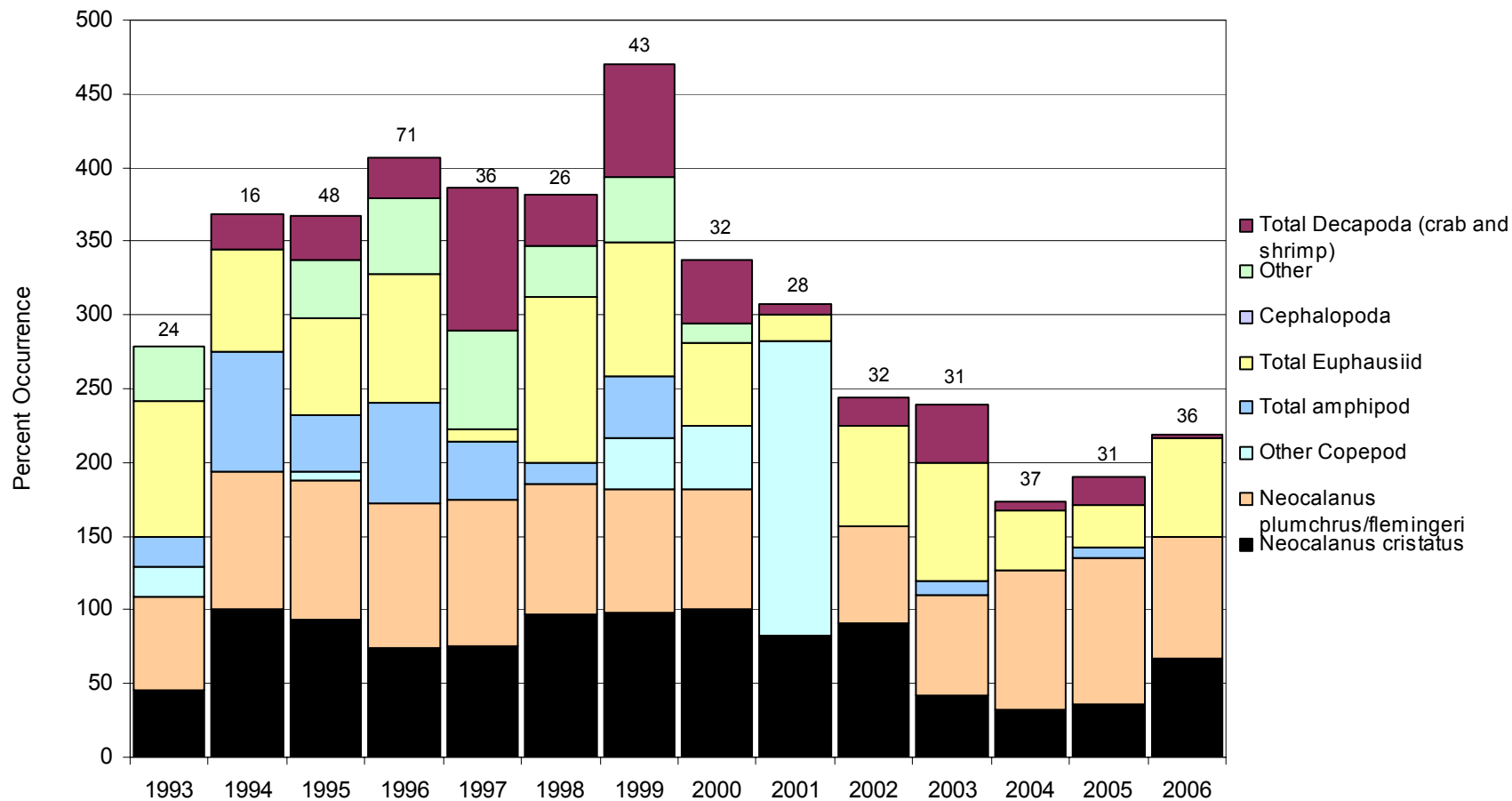


Figure 51. Frequency of occurrence of prey in diets of whiskered auklets at Buldir Island, Alaska. Numbers above columns indicate sample sizes.



Table 73. Relative biomass of prey in diets of whiskered auklets at Buldir Island, Alaska. Numbers represent the percentage of the mass of combined food samples comprised by each species.

|                                        | 1993 | 1994 | 1995  | 1996  | 1997  | 1998  | 1999  | 2000  | 2001  | 2002  | 2003  | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------------------------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|
| No. samples                            | 24   | 16   | 48    | 71    | 36    | 26    | 43    | 32    | 28    | 32    | 31    | 37   | 31   | 36   |
| Total mass (g)                         | 53.4 | 93.9 | 387.5 | 481.3 | 300.2 | 214.1 | 434.1 | 288.9 | 182.2 | 151.6 | 94.8  | 36.1 | 75   | 57.9 |
| Gastropoda                             |      |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |      |      |
| Unid. snail                            | --   | 0.2  | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --   | --   | --   |
| Pteropoda ( <i>Limacina helicina</i> ) | 1.5  | --   | 0.7   | 0.3   | 2.1   | 0.2   | 0.2   | 0.1   | --    | --    | --    | --   | --   | --   |
| Copepoda                               |      |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |      |      |
| <i>Neocalanus cristatus</i>            | 18.6 | 36.4 | 26.2  | 21.2  | 11.3  | 64.3  | 78.8  | 62.4  | 25.1  | 71.3  | 8.41  | 19   | 13.3 | 58.4 |
| <i>N. plumchrus/flemingeri</i>         | 21.8 | 8.9  | 48.3  | 54.2  | 80.9  | 26.1  | 8.5   | 15.8  | --    | 13.2  | 31.41 | 79.3 | 58.9 | 33.1 |
| <i>Neocalanus</i> spp                  | --   | --   | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | 12.6  | 72.7  | --    | --    | --   | --   | --   |
| <i>Calanus pacifica</i>                | --   | --   | 0.1   | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --   | --   | --   |
| Calanoid spp.                          | --   | --   | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | 0.4   | 1.5   | --    | --    | --   | --   | --   |
| <i>Pachyptilus pacificus</i>           | --   | --   | --    | --    | --    | --    | 1     | --    | --    | --    | --    | --   | --   | --   |
| <i>Pareuchta birostrata</i>            | --   | --   | --    | --    | --    | --    | 0.7   | --    | --    | --    | --    | --   | --   | --   |
| <i>Pareuchaeta elongata</i>            | --   | --   | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | 0.07  | 0.12  | --    | --   | --   | --   |
| <i>Lophotrix frontalis</i>             | --   | --   | --    | --    | --    | --    | <0.1  | --    | --    | --    | --    | --   | --   | --   |
| Unid. copepod                          | 13.8 | --   | 0.9   | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --   | --   | --   |
| Amphipoda (unidentified)               | --   | --   | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | 0.22  | --   | --   | --   |
| Hyperideae                             |      |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |      |      |
| <i>Hyperoche medusarum</i>             | --   | --   | 1.7   | 0.5   | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --   | --   | --   |
| <i>Parathemisto pacifica</i>           | 3.9  | 0.5  | 0.1   | <0.1  | <0.1  | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --   | --   | --   |
| <i>Parathemisto</i> spp.               | --   | --   | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --   | 0.01 | --   |
| <i>Primno macropa</i>                  | 0.3  | 7.9  | --    | --    | 1.3   | 0.7   | 2.1   | --    | --    | --    | --    | --   | --   | --   |
| Gammarideae                            |      |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |      |      |
| Talitridae                             | --   | --   | --    | 0.1   | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --   | --   | --   |
| Euphausiacea                           |      |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |      |      |
| <i>Thysanoessa</i> spp.                | 19.5 | 42.5 | 18.5  | 23.6  | 0.6   | --    | --    | --    | --    | 1.77  | 48.1  | 1.1  | --   | --   |
| <i>Thysanoessa raschii</i>             | --   | --   | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --   | 0.08 | --   |
| Unid. euphausid                        | --   | --   | --    | --    | --    | 8.4   | 7.9   | 8.1   | 0.6   | 11.6  | 4.3   | 0.51 | 2.3  | 8.45 |
| <i>Euphausiid furcilla</i>             | --   | --   | --    | --    | --    | 0.2   | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --   | --   | --   |
| Decapoda                               |      |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |      |      |
| Pandalid shrimp                        | --   | --   | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | 0.01  | .10   | 7.5   | --   | --   | --   |
| Larval shrimp                          | --   | --   | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | 0.03  | --   | 0.44 | 0.12 |
| Unid. Shrimp                           | --   | --   | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | 0.4   | --    | --   | --   | --   |
| Shrimp zoea                            | --   | 3.6  | 3.6   | 0.1   | 1.5   | 0.1   | 0.6   | 0.6   | --    | --    | --    | --   | --   | --   |
| Crab zoea                              | --   | --   | --    | <0.1  | 0.6   | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | 0.04 | 0.02 | --   |
| Crab megalopa                          | --   | --   | --    | 0.1   | 1.6   | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | 0.03 | 0.03 | --   |
| Hippolytidae juvenile                  | --   | --   | --    | --    | --    | --    | 0.3   | --    | --    | --    | --    | --   | --   | --   |
| Fish - Hexagrammos spp.                | 20.6 | --   | --    | --    | --    | --    | 0.2   | --    | --    | --    | --    | --   | --   | --   |

Table 74. Frequency of occurrence of prey in diets of whiskered auklets at Buldir Island, Alaska. Frequency is expressed as the percentage of food samples in which each species was present.

|                                        | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| No. samples                            | 24   | 16   | 48   | 71   | 36   | 26   | 43   | 32   | 28   | 32   | 31   | 37   | 31   | 36   |
| Scyphozoa                              | --   | --   | --   | 1.4  | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| Gastropoda                             |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Unid. snail                            | --   | 25   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| Pteropoda ( <i>Limacina helicina</i> ) | 4.2  | --   | 39.6 | 50.7 | 66.7 | 34.6 | 44.2 | 12.5 | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| Copepoda                               |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| <i>Neocalanus cristatus</i>            | 45.8 | 100  | 93.8 | 74.6 | 75   | 96.2 | 97.7 | 100  | 82.1 | 90.6 | 41.9 | 32.4 | 35.5 | 66.7 |
| <i>N. plumchrus/flemingeri</i>         | 62.5 | 93.8 | 93.8 | 97.2 | 100  | 88.5 | 83.7 | 81.3 | --   | 65.6 | 67.7 | 94.6 | 100  | 83.3 |
| <i>Calanus pacifica</i>                | --   | --   | 4.2  | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| Calanoid spp.                          | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 43.8 | 100  | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| <i>Pachyptilus pacifica</i>            | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 14   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| <i>Pareuchta birostrata</i>            | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 18.6 | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| <i>Pareuchaeta elongata</i>            | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 7.1  | 9.4  | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| <i>Lophotrix frontinalis</i>           | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 2.3  | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| Unid. copepod                          | 20.8 | --   | 2.1  | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 92.9 | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| Amphipoda (unidentified)               | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 6.5  | --   | --   | --   |
| Hyperiidea                             |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| <i>Hyperoche medusarum</i>             | --   | --   | 31.3 | 62   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| <i>Parathemisto pacifica</i>           | 16.7 | 12.5 | 6.3  | 2.8  | 2.8  | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| <i>Parathemisto</i> spp.               | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 6.5  | --   |
| <i>Primno macropa</i>                  | 4.2  | 68.8 | --   | --   | 36.1 | 15.4 | 41.9 | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| Gammaridea                             |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Talitridae                             | --   | --   | --   | 4.2  | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| Lysianassidae                          | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 3.2  | --   | --   | --   |
| Euphausiacea                           |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| <i>Thysanoessa</i> spp.                | 91.7 | 68.8 | 66.7 | 87.3 | 8.3  | --   | --   | --   | --   | 12.5 | 22.6 | 8.1  | --   | --   |
| <i>Thysanoessa raschii</i>             | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 3.2  | --   |
| Unid. euphausiid                       | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 92.3 | 90.7 | 56.3 | 17.9 | 56.2 | 58.1 | 32.4 | 25.8 | 66.7 |
| <i>Euphausiid furcilla</i>             | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 19.2 | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| Decapoda                               |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Pandalid shrimp                        | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 43.8 | --   | 6.3  | 35.5 | 2.7  | --   | --   |
| Larval shrimp                          | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 7.1  | 9.4  | 3.2  | --   | 6.5  | 2.8  |
| Unid. Shrimp                           | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 3.1  | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| Shrimp zoea                            | --   | 25   | 29.2 | 12.7 | 58.3 | 34.6 | 60.5 | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| Crab zoea                              | --   | --   | --   | 9.9  | 16.7 | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 2.7  | 6.5  | --   |
| Crab megalopa                          | --   | --   | --   | 5.6  | 22.2 | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 6.5  | --   |
| Hippolytidae juvenile                  | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 16.3 | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| Fish                                   |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Hexagrammos spp.                       | 4.2  | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |

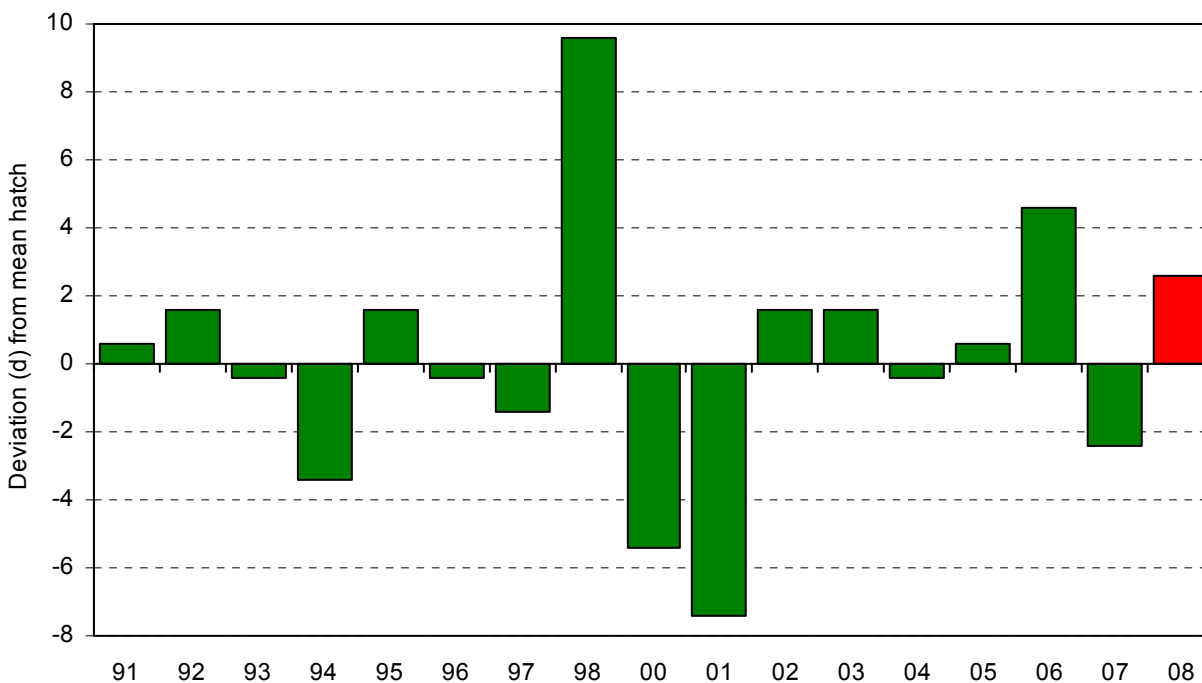


Figure 52. Yearly hatch date deviation (from the 1991-2007 average of 4 July) of parakeet auklets at Buldir Island, Alaska. Numbers below the mean indicate hatch dates earlier; positive numbers indicate hatch dates later.

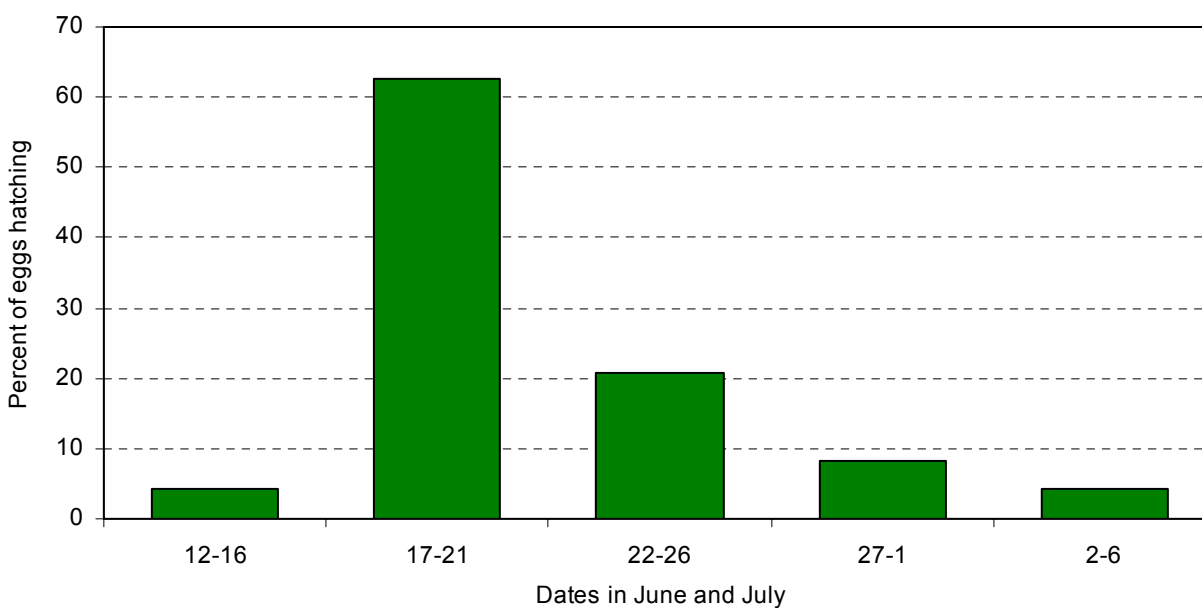


Figure 53. Hatching chronology of parakeet auklets at Buldir Island, Alaska in 2008 ( $n=24$ ).

Table 75. Breeding chronology dates for parakeet auklets at Buldir Island, Alaska.

| Year | mean hatch | SD   | $n^a$ | median hatch | mean fledge | SD  | $n^b$ | median fledge | no. nests monitored <sup>c</sup> | first hatch | last hatch | first fledge | last fledge |
|------|------------|------|-------|--------------|-------------|-----|-------|---------------|----------------------------------|-------------|------------|--------------|-------------|
| 1991 | 5 Jul      | 5.5  | 14    | 5 Jul        | --          | --  | 27    | 9 Aug         | 53                               | 30 Jun      | 9 Jul      | 3 Aug        | >14 Aug     |
| 1992 | 5 Jul      | 6.8  | 8     | 4 Jul        | --          | --  | 28    | 4 Aug         | 43                               | 25 Jun      | 15 Jul     | 27 Jul       | >12 Aug     |
| 1993 | 4 Jul      | 7.9  | 12    | 1 Jul        | --          | --  | 17    | 4 Aug         | 35                               | 19 Jun      | 15 Jul     | 27 Jul       | 10 Aug      |
| 1994 | 1 Jul      | 5.7  | 37    | 1 Jul        | --          | --  | 33    | 5 Aug         | 65                               | 20 Jun      | 15 Jul     | 23 Jul       | 22 Aug      |
| 1995 | 5 Jul      | 6.1  | 37    | 3 Jul        | --          | --  | 49    | 6 Aug         | 70                               | 21 Jun      | 17 Jul     | 30 Jul       | >17 Aug     |
| 1996 | 3 Jul      | 5.0  | 31    | 4 Jul        | --          | --  | 38    | 11 Aug        | 64                               | 16 Jun      | 20 Jul     | 26 Jul       | 14 Aug      |
| 1997 | 3 Jul      | 5.1  | 22    | 1 Jul        | 7 Aug       | 5.7 | 30    | 6 Aug         | 62                               | 26 Jun      | 13 Jul     | 27 Jul       | 16 Aug      |
| 1998 | 14 Jul     | 6.3  | 34    | 14 Jul       | --          | --  | 43    | 16 Aug        | 71                               | 29 Jun      | 31 Jul     | 10 Aug       | >27 Aug     |
| 1999 | --         | --   | --    | --           | --          | --  | --    | not monitored | --                               | --          | --         | --           | --          |
| 2000 | 28 Jun     | 6.6  | 22    | 27 Jun       | 1 Aug       | 4.7 | 29    | 2 Aug         | 65                               | 12 Jun      | 14 Jul     | 23 Jul       | 13 Aug      |
| 2001 | 27 Jun     | 2.7  | 9     | 29 Jun       | none        | --  | --    | n/a           | 40                               | 22 Jun      | 29 Jun     | n/a          | n/a         |
| 2002 | 5 Jul      | 4.9  | 19    | 5 Jul        | 1 Aug       | 8.6 | 7     | 2 Aug         | 55                               | 27 Jun      | 22 Jul     | 29 Jul       | 12 Aug      |
| 2003 | 6 Jul      | 7.0  | 6     | 4 Jul        | 8 Aug       | 7.7 | 15    | 6 Aug         | 34                               | 19 Jun      | 19 Jul     | 25 Jul       | 18 Aug      |
| 2004 | 3 Jul      | 5.4  | 12    | 4 Jul        | 8 Aug       | 3.4 | 4     | 9 Aug         | 37                               | 24 Jun      | 14 Jul     | 4 Aug        | 11 Aug      |
| 2005 | 5 Jul      | 11.6 | 10    | 4 Jul        | 4 Aug       | 4.5 | 17    | 4 Aug         | 36                               | 15 Jun      | 27 Jul     | 25 Jul       | 16 Aug      |
| 2006 | 9 Jul      | 5.4  | 13    | 8 Jul        | 13 Aug      | 4.4 | 34    | 11 Aug        | 59                               | 1 Jul       | 21 Jul     | 4 Aug        | 26 Aug      |
| 2007 | 2 Jul      | 7.8  | 9     | 29 Jun       | 3 Aug       | 4.6 | 30    | 4 Aug         | 50                               | 21 Jun      | 22 Jul     | 23 Jul       | 15 Aug      |
| 2008 | 7 Jul      | 4.8  | 24    | 5 Jul        | 12 Aug      | 6.2 | 28    | 13 Aug        | 54                               | 30 Jun      | 19 Jul     | 29 Jul       | 20 Aug      |

<sup>a</sup> Sample size is for the calculation of mean and median hatch dates. These dates are a subsample for which we have observations  $\leq 7$  days from egg to chick in all years except 1991 when  $\leq 9$  days egg to chick, and 1993 when  $\leq 9$  days egg to chick or bird incubating to chick.

<sup>b</sup> Sample size is for the calculation of mean and median fledge dates.

<sup>c</sup> The total used for estimating the remaining parameters. These dates might contain observations  $> 7$ , but  $< 10$  days apart or estimated event dates (e.g. bird incubating on first visit followed by chick on the next visit).

Table 76. Frequency distribution of hatch dates for Parakeet Auklets at Buldir Island, Alaska. Intervals from egg to chick  $\leq 7$  days for all years except 1991 and 1993 when  $\leq 9$  days.

| Julian<br>Date | No. nests hatching on Julian date |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
|                | 1991                              | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
| 160            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 161            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 162            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 163            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 164            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 165            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 166            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   |
| 167            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 168            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 169            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 170            | --                                | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 171            | --                                | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 172            | --                                | --   | --   | 2    | 1    | --   | --   | --   | 2    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 173            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 174            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 175            | --                                | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 176            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 3    | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | 1    | --   |
| 177            | --                                | 1    | --   | 7    | 5    | --   | 4    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 178            | --                                | --   | --   | 5    | --   | --   | --   | --   | 6    | --   | --   | --   | 1    | 2    | --   | --   | --   |
| 179            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 3    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 180            | --                                | 1    | --   | 1    | --   | 6    | --   | --   | 1    | 5    | 1    | 1    | 2    | 1    | --   | 4    | --   |
| 181            | 7                                 | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 182            | --                                | --   | 5    | 4    | --   | 4    | 8    | --   | --   | --   | 3    | --   | --   | --   | 1    | 1    | 1    |
| 183            | --                                | --   | --   | 9    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 184            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | 15   | 1    | --   | --   | 6    | --   | 2    | 2    | --   | 2    | 3    | 2    | 10   |
| 185            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 186            | --                                | 2    | --   | 1    | --   | 5    | 3    | 3    | --   | --   | 5    | --   | 4    | --   | 1    | --   | --   |
| 187            | --                                | 1    | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 4    |
| 188            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | 5    | 11   | 3    | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | 1    |
| 189            | --                                | 1    | --   | 1    | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | 2    | 1    | --   | --   | 3    | --   | --   |
| 190            | 6                                 | --   | 3    | 2    | 7    | 1    | --   | 7    | --   | --   | 3    | --   | 2    | 2    | --   | --   | 3    |
| 191            | --                                | --   | --   | 2    | --   | --   | 1    | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 192            | --                                | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 5    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 4    | --   | --   |
| 193            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | 3    |
| 194            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 195            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 2    |
| 196            | --                                | --   | 2    | 1    | 1    | --   | --   | 10   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 197            | 1                                 | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   |
| 198            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | 3    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 199            | --                                | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 200            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 2    | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 201            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    |
| 202            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 203            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   |
| 204            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 2    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 205            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 206            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 207            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 208            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   |
| 209            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 210            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 211            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 212            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| <i>n</i>       | 14                                | 8    | 12   | 37   | 37   | 31   | 21   | 34   | 22   | 9    | 19   | 6    | 12   | 10   | 13   | 9    | 25   |

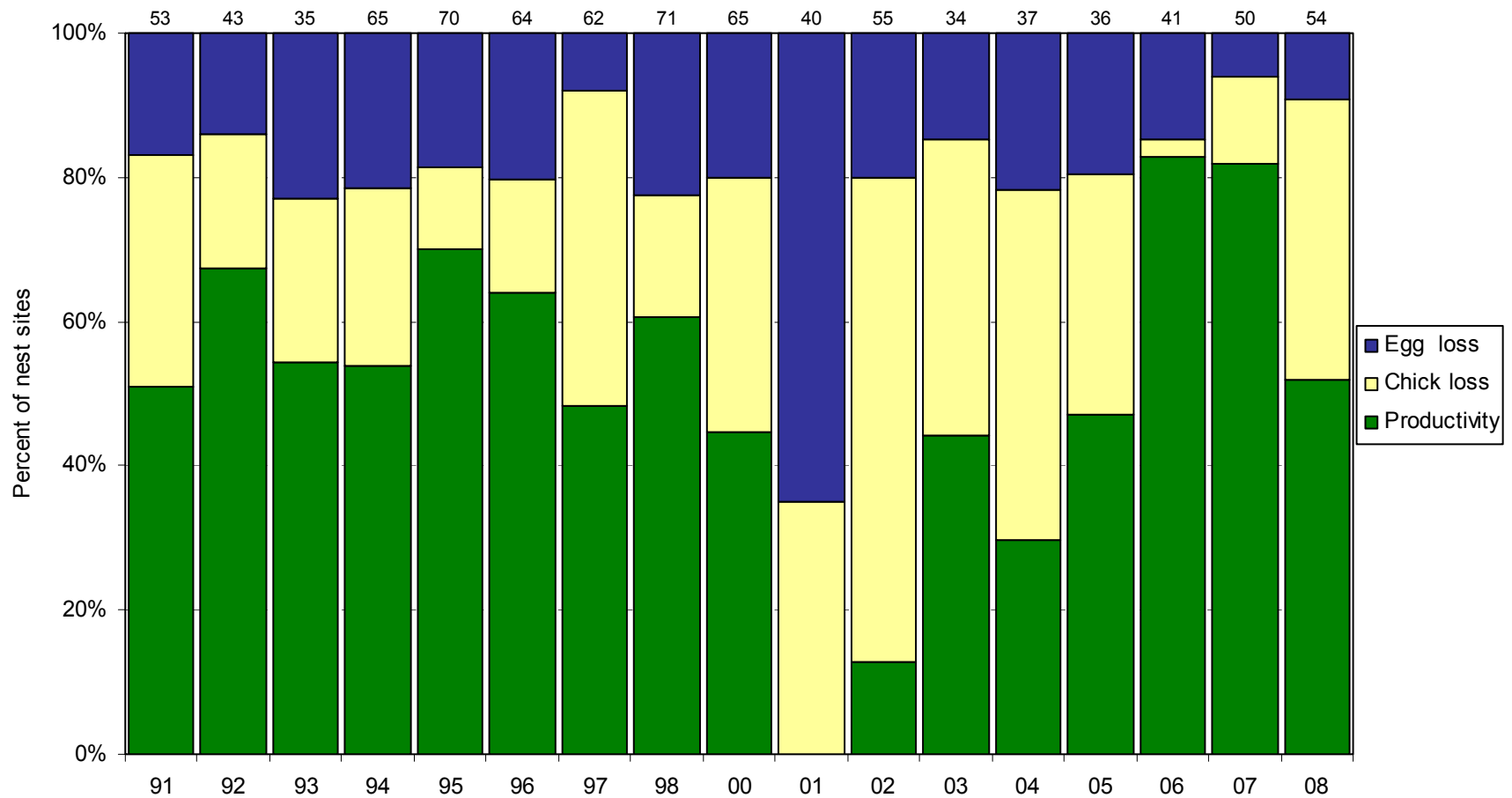


Figure 54. Reproductive performance of parakeet auklets at Buldir Island, Alaska.  $\text{Egg loss} = (A-B)/A$ ;  $\text{Chick loss} = (B-C)/A$ ;  $\text{Productivity} = C/A$ , where  $A$ =number of nest sites,  $B$ =number of nest sites with a chick,  $C$ =number of sites with fledged chick. The number of known fate eggs monitored are given above each bar.

Table 77. Reproductive performance of parakeet auklets at Buldir Island, Alaska.

| Parameter <sup>a</sup>              | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996           | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 |
|-------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|----------------|------|------|------|
| No. eggs found (A)                  | 53   | 43   | 35   | 65   | 70   | 64             | 62   | 71   | 0    |
| No. eggs lost to:                   |      |      |      |      |      |                |      |      |      |
| disappearance                       | 2    | 3    | 4    | 6    | 5    | 9              | 1    | 11   | --   |
| abandonment                         | 3    | 3    | 3    | 6    | 6    | 3 <sup>b</sup> | 2    | 5    | --   |
| breakage                            | 4    | 0    | 1    | 2    | 2    | 1              | 2    | 0    | --   |
| No. eggs hatched (B)                | 44   | 37   | 27   | 51   | 57   | 51             | 57   | 55   | --   |
| No. chicks lost to:                 |      |      |      |      |      |                |      |      |      |
| disappearance                       | 8    | 6    | 7    | 12   | 8    | 2              | 9    | 0    | --   |
| death                               | 9    | 2    | 1    | 4    | 0    | 8              | 18   | 12   | --   |
| No. chicks fledged (C) <sup>c</sup> | 27   | 29   | 19   | 35   | 49   | 41             | 30   | 43   | --   |
| Hatching success (B/A)              | 0.83 | 0.86 | 0.77 | 0.78 | 0.81 | 0.8            | 0.92 | 0.77 | --   |
| Fledging success (C/B) <sup>c</sup> | 0.61 | 0.78 | 0.7  | 0.69 | 0.86 | 0.8            | 0.53 | 0.78 | --   |
| Reproductive success (C/A)          | 0.51 | 0.67 | 0.54 | 0.54 | 0.7  | 0.64           | 0.48 | 0.61 | --   |
| Productivity (hs x fs)              | 0.51 | 0.67 | 0.54 | 0.54 | 0.7  | 0.64           | 0.49 | 0.6  | --   |

<sup>a</sup> Data are from nest sites for which visit intervals at hatching and fledging were  $\leq 12$  days.

<sup>b</sup> Two of these nest sites were taken over by horned puffins.

<sup>c</sup> For chicks to be considered fledged, they had to have attained 30 days of age before disappearing or 26 days at the time of the last visit, if chicks were still present.

Table 77 continued. Reproductive performance of parakeet auklets at Buldir Island, Alaska.

| Parameter <sup>a</sup>              | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
|-------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| No. eggs found (A)                  | 65   | 40   | 55   | 34   | 37   | 36   | 41   | 50   | 54   |
| No. eggs lost to:                   |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| disappearance                       | 10   | 8    | 6    | 0    | 3    | 2    | 1    | 2    | 0    |
| abandonment                         | 3    | 18   | 5    | 5    | 3    | 5    | 4    | 0    | 2    |
| breakage                            | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 2    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 3    |
| No. eggs hatched (B)                | 52   | 14   | 44   | 29   | 29   | 29   | 35   | 47   | 49   |
| No. chicks lost to:                 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| disappearance                       | 22   | 3    | 6    | 10   | 6    | 5    | 0    | 3    | 0    |
| death                               | 1    | 11   | 27   | 4    | 12   | 7    | 1    | 3    | 21   |
| No. chicks fledged (C) <sup>c</sup> | 29   | 0    | 7    | 15   | 11   | 17   | 34   | 41   | 28   |
| Hatching success (B/A)              | 0.8  | 0.35 | 0.8  | 0.85 | 0.78 | 0.81 | 0.85 | 0.94 | 0.91 |
| Fledging success (C/B)              | 0.56 | 0    | 0.16 | 0.52 | 0.38 | 0.59 | 0.97 | 0.87 | 0.57 |
| Reproductive success (C/A)          | 0.45 | 0    | 0.13 | 0.44 | 0.3  | 0.47 | 0.83 | 0.82 | 0.52 |
| Productivity (hs x fs)              | 0.45 | 0    | 0.13 | 0.44 | 0.3  | 0.48 | 0.82 | 0.82 | 0.52 |

<sup>a</sup> Data are from nest sites for which visit intervals at hatching and fledging were  $\leq 12$  days.

<sup>b</sup> Two of these nest sites were taken over by horned puffins.

<sup>c</sup> For chicks to be considered fledged, they had to have attained 30 days of age before disappearing or 26 days at the time of the last visit, if chicks were still present.



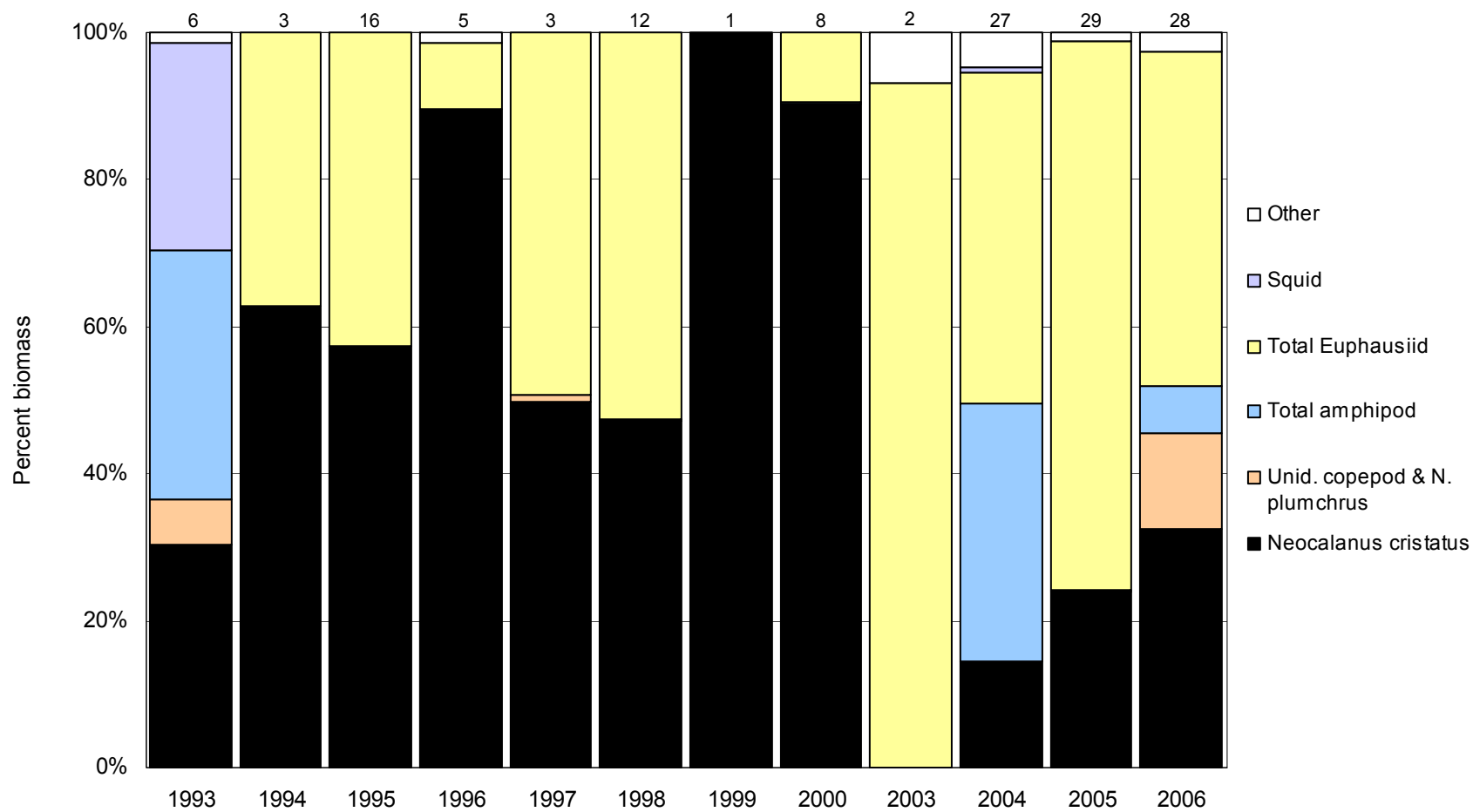


Figure 55. Relative biomass of prey in diets of parakeet auklets at Buldir Island, Alaska. Numbers above columns indicate sample sizes.

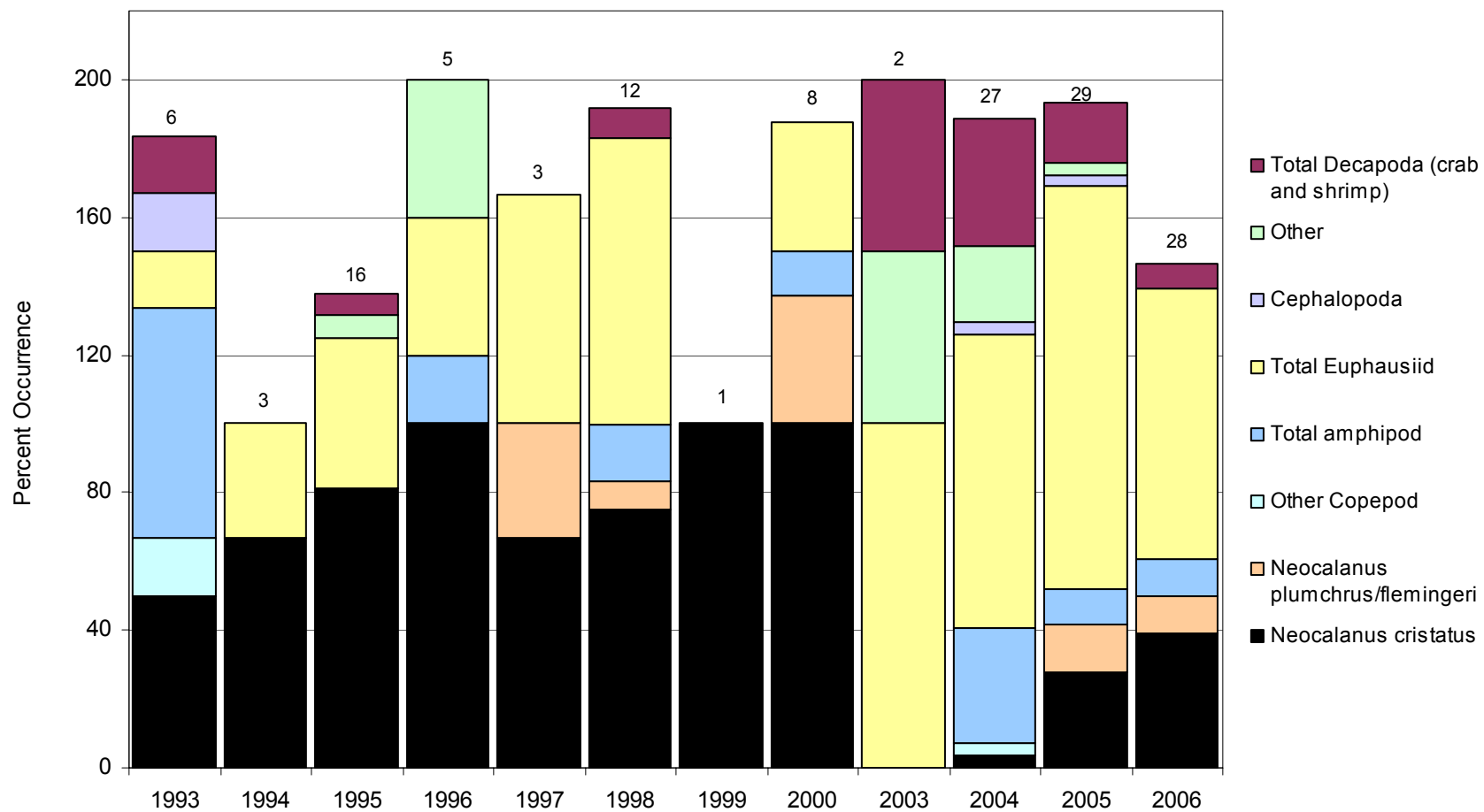


Figure 56. Frequency of occurrence of prey in diets of parakeet auklets at Buldir Island, Alaska. Numbers above columns indicate sample sizes.

Table 78. Relative biomass of prey in diets of parakeet auklets at Buldir Island, Alaska. Numbers represent the percentage of the mass of combined food samples comprised by each species. Data from 2001-2002 have not yet been analyzed.

|                                | 1993 | 1994 | 1995  | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999  | 2000 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|--------------------------------|------|------|-------|------|------|------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|
| No. samples                    | 6    | 3    | 16    | 5    | 3    | 12   | 1     | 8    | 2    | 27   | 29   | 28   |
| Total mass (g)                 | 14.2 | 8.6  | 174.3 | 24.6 | 36.8 | 91.1 | 0.7   | 37.2 | 2.96 | 31.8 | 98.2 | 18.7 |
| Pteropoda                      | --   | --   | <0.1  | 1.3  | --   | --   | --    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| Periostracum                   | --   | --   | --    | --   | --   | --   | --    | --   | --   | .14  | --   | --   |
| Cephalopoda - squid            | 28.2 | --   | --    | --   | --   | --   | --    | --   | 2.0  | .75  | .18  | --   |
| Gonatidae                      | --   | --   | --    | --   | --   | --   | --    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| Worm                           | --   | --   | --    | --   | --   | --   | --    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| Copepoda                       |      |      |       |      |      |      |       |      |      |      |      |      |
| <i>Neocalanus cristatus</i>    | 30.3 | 62.8 | 57.4  | 89.2 | 49.6 | 43.0 | 100.0 | 90.4 | --   | 14.3 | 24   | 32.4 |
| <i>N. plumchrus/flemingeri</i> | --   | --   | --    | --   | 1.1  | <0.1 | --    | --   | --   | --   | .24  | 13   |
| Calanoid spp.                  | --   | --   | --    | --   | --   | --   | --    | --   | --   | .08  | --   | --   |
| Unid. copepod                  | 6.2  | --   | --    | --   | --   | --   | --    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| Amphipoda                      |      |      |       |      |      |      |       |      |      |      |      |      |
| Hyperiidea                     |      |      |       |      |      |      |       |      |      |      |      |      |
| <i>Parathemisto pacifica</i>   | 32.8 | --   | --    | <0.1 | --   | --   | --    | .2   | --   | 35.1 | --   | 6.4  |
| <i>Parathemisto</i> spp.       | --   | --   | --    | --   | --   | --   | --    | --   | --   | --   | .03  | --   |
| <i>Primno macropa</i>          | 1.1  | --   | --    | --   | --   | --   | --    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| <i>Hyperoche medusarum</i>     | --   | --   | --    | --   | --   | 0.1  | --    | --   | --   | .01  | --   | --   |
| Gammaridea                     |      |      |       |      |      |      |       |      |      |      |      |      |
| Lysianassidae                  | --   | --   | --    | --   | --   | 0.1  | --    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| Euphausiacea                   |      |      |       |      |      |      |       |      |      |      |      |      |
| <i>Thysanoessa</i> spp.        | 0.1  | 37.2 | 42.5  | 9.5  | 49.2 | --   | --    | --   | 69.3 | 28.3 | 57.8 | 4.2  |
| <i>Thysanoessa raschii</i>     | --   | --   | --    | --   | --   | --   | --    | --   | --   | --   | 2.8  | --   |
| Unid. euphausiid               | --   | --   | --    | --   | --   | 47.8 | --    | 9.5  | 21.9 | 16.8 | 13.9 | 41.4 |
| Decapoda                       |      |      |       |      |      |      |       |      |      |      |      |      |
| Pandalid shrimp                | --   | --   | --    | --   | --   | --   | --    | --   | 6.6  | --   | --   | --   |
| Larval shrimp                  | --   | --   | --    | --   | --   | --   | --    | --   | --   | .04  | 1.1  | 2.1  |
| Crab zoea                      | --   | --   | 0.1   | --   | --   | --   | --    | --   | --   | .06  | .01  | --   |
| Oregoninae                     | 1.4  | --   | --    | --   | --   | --   | --    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| Atelecyclidae megalopa         | --   | --   | --    | --   | --   | <0.1 | --    | --   | --   | 4.4  | .02  | .5   |
| Unid. mollusk                  | --   | --   | --    | --   | --   | --   | --    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| Insect                         | --   | --   | --    | --   | --   | --   | --    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |

Table 79. Frequency of occurrence of prey in diets of parakeet auklets at Buldir Island, Alaska. Frequency is expressed as the percentage of food samples in which each species was present.

|                                | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996  | 1997 | 1998 | 1999  | 2000  | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|--------------------------------|------|------|------|-------|------|------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|
| No. samples                    | 6    | 3    | 16   | 5     | 3    | 12   | 1     | 8     | 2    | 27   | 29   | 28   |
| Pteropoda                      | --   | --   | 6.3  | 40.0  | --   | --   | --    | --    | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| Periostracum                   | --   | --   | --   | --    | --   | --   | --    | --    | --   | 14.8 | --   | --   |
| Cephalopoda - squid            | 16.7 | --   | --   | --    | --   | --   | --    | --    | --   | 3.7  | --   | --   |
| Gonatidae                      | --   | --   | --   | --    | --   | --   | --    | --    | --   | --   | 3.5  | --   |
| Worm                           | --   | --   | --   | --    | --   | --   | --    | --    | --   | --   | 3.5  | --   |
| Copepoda                       |      |      |      |       |      |      |       |       |      |      |      |      |
| <i>Neocalanus cristatus</i>    | 50.0 | 66.7 | 81.3 | 100.0 | 66.7 | 75.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | --   | 3.7  | 27.6 | 39.3 |
| <i>N. plumchrus/flemingeri</i> | --   | --   | --   | --    | 33.3 | 8.3  | --    | 37.5  | --   | --   | --   | 10.7 |
| Calanoid spp.                  | --   | --   | --   | --    | --   | --   | --    | --    | --   | 3.7  | 13.8 | --   |
| Unid. copepod                  | 16.7 | --   | --   | --    | --   | --   | --    | --    | --   | 3.7  | --   | --   |
| Amphipoda (Unknown)            | --   | --   | --   | --    | --   | --   | --    | --    | --   | --   | --   | 7.1  |
| Hyperiidea                     |      |      |      |       |      |      |       |       |      |      |      |      |
| <i>Parathemisto pacifica</i>   | 50.0 | --   | --   | 20.0  | --   | --   | --    | 12.5  | --   | 33.3 | --   | 3.6  |
| <i>Parathemisto</i> spp.       | --   | --   | --   | --    | --   | --   | --    | --    | --   | --   | 10.3 | --   |
| <i>Primno macropa</i>          | 16.7 | --   | --   | --    | --   | --   | --    | --    | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| <i>Hyperoche medusarum</i>     | --   | --   | --   | --    | --   | 8.3  | --    | --    | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| Gammaridea                     |      |      |      |       |      |      |       |       |      |      |      |      |
| Lysianassidae                  | --   | --   | --   | --    | --   | 8.3  | --    | --    | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| Euphausiacea                   |      |      |      |       |      |      |       |       |      |      |      |      |
| <i>Thysanoessa</i> spp.        | 16.7 | 33.3 | 43.8 | 40.0  | 66.7 | --   | --    | --    | 50.0 | 18.5 | 31.0 | 3.6  |
| <i>Thysanoessa raschii</i>     | --   | --   | --   | --    | --   | --   | --    | --    | --   | --   | 6.9  | --   |
| Unid. euphausid                | --   | --   | --   | --    | --   | 83.3 | --    | 37.5  | 50.0 | 66.7 | 79.3 | 75   |
| Decapoda                       |      |      |      |       |      |      |       |       |      |      |      |      |
| Pandalid shrimp                | --   | --   | --   | --    | --   | --   | --    | --    | 50.0 | --   | --   | --   |
| Larval shrimp                  | --   | --   | --   | --    | --   | --   | --    | --    | --   | 3.7  | 10.3 | 3.6  |
| Crab zoea                      | --   | --   | 6.3  | --    | --   | --   | --    | --    | --   | 3.7  | 3.5  | --   |
| Crab megalopa                  | --   | --   | --   | --    | --   | --   | --    | --    | --   | --   | 3.5  | 3.6  |
| Oregoninae                     | 16.7 | --   | --   | --    | --   | --   | --    | --    | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| Atelecyclidae megalopa         | --   | --   | --   | --    | --   | 8.3  | --    | --    | --   | 29.6 | --   | --   |
| Unid. mollusk                  | --   | --   | --   | --    | --   | --   | --    | --    | 50.0 | --   | --   | --   |
| Insect                         | --   | --   | --   | --    | --   | --   | --    | --    | --   | 7.4  | --   | --   |

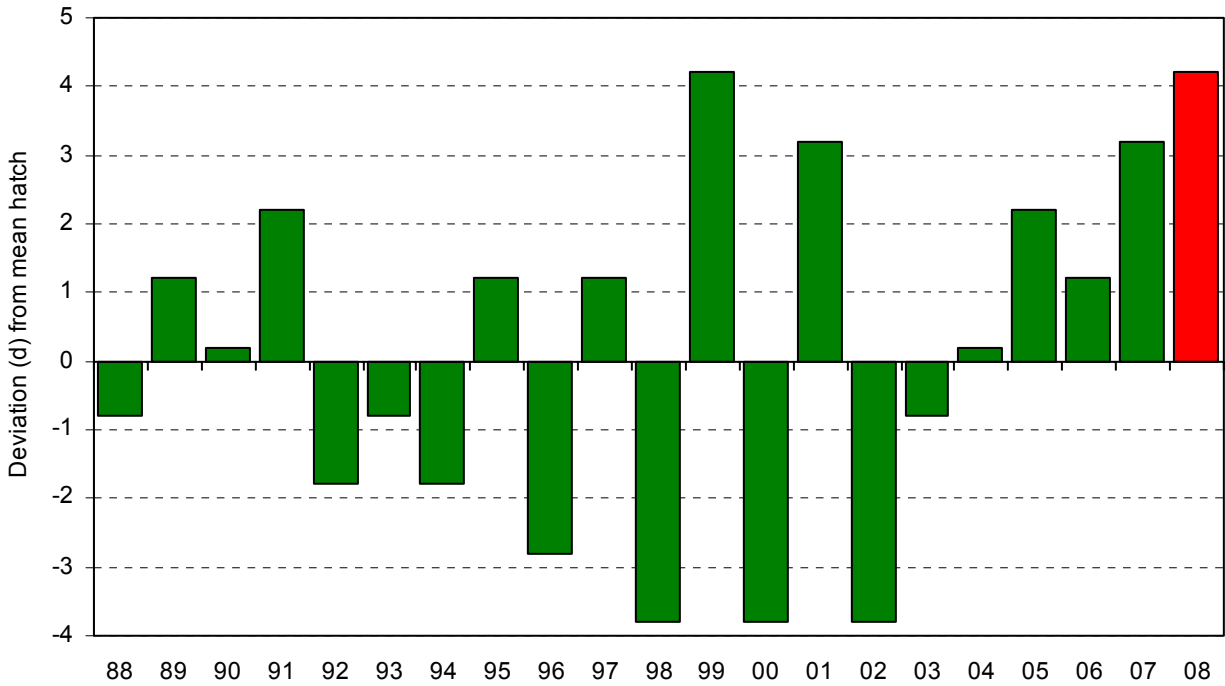


Figure 57. Yearly hatch date deviation (from the 1988-2007 average of 24 July) of horned puffins at Buldir Island, Alaska. Numbers below the mean indicate hatch dates earlier; positive numbers indicate hatch dates later.

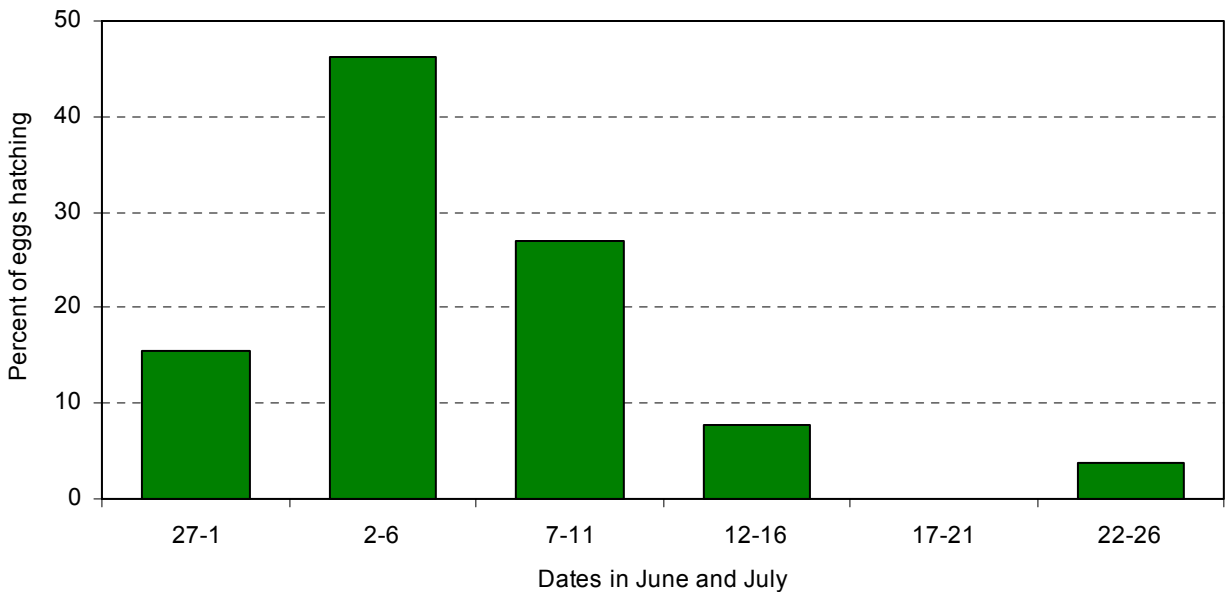


Figure 58. Hatching chronology of horned puffins at Buldir Island, Alaska in 2008 ( $n=26$ ).

Table 80. Breeding chronology dates for horned puffins at Buldir Island, Alaska.

| Year | mean hatch | SD  | <i>n</i> <sup>a</sup> | median hatch | no. nests monitored <sup>b</sup> | first hatch | last hatch | first fledge         |
|------|------------|-----|-----------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|-------------|------------|----------------------|
| 1988 | 22 Jul     | 6.8 | 18                    | 23 Jul       | 38                               | 30 Jun      | 14 Aug     | 3 Sep                |
| 1989 | 25 Jul     | 6.1 | 7                     | 23 Jul       | 39                               | 9 Jul       | 8 Aug      | >22 Aug <sup>c</sup> |
| 1990 | 24 Jul     | 7.9 | 19                    | 19 Jul       | 52                               | 9 Jul       | 10 Aug     | 12 Aug               |
| 1991 | 26 Jul     | 4.7 | 15                    | 27 Jul       | 71                               | 15 Jul      | 6 Aug      | >14 Aug              |
| 1992 | 21 Jul     | 4.8 | 8                     | 20 Jul       | 27                               | 11 Jul      | 5 Aug      | >12 Aug              |
| 1993 | 23 Jul     | 4.5 | 12                    | 25 Jul       | 19                               | 15 Jul      | 3 Aug      | 28 Aug               |
| 1994 | 22 Jul     | 3.6 | 15                    | 23 Jul       | 36                               | 9 Jul       | 1 Aug      | 28 Aug               |
| 1995 | 25 Jul     | 6.0 | 10                    | 24 Jul       | 38                               | 15 Jul      | 4 Aug      | >18 Aug              |
| 1996 | 20 Jul     | 2.7 | 13                    | 20 Jul       | 51                               | 10 Jul      | 7 Aug      | >18 Aug              |
| 1997 | 25 Jul     | 4.7 | 21                    | 24 Jul       | 52                               | 15 Jul      | 6 Aug      | >19 Aug              |
| 1998 | 20 Jul     | 7.4 | 16                    | 23 Jul       | 39                               | 5 Jul       | 2 Aug      | >27 Aug              |
| 1999 | 28 Jul     | 5.9 | 13                    | 25 Jul       | 25                               | 22 Jul      | 8 Aug      | >26 Aug              |
| 2000 | 19 Jul     | 8.3 | 21                    | 18 Jul       | 62                               | 2 Jul       | 2 Aug      | >28 Aug              |
| 2001 | 27 Jul     | 8.0 | 13                    | 25 Jul       | 60                               | 16 Jul      | 12 Aug     | 25 Aug               |
| 2002 | 20 Jul     | 5.1 | 42                    | 19 Jul       | 91                               | 21 Jun      | 7 Aug      | >4 Sep               |
| 2003 | 23 Jul     | 8.4 | 10                    | 19 Jul       | 26                               | 9 Jul       | 12 Aug     | 24 Aug               |
| 2004 | 24 Jul     | 5.5 | 15                    | 23 Jul       | 53                               | 29 Jun      | 2 Aug      | >24 Aug              |
| 2005 | 26 Jul     | 3.0 | 8                     | 25 Jul       | 24                               | 19 Jul      | 6 Aug      | >24 Aug              |
| 2006 | 26 Jul     | 9.9 | 24                    | 25 Jul       | 60                               | 1 Jul       | 16 Aug     | 16 Aug               |
| 2007 | 27 Jul     | 4.6 | 18                    | 26 Jul       | 40                               | 17 Jul      | 4 Aug      | >24 Aug              |
| 2008 | 27 Jul     | 5.6 | 26                    | 25 Jul       | 47                               | 19 Jul      | 13 Aug     | >25 Aug              |

<sup>a</sup> Sample size is for calculation of mean and median hatch date estimates only. Nest sites used to determine hatch dates had observations < 8 days from egg to chick except in 1989 when  $\leq 8$  days; 1990 when  $\leq 10$  days; and 1993 when  $\leq 9$  days.

<sup>b</sup> The total used for estimating the remaining parameters.

<sup>c</sup> No chicks had fledged (disappeared after reaching min fledging age) by the time of the last visit in years with a ">".

Table 81. Frequency distribution of hatch dates for horned puffins at Buldir Island, Alaska. Data in 1989, 1990, and 1993 include egg to chick intervals of  $\leq 8$ , 10, and 9 days, respectively.

| Julian | No. nests hatching on Julian date |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|--------|-----------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Date   | 1988                              | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
| 180    | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 181    | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 182    | 1                                 | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   |
| 183    | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 184    | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 2    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 185    | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 186    | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   |
| 187    | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 188    | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 189    | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 190    | --                                | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 191    | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 192    | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 193    | --                                | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 194    | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 4    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 195    | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | 4    | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 196    | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | 1    | 1    | --   | 1    | 2    | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 197    | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | 6    | 2    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 198    | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 4    | --   | 2    | --   | --   | 1    | --   |
| 199    | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 2    | --   | 3    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 200    | 2                                 | --   | 9    | 2    | --   | 4    | --   | --   | --   | 4    | 3    | --   | 3    | --   | 11   | 5    | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 201    | --                                | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | 4    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | 4    |
| 202    | 5                                 | --   | --   | 1    | 4    | --   | --   | 4    | 11   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | 2    | 1    | 5    | 1    | --   |
| 203    | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 2    | --   | 1    | --   | --   | 6    | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   |
| 204    | 1                                 | 6    | --   | --   | --   | 1    | 8    | --   | --   | 2    | 3    | 5    | 1    | 4    | 4    | --   | 4    | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 205    | 2                                 | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 2    | --   | --   | 3    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | 1    | 2    |
| 206    | 3                                 | --   | 1    | 3    | 1    | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | 2    | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 4    | 6    | 1    | --   |
| 207    | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 3    | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | 3    | 10   |
| 208    | 2                                 | --   | --   | 4    | 2    | 6    | --   | --   | 1    | 3    | --   | --   | --   | --   | 2    | 1    | 1    | --   | 2    | 2    | --   |
| 209    | --                                | --   | 5    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 2    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   |
| 210    | --                                | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 5    | 2    | 2    | 1    | --   | 2    | --   | 1    | 1    | --   | --   | --   |
| 211    | --                                | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | 5    |
| 212    | 1                                 | --   | --   | 2    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | 2    | 1    | --   | 1    | 3    | 2    | --   |
| 213    | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | 2    |
| 214    | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | 1    | 1    | 2    | --   | 1    | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 215    | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 216    | 1                                 | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | 2    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 2    | 2    | --   |
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| n      | 18                                | 7    | 19   | 15   | 8    | 12   | 15   | 10   | 13   | 21   | 16   | 13   | 21   | 12   | 42   | 10   | 14   | 8    | 24   | 16   | 25   |

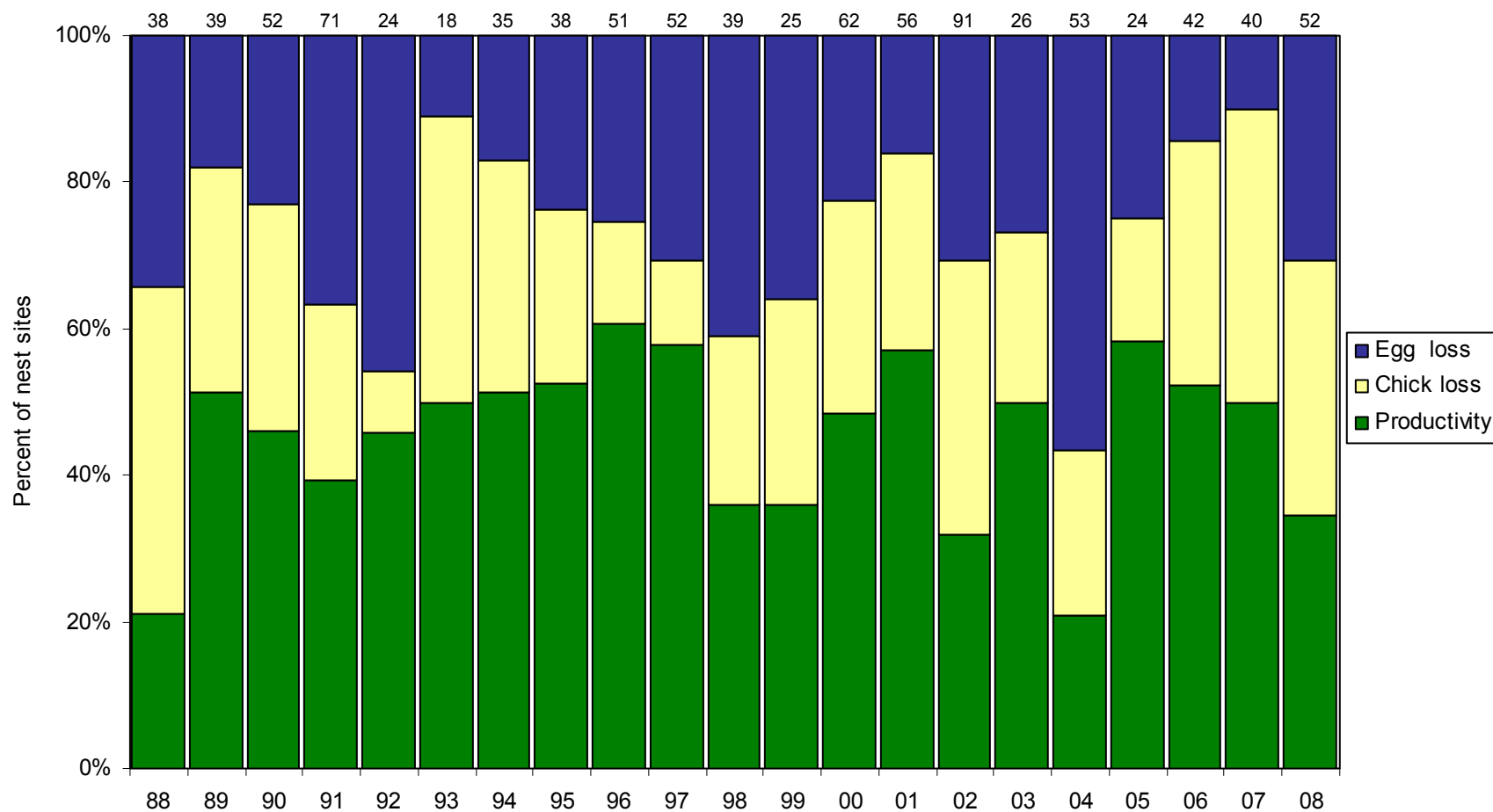


Figure 59. Reproductive performance of horned puffins at Buldir Island, Alaska. Egg Loss=(A-B)/A; Chick Loss=(B-C)/A; Productivity=C/A, where A=number nest sites, B=number of nest sites with a chick; C=number of nests sites with fledged chick. The number of known fate eggs monitored are given above each bar.



Table 82. Reproductive performance of horned puffins at Buldir Island, Alaska.

| Parameter <sup>a</sup>                | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 |
|---------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| No. eggs found (A)                    | 38   | 39   | 52   | 71   | 24   | 18   | 35   | 38   | 51   | 52   | 39   | 25   |
| No. eggs lost to:                     |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| disappearance                         | 11   | 4    | 12   | 11   | 9    | 2    | 5    | 6    | 8    | 11   | 8    | 7    |
| abandonment                           | 2    | 2    | 0    | 11   | 1    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 1    | 2    | 7    | 0    |
| breakage                              | 0    | 1    | 0    | 4    | 1    | 0    | 1    | 2    | 4    | 3    | 1    | 2    |
| No. eggs hatched (B)                  | 25   | 32   | 40   | 45   | 13   | 16   | 29   | 29   | 38   | 36   | 23   | 16   |
| No. chicks lost to:                   |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| disappearance                         | 12   | 9    | 13   | 9    | 0    | 5    | 7    | 5    | 3    | 5    | 5    | 6    |
| death                                 | 5    | 3    | 3    | 8    | 2    | 2    | 4    | 4    | 4    | 1    | 4    | 1    |
| No. "successful" chicks ( $C_{1+2}$ ) | 8    | 20   | 24   | 28   | 11   | 9    | 18   | 20   | 31   | 30   | 14   | 9    |
| fledged <sup>b</sup> ( $C_1$ )        | 8    | 2    | 1    | 0    | 0    | 9    | 18   | 0    | 9    | 2    | 0    | 0    |
| still present ( $C_2$ )               | 0    | 18   | 23   | 28   | 11   | 0    | 0    | 20   | 22   | 28   | 14   | 9    |
| Hatching success (B/A)                | 0.66 | 0.82 | 0.77 | 0.63 | 0.54 | 0.89 | 0.83 | 0.76 | 0.75 | 0.69 | 0.59 | 0.64 |
| Fledging success ( $C_{1+2}/B$ )      | 0.32 | 0.63 | 0.60 | 0.62 | 0.85 | 0.56 | 0.62 | 0.69 | 0.82 | 0.83 | 0.61 | 0.56 |
| Reproductive success ( $C_{1+2}/A$ )  | 0.21 | 0.51 | 0.46 | 0.39 | 0.46 | 0.50 | 0.51 | 0.53 | 0.61 | 0.58 | 0.36 | 0.36 |
| Productivity (hs x fs)                | 0.21 | 0.51 | 0.46 | 0.39 | 0.46 | 0.50 | 0.52 | 0.53 | 0.61 | 0.58 | 0.36 | 0.36 |

<sup>a</sup> Data are from nest sites for which visit intervals at hatching and fledging were  $\leq 12$  days.

<sup>b</sup> For chicks to be considered fledged, they had to be 34 days old before disappearing or 30 days old at the time of the last.

Table 82 continued. Reproductive performance of horned puffins at Buldir Island, Alaska.

| Parameter <sup>a</sup>                | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
|---------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| No. eggs found (A)                    | 62   | 56   | 91   | 26   | 53   | 24   | 42   | 40   | 52   |
| No. eggs lost to:                     |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| disappearance                         | 14   | 5    | 14   | 5    | 14   | 2    | 5    | 3    | 12   |
| abandonment                           | 0    | 4    | 3    | 1    | 12   | 3    | 0    | 1    | 4    |
| breakage                              | 0    | 0    | 11   | 1    | 3    | 1    | 1    | 0    | 0    |
| No. eggs hatched (B)                  | 48   | 47   | 63   | 19   | 23   | 18   | 36   | 36   | 36   |
| No. chicks lost to:                   |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| disappearance                         | 16   | 4    | 21   | 3    | 8    | 3    | 0    | 4    | 1    |
| death                                 | 2    | 11   | 13   | 3    | 4    | 1    | 13   | 12   | 17   |
| No. "successful" chicks ( $C_{1+2}$ ) | 30   | 32   | 29   | 13   | 11   | 14   | 22   | 20   | 18   |
| fledged <sup>b</sup> ( $C_1$ )        | 2    | 9    | 0    | 2    | 0    | 0    | 10   | 4    | 13   |
| still present ( $C_2$ )               | 28   | 23   | 29   | 11   | 11   | 14   | 12   | 16   | 5    |
| Hatching success ( $B/A$ )            | 0.77 | 0.84 | 0.69 | 0.73 | 0.43 | 0.75 | 0.86 | 0.9  | 0.69 |
| Fledging success ( $C_{1+2}/B$ )      | 0.63 | 0.68 | 0.46 | 0.68 | 0.48 | 0.78 | 0.61 | 0.56 | 0.50 |
| Reproductive success ( $C_{1+2}/A$ )  | 0.48 | 0.57 | 0.32 | 0.50 | 0.21 | 0.58 | 0.52 | 0.50 | 0.35 |
| Productivity ( $hs \times fs$ )       | 0.49 | 0.57 | 0.32 | 0.50 | 0.21 | 0.59 | 0.52 | 0.50 | 0.35 |

<sup>a</sup> Data are from nest sites for which visit intervals at hatching and fledging were  $\leq 12$  days.

<sup>b</sup> For chicks to be considered fledged, they had to be 34 days old before disappearing or 30 days old at the time of the last.

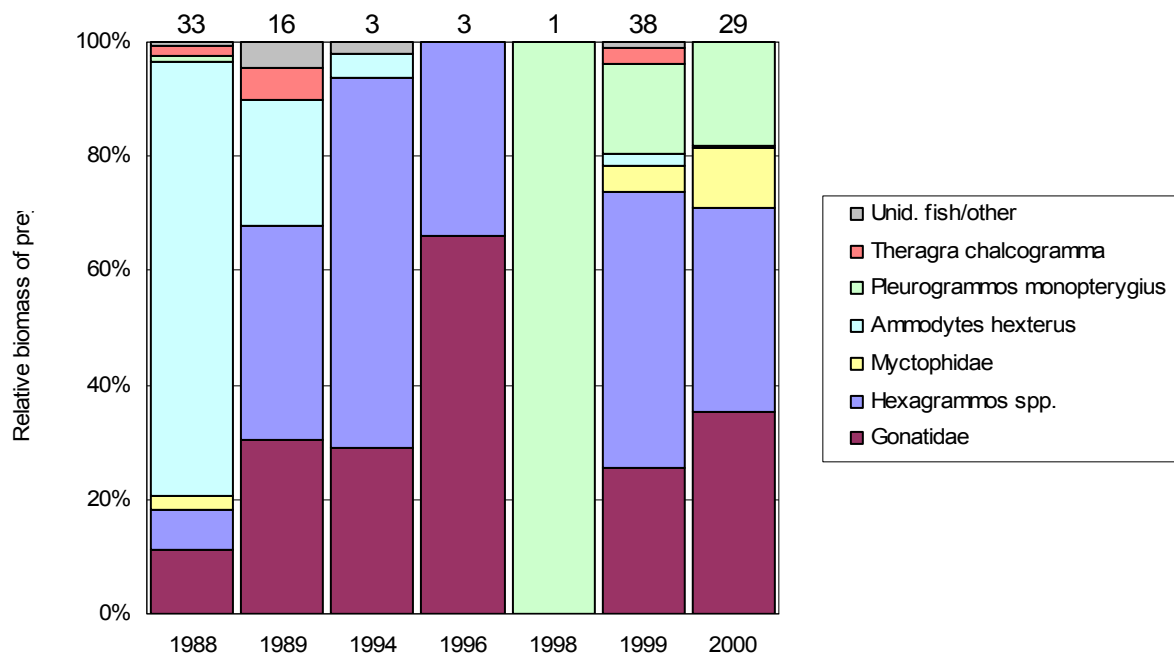


Figure 60. Relative biomass of prey in diets of horned puffins at Buldir Island, Alaska. Numbers above columns indicate sample sizes.

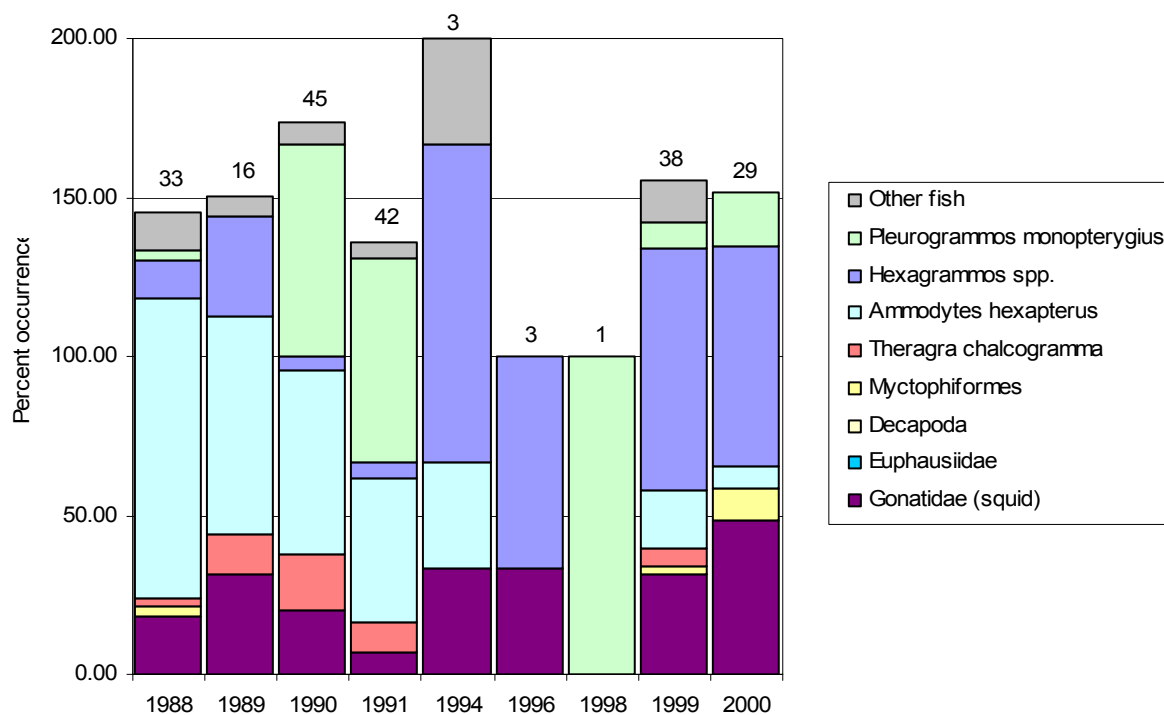


Figure 61. Frequency of occurrence of prey in diets of horned puffins at Buldir Island, Alaska. Numbers above columns indicate sample sizes.

Table 83. Relative biomass of prey in diets of horned puffins at Buldir Island, Alaska. Numbers represent the percentage of the mass of combined food samples comprised by each species.

|                                    | 1988            | 1989            | 1994            | 1996            | 1998             | 1999             | 2000             |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Date start<br>end                  | 16 Aug<br>5 Sep | 2 Aug<br>15 Aug | 7 Aug<br>14 Aug | 3 Aug<br>17 Aug | 13 Aug<br>13 Aug | 22 Jul<br>21 Aug | 26 Jul<br>12 Aug |
| No. samples                        | 33              | 16              | 3               | 3               | 1                | 28               | 29               |
| Total mass (g)                     | 399.2           | 92.1            | 20.4            | 36.5            | 5.8              | 348.9            | 205.8            |
| Gonatidae (squid)                  |                 |                 |                 |                 |                  |                  |                  |
| <i>Gonatus middendorffi</i>        | --              | --              | --              | 66.0            | --               | --               | --               |
| Unid. squid                        | 11.0            | 30.4            | 28.9            | --              | --               | 25.7             | 35.3             |
| Fish                               |                 |                 |                 |                 |                  |                  |                  |
| Myctophidae                        |                 |                 |                 |                 |                  |                  |                  |
| <i>Stenobrachius leucopsarus</i>   | 2.5             | --              | --              | --              | --               | 4.8              | --               |
| Unid. Myctophidae                  | --              | --              | --              | --              | --               | --               | 10.4             |
| Gadidae                            |                 |                 |                 |                 |                  |                  |                  |
| <i>Theragra chalcogramma</i>       | 1.9             | 5.4             | --              | --              | --               | 2.6              | --               |
| Ammodytidae                        |                 |                 |                 |                 |                  |                  |                  |
| <i>Ammodytes hexapterus</i>        | 75.7            | 22.1            | 4.4             | --              | --               | 1.9              | 0.5              |
| Hexagrammidae                      |                 |                 |                 |                 |                  |                  |                  |
| <i>Hexagrammos decagrammus</i>     | --              | --              | 64.7            | 34.0            | --               | 42.8             | 32.8             |
| <i>Hexagrammos</i> spp.            | 7.2             | 37.5            | --              | --              | --               | 5.2              | 2.9              |
| <i>Pleurogrammos monopterygius</i> | 1.1             | --              | --              | --              | 100.0            | 15.8             | 18.1             |
| Agonidae                           | 0.1             | --              | --              | --              | --               | --               | --               |
| Pleuronectidae                     | --              | --              | 2.0             | --              | --               | --               | --               |
| Unid. fish                         | 0.5             | 4.6             | --              | --              | --               | 1.2              | --               |

Table 84. Frequency of occurrence of prey in diets of horned puffins at Buldir Island, Alaska. Frequency is expressed as the percentage of food samples in which each species was present.

|                                  | 1988            | 1989            | 1990             | 1991             | 1994            | 1996            | 1998             | 1999             | 2000             |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Date start<br>end                | 16 Aug<br>5 Sep | 2 Aug<br>15 Aug | 27 Jul<br>10 Aug | 22 Jul<br>11 Aug | 7 Aug<br>14 Aug | 3 Aug<br>17 Aug | 13 Aug<br>13 Aug | 22 Jul<br>21 Aug | 26 Jul<br>12 Aug |
| No. samples                      | 33              | 16              | 45               | 42               | 3               | 3               | 1                | 28               | 29               |
| Gonatidae (squid)                |                 |                 |                  |                  |                 |                 |                  |                  |                  |
| <i>Gonatus middendorffi</i>      | --              | --              | --               | --               | --              | 33.3            | --               | --               | --               |
| Unid. squid                      | 18.2            | 31.3            | 20.0             | 7.1              | 33.3            | --              | --               | 31.6             | 48.3             |
| Fish                             |                 |                 |                  |                  |                 |                 |                  |                  |                  |
| Myctophidae                      |                 |                 |                  |                  |                 |                 |                  |                  |                  |
| <i>Stenobrachius leucopsarus</i> | 3.0             | --              | --               | --               | --              | --              | --               | 2.6              | --               |
| Unid. Myctophidae                | --              | --              | --               | --               | --              | --              | --               | --               | 10.3             |
| Gadidae                          |                 |                 |                  |                  |                 |                 |                  |                  |                  |
| <i>Gadus macrocephalus</i>       | --              | --              | 2.2              | --               | --              | --              | --               | --               | --               |
| <i>Theragra chalcogramma</i>     | 3.0             | 12.5            | 17.8             | 9.5              | --              | --              | --               | 5.3              | --               |
| Ammodytidae                      |                 |                 |                  |                  |                 |                 |                  |                  |                  |
| <i>Ammodytes hexapterus</i>      | 93.9            | 68.8            | 57.8             | 45.2             | 33.3            | --              | --               | 18.4             | 6.9              |
| Hexagrammidae                    |                 |                 |                  |                  |                 |                 |                  |                  |                  |
| <i>Hexagrammos decagrammus</i>   | --              | --              | --               | --               | 100.0           | 66.7            | --               | 52.6             | 51.7             |
| <i>Hexagrammos</i> spp.          | 12.1            | 31.3            | 4.4              | 4.8              | --              | --              | --               | 23.7             | 17.2             |
| <i>Pleurogrammos monoptygius</i> | 3.0             | --              | 66.7             | 64.3             | --              | --              | 100.0            | 7.9              | 17.2             |
| Agonidae                         | 3.0             | --              | --               | --               | --              | --              | --               | --               | --               |
| Pleuronectidae                   | --              | --              | 2.2              | 2.4              | 33.3            | --              | --               | --               | --               |
| Unid. fish                       | 9.1             | 6.3             | 2.2              | 2.4              | --              | --              | --               | 13.2             | --               |

Table 85. Species composition of prey in diets of horned puffins at Buldir Island, Alaska. Values are expressed as the percentage of total individual prey items comprised by each species.

|                                    | 1988            | 1989            | 1990             | 1991             | 1994            | 1996            | 1998             | 1999             | 2000             |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Date begin<br>end                  | 16 Aug<br>5 Sep | 2 Aug<br>15 Aug | 27 Jul<br>10 Aug | 22 Jul<br>11 Aug | 7 Aug<br>14 Aug | 3 Aug<br>17 Aug | 13 Aug<br>13 Aug | 22 Jul<br>21 Aug | 26 Jul<br>12 Aug |
| No. samples                        | 33              | 16              | 45               | 42               | 3               | 3               | 1                | 28               | 29               |
| No. individual prey items          | 273             | 70              | 261              | 196              | 14              | 7               | 1                | 189              | 90               |
| Gonatidae (squid)                  |                 |                 |                  |                  |                 |                 |                  |                  |                  |
| <i>Gonatus middendorffi</i>        | --              | --              | --               | --               | --              | 57.1            | --               | --               | --               |
| Unid. squid                        | 4.0             | 32.9            | 7.7              | 6.6              | 28.6            | --              | --               | 20.1             | 44.4             |
| Fish                               |                 |                 |                  |                  |                 |                 |                  |                  |                  |
| Myctophidae                        |                 |                 |                  |                  |                 |                 |                  |                  |                  |
| <i>Stenobrachius leucopsarus</i>   | 0.4             | --              | --               | --               | --              | --              | --               | 2.6              | --               |
| Unid. Myctophidae                  | --              | --              | --               | --               | --              | --              | --               | --               | 3.3              |
| Gadidae                            |                 |                 |                  |                  |                 |                 |                  |                  |                  |
| <i>Gadus macrocephalus</i>         | --              | --              | 0.4              | --               | --              | --              | --               | --               | --               |
| <i>Theragra chalcogramma</i>       | 4.0             | 5.7             | 11.1             | 2.6              | --              | --              | --               | 3.2              | --               |
| Ammodytidae                        |                 |                 |                  |                  |                 |                 |                  |                  |                  |
| <i>Ammodytes hexapterus</i>        | 85.3            | 50.0            | 61.3             | 60.2             | 35.7            | --              | --               | 8.5              | 3.3              |
| Hexagrammidae                      |                 |                 |                  |                  |                 |                 |                  |                  |                  |
| <i>Hexagrammos decagrammus</i>     | --              | --              | --               | --               | 21.4            | 42.9            | --               | 24.9             | 17.8             |
| <i>Hexagrammos</i> spp.            | 1.8             | 8.6             | 1.1              | 7.1              | --              | --              | --               | 31.2             | 24.4             |
| <i>Pleurogrammos monopterygius</i> | 0.4             | --              | 17.6             | 21.9             | --              | --              | 100.0            | 4.2              | 6.7              |
| Agonidae                           | 0.7             | --              | --               | --               | --              | --              | --               | --               | --               |
| Pleuronectidae                     | --              | --              | 0.4              | 0.5              | 14.3            | --              | --               | --               | --               |
| Unid. fish                         | 3.3             | 2.9             | 0.4              | 1.0              | --              | --              | --               | 5.3              | --               |

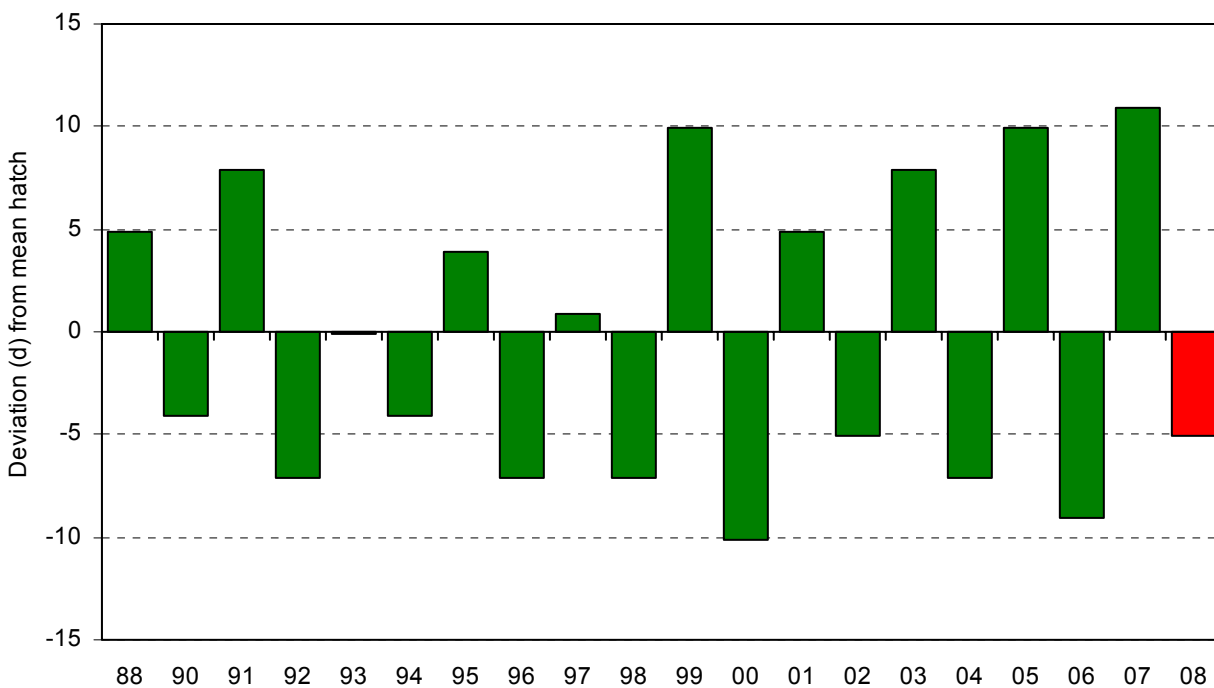


Figure 62. Yearly hatch date deviation (from the 1988-2007 average of 15 July) of tufted puffins at Buldir Island, Alaska. Numbers below the mean indicate hatch dates earlier; positive numbers indicate hatch dates later.

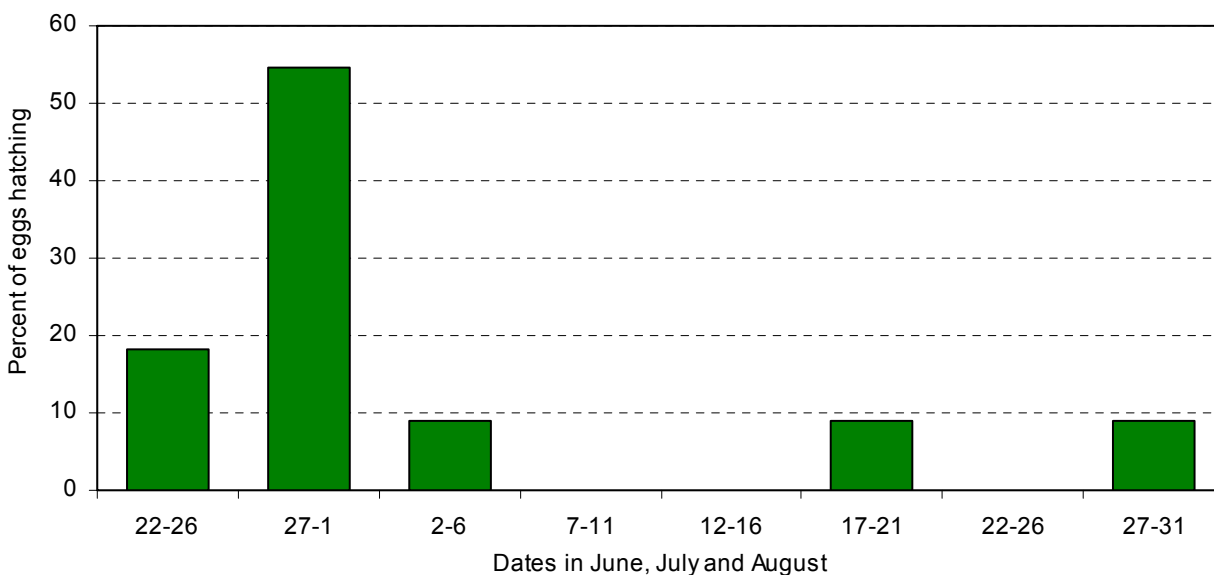


Figure 63. Hatching chronology of tufted puffins at Buldir Island, Alaska in 2008 ( $n=11$ ).

Table 86. Breeding chronology dates for tufted puffins at Buldir Island, Alaska.

| Year              | mean hatch | SD   | <i>n</i> <sup>a</sup> | median hatch | no. nests monitored <sup>b</sup> | first hatch | last hatch | first fledge         |
|-------------------|------------|------|-----------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|-------------|------------|----------------------|
| 1988              | 19 Jul     | 3.9  | 8                     | 18 Jul       | 17                               | 14 Jul      | 24 Jul     | 30 Aug               |
| 1990              | 11 Jul     | 9.2  | 15                    | 11 Jul       | 29                               | 2 Jul       | 2 Aug      | 12 Aug               |
| 1991              | 23 Jul     | 5.9  | 26                    | 21 Jul       | 32                               | 12 Jul      | 6 Aug      | >14 Aug <sup>c</sup> |
| 1992              | 8 Jul      | 7.2  | 35                    | 8 Jul        | 37                               | 26 Jun      | 26 Jul     | >10 Aug              |
| 1993              | 15 Jul     | 4.0  | 33                    | 15 Jul       | 39                               | 8 Jul       | 23 Jul     | 24 Aug               |
| 1994              | 10 Jul     | 6.3  | 13                    | 9 Jul        | 24                               | 2 Jul       | 25 Jul     | 18 Aug               |
| 1995              | 19 Jul     | 5.7  | 33                    | 15 Jul       | 42                               | 15 Jul      | 2 Aug      | >18 Aug              |
| 1996              | 7 Jul      | 5.8  | 7                     | 5 Jul        | 40                               | 4 Jul       | 20 Jul     | 14 Aug               |
| 1997              | 16 Jul     | 4.8  | 27                    | 15 Jul       | 29                               | 9 Jul       | 24 Jul     | >17 Aug              |
| 1998              | 8 Jul      | 8.9  | 21                    | 9 Jul        | 52                               | 25 Jun      | 23 Jul     | >26 Aug              |
| 1999              | 25 Jul     | 6.7  | 10                    | 23 Jul       | 24                               | 13 Jul      | 4 Aug      | 24 Aug               |
| 2000              | 4 Jul      | 7.9  | 12                    | 2 Jul        | 30                               | 26 Jun      | 27 Jul     | 19 Aug               |
| 2001              | 20 Jul     | 0.0  | 1                     | 20 Jul       | 30                               | 5 Jul       | 25 Jul     | 14 Aug               |
| 2002              | 10 Jul     | 9.9  | 12                    | 10 Jul       | 35                               | 25 Jul      | 4 Aug      | 6 Aug                |
| 2003              | 23 Jul     | 6.9  | 3                     | 27 Jul       | 13                               | 10 Jul      | 27 Jul     | 18 Aug               |
| 2004              | 8 Jul      | 6.4  | 11                    | 11 Jul       | 30                               | 20 Jun      | 17 Jul     | 10 Aug               |
| 2005              | 25 Jul     | 4.6  | 5                     | 25 Jul       | 11                               | 21 Jul      | 1 Aug      | >24 Aug              |
| 2006              | 6 Jul      | 5.1  | 7                     | 4 Jul        | 38                               | 1 Jul       | 11 Jul     | 22 Aug               |
| 2007 <sup>d</sup> | 26 Jul     | 5.5  | 8                     | 25 Jul       | 17                               | <3 Jul      | 6 Aug      | >25 Aug              |
| 2008              | 9 Jul      | 10.8 | 11                    | 5 Jul        | 27                               | 29 Jun      | 4 Aug      | >25 Aug              |

<sup>a</sup> Sample size for calculation of mean and median hatch date estimates only.

<sup>b</sup> The total used for estimating the remaining parameters.

<sup>c</sup> No chicks had fledged (disappeared after reaching min. fledge age) by the time of the last visit in years with a ">" symbol.

<sup>d</sup> In 2007 only two nests that met the chronology criteria also fledged. In order to increase the sample size we also included nests that were egg to chick  $\leq 7$  days apart but ultimately failed.



Table 87. Frequency distribution of hatch dates for tufted puffins at Buldir Island, Alaska. Data for 1988-1997 include intervals of both eggs or incubating birds to chicks. Data in 1998 include intervals of egg to chick  $\leq 13$  days. Data were not collected in 1999.

| Julian<br>Date | No. nests hatching on Julian date |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
|                | 1988                              | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
| 175            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 176            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 177            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 3    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 178            | --                                | --   | --   | 3    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 179            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 180            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 181            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    |
| 182            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | 2    | --   | 4    | --   | 3    | --   | 1    |
| 183            | --                                | 3    | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 184            | --                                | 3    | --   | 8    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | 6    | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 185            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | 1    |
| 186            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 3    | --   | 3    | --   | --   | --   | 2    | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 187            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 5    |
| 188            | --                                | 1    | --   | 1    | --   | 2    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 189            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | 2    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 190            | --                                | --   | --   | 12   | 6    | 8    | --   | --   | 1    | 3    | --   | 2    | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 191            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 6    | --   | --   | --   | --   | 2    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 192            | --                                | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | 3    | --   | --   |
| 193            | --                                | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    |
| 194            | --                                | 2    | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | 3    | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 195            | --                                | --   | --   | 6    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 196            | 1                                 | --   | 1    | --   | 16   | --   | 19   | --   | 10   | 4    | --   | --   | --   | 1    | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 197            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 198            | 2                                 | 3    | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 2    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 199            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   |
| 200            | 2                                 | --   | 5    | --   | 8    | --   | --   | --   | 2    | 3    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 201            | --                                | --   | 4    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 202            | --                                | --   | --   | 4    | --   | --   | 7    | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 2    | --   | --   | --   |
| 203            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 204            | 1                                 | 1    | 1    | --   | 2    | 1    | --   | --   | --   | 1    | 3    | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | 3    | --   |
| 205            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 4    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    |
| 206            | 2                                 | --   | 8    | --   | --   | 1    | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   |
| 207            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 3    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 208            | --                                | --   | 1    | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 2    | --   | 1    | --   | 3    | --   |
| 209            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 210            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 4    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 211            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 212            | --                                | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 213            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   |
| 214            | --                                | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | 2    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 215            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 216            | --                                | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 217            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    |
| 218            | --                                | --   | 1    | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | 1    | --   |
| 219            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| 220            | --                                | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |
| n              | 8                                 | 15   | 26   | 35   | 33   | 13   | 33   | 7    | 27   | 21   | 10   | 12   | 1    | 12   | 3    | 11   | 5    | 7    | 8    | 11   |

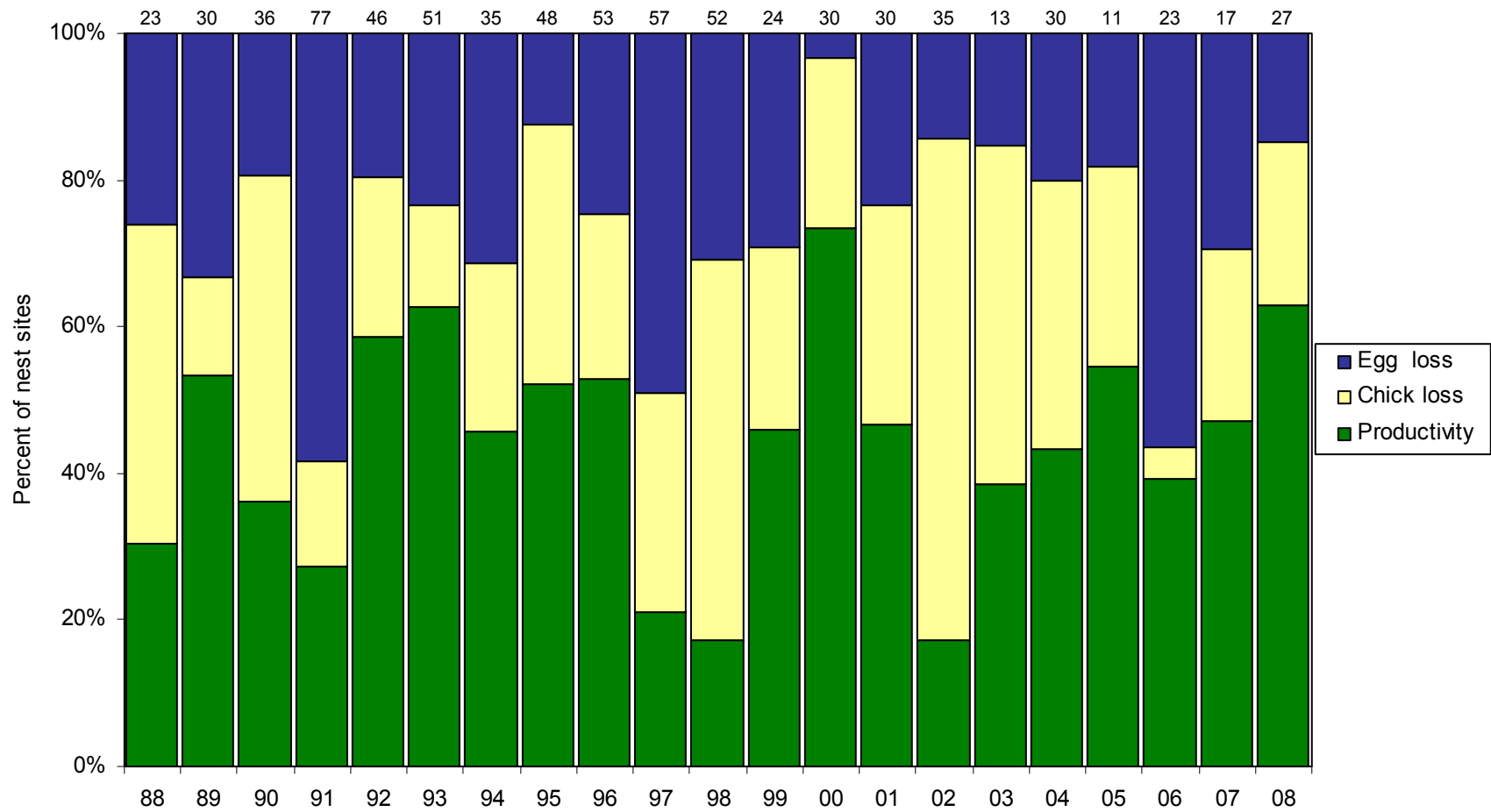


Figure 64. Reproductive performance of tufted puffins at Buldir Island, Alaska. Egg Loss=(A-B)/A; Chick Loss=(B-C)/A; Productivity=C/A, where A=number nest sites, B=number of nest sites with a chick; C=number of nests sites with fledged chick. The number of known fate eggs monitored are given above each bar.

Table 88. Reproductive performance of tufted puffins at Buldir Island, Alaska.

| Parameter <sup>a</sup>                | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 |
|---------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| No. eggs found <sup>b</sup> (A)       | 23   | 30   | 36   | 77   | 46   | 51   | 35   | 48   | 53   | 57   | 52   | 24   |
| No. eggs lost to:                     |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| disappearance                         | 2    | 5    | 5    | 23   | 4    | 11   | 7    | 2    | 6    | 18   | 10   | 2    |
| abandonment                           | 3    | 4    | 2    | 18   | 5    | 1    | 3    | 0    | 1    | 2    | 6    | 5    |
| breakage                              | 1    | 1    | 0    | 4    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 4    | 6    | 8    | 0    | 0    |
| No. eggs hatched (B)                  | 17   | 20   | 29   | 32   | 37   | 39   | 24   | 42   | 40   | 29   | 36   | 17   |
| No. chicks lost to:                   |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| disappearance                         | 2    | 0    | 14   | 9    | 7    | 6    | 6    | 13   | 6    | 11   | 15   | 6    |
| death                                 | 8    | 4    | 2    | 2    | 3    | 1    | 2    | 4    | 6    | 6    | 12   | 2    |
| No. "successful" chicks ( $C_{1+2}$ ) | 7    | 16   | 13   | 21   | 27   | 32   | 16   | 25   | 28   | 12   | 9    | 11   |
| fledged <sup>c</sup> ( $C_1$ )        | 6    | 6    | 7    | 2    | 9    | 30   | 15   | 8    | 25   | 8    | 0    | 1    |
| still present ( $C_2$ )               | 1    | 10   | 6    | 19   | 18   | 2    | 1    | 17   | 3    | 4    | 9    | 10   |
| Hatching success (B/A)                | 0.74 | 0.67 | 0.81 | 0.42 | 0.8  | 0.76 | 0.69 | 0.88 | 0.75 | 0.51 | 0.69 | 0.71 |
| Fledging success ( $C_{1+2}/B$ )      | 0.41 | 0.80 | 0.45 | 0.66 | 0.73 | 0.82 | 0.67 | 0.60 | 0.70 | 0.41 | 0.25 | 0.65 |
| Reproductive success ( $C_{1+2}/A$ )  | 0.30 | 0.53 | 0.36 | 0.27 | 0.59 | 0.63 | 0.46 | 0.52 | 0.53 | 0.21 | 0.17 | 0.45 |
| Productivity (hs x fs)                | 0.30 | 0.54 | 0.36 | 0.28 | 0.58 | 0.62 | 0.46 | 0.53 | 0.53 | 0.21 | 0.17 | 0.46 |

<sup>a</sup> Nest sites included in productivity estimates were visited at intervals of < 10 days at hatch and fledge/disappearance, but sites with larger intervals were included when the fate was known (dead chick observed, chick still alive at last visit, chick disappeared so early or so late that its fate would be the same even at  $\pm$  half the visit interval).

<sup>b</sup> Sites at which an apparently incubating bird was observed on 2 consecutive visits were assumed to have an egg, regardless of whether or not a chick was later observed at that site.

<sup>c</sup> For chicks to be considered fledged, they had to be at least 38 days old before disappearing or 33 days old at the time of the last visit, if still present.

Table 88 continued. Reproductive performance of tufted puffins at Buldir Island, Alaska.

| Parameter <sup>a</sup>                      | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
|---------------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| No. eggs found <sup>b</sup> (A)             | 30   | 30   | 35   | 13   | 30   | 11   | 23   | 17   | 27   |
| No. eggs lost to:                           |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| disappearance                               | 0    | 3    | 4    | 2    | 5    | 1    | 1    | 1    | 3    |
| abandonment                                 | 1    | 4    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 1    | 4    | 4    | 1    |
| breakage                                    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 8    | 0    | 0    |
| No. eggs hatched (B)                        | 29   | 23   | 30   | 11   | 24   | 9    | 10   | 12   | 23   |
| No. chicks lost to:                         |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| disappearance                               | 7    | 6    | 14   | 4    | 6    | 3    | 0    | 2    | 1    |
| death                                       | 0    | 3    | 10   | 2    | 5    | 0    | 1    | 2    | 5    |
| No. "successful" chicks (C <sub>1+2</sub> ) | 22   | 14   | 6    | 5    | 13   | 6    | 9    | 8    | 17   |
| fledged <sup>c</sup> (C <sub>1</sub> )      | 2    | 2    | 2    | 3    | 2    | 0    | 3    | 7    | 16   |
| Still present (C <sub>2</sub> )             | 20   | 12   | 4    | 2    | 11   | 6    | 6    | 1    | 1    |
| Hatching success (B/A)                      | 0.97 | 0.77 | 0.86 | 0.85 | 0.80 | 0.82 | 0.44 | 0.71 | 0.85 |
| Fledging success (C <sub>1+2</sub> /B)      | 0.76 | 0.61 | 0.20 | 0.46 | 0.55 | 0.67 | 0.90 | 0.67 | 0.74 |
| Reproductive success (C <sub>1+2</sub> /A)  | 0.73 | 0.47 | 0.17 | 0.38 | 0.43 | 0.55 | 0.39 | 0.47 | 0.63 |
| Productivity (hs x fs)                      | 0.74 | 0.47 | 0.17 | 0.39 | 0.44 | 0.55 | 0.39 | 0.47 | 0.63 |

<sup>a</sup> Nest sites included in productivity estimates were visited at intervals of < 10 days at hatch and fledge/disappearance, but sites with larger intervals were included when the fate was known (dead chick observed, chick still alive at last visit, chick disappeared so early or so late that its fate would be the same even at  $\pm$  half the visit interval).

<sup>b</sup> Sites at which an apparently incubating bird was observed on 2 consecutive visits were assumed to have an egg, regardless of whether or not a chick was later observed at that site.

<sup>c</sup> For chicks to be considered fledged, they had to be at least 38 days old before disappearing or 33 days old at the time of the last visit, if still present.

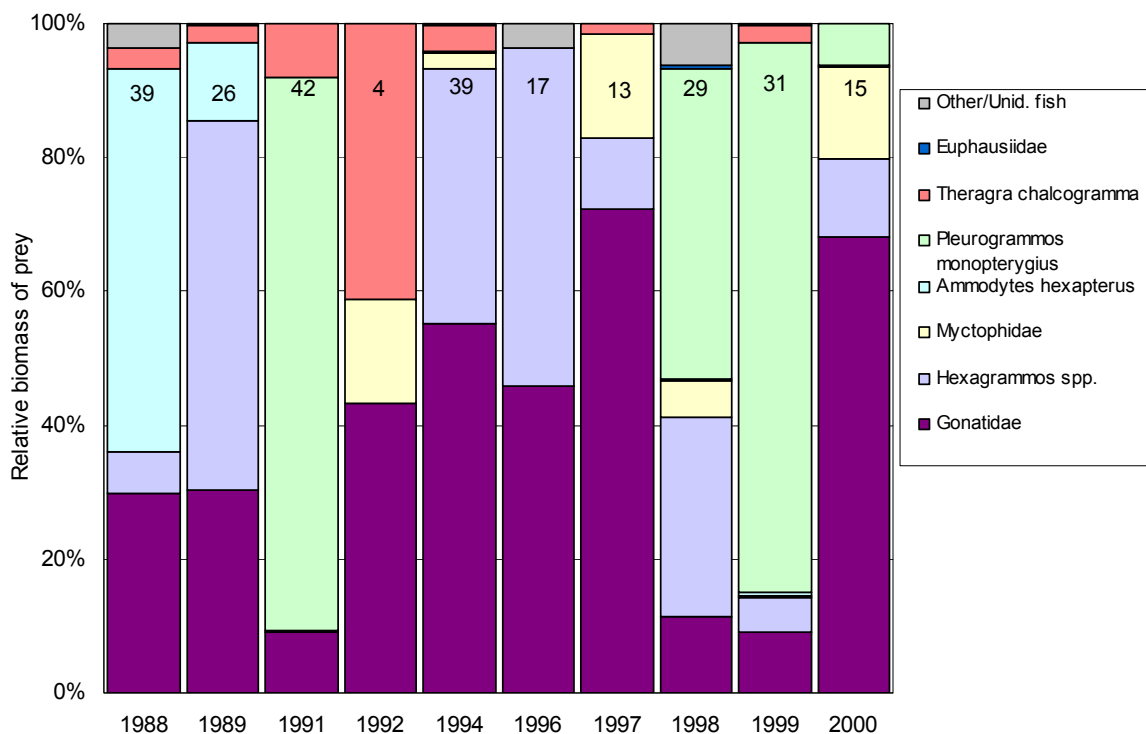


Figure 65. Relative biomass of prey in diets of tufted puffins at Buldir Island, Alaska. Numbers above columns indicate sample sizes.

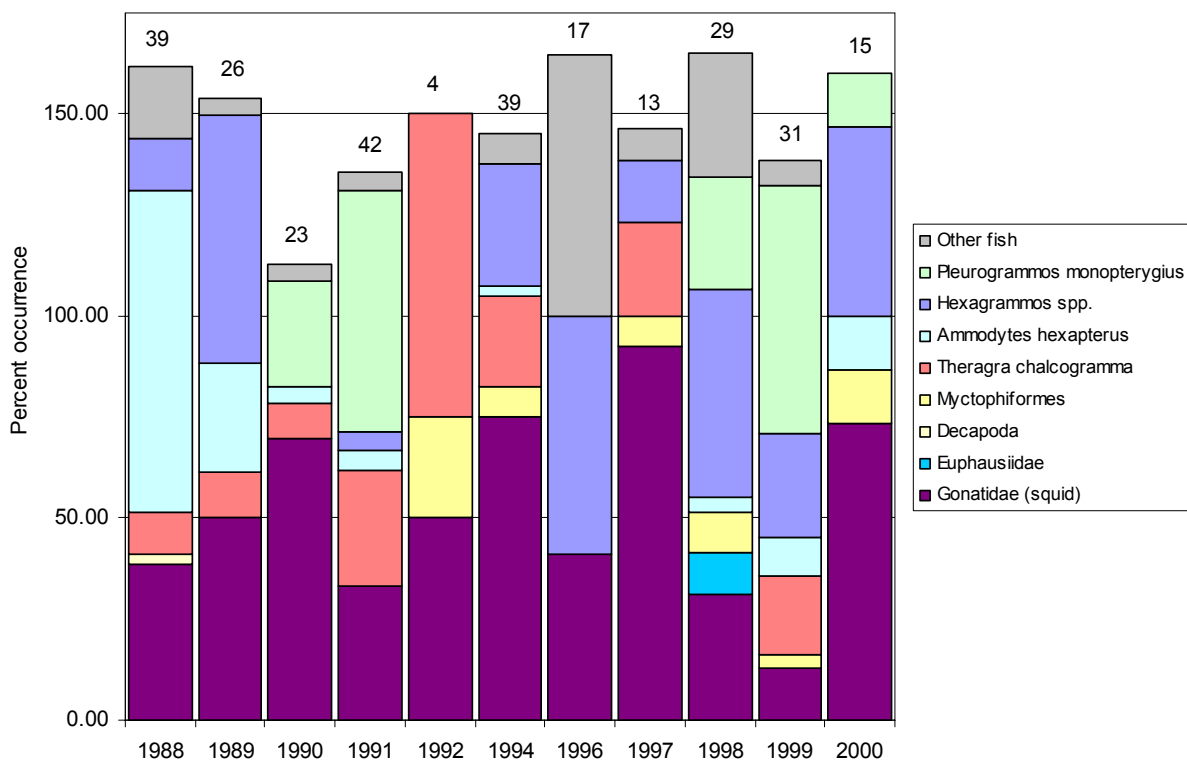


Figure 66. Frequency of occurrence of prey in diets of tufted puffins at Buldir Island, Alaska. Numbers above columns indicate sample sizes.

Table 89. Relative biomass of prey in diets of tufted puffins at Buldir Island, Alaska. Numbers represent the percentage of the mass of combined food samples comprised by each species.

|                                    | 1988   | 1989   | 1991   | 1992   | 1994   | 1996   | 1997   | 1998   | 1999   | 2000   |
|------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Dates: start                       | 12 Aug | 25 Jul | 9 Aug  | 11 Aug | 6 Aug  | 31 Jul | 12 Aug | 9 Aug  | 10 Aug | 26 Jul |
| end                                | 5 Sep  | 15 Aug | 12 Aug | 11 Aug | 18 Aug | 17 Aug | 17 Aug | 15 Aug | 21 Aug | 12 Aug |
| No. samples                        | 39     | 26     | 36     | 4      | 39     | 17     | 13     | 29     | 31     | 16     |
| Total mass (g)                     | 279.2  | 376.5  | 608.2  | 48.7   | 649.7  | 196.2  | 227.1  | 371.0  | 464.2  | 129.8  |
| Gonatidae (squid)                  |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| <i>Gonatus middendorffi</i>        | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | 32.5   | 71.8   | --     | --     | --     |
| <i>Berryteuthis magister</i>       | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | 6.7    | --     | --     | --     | --     |
| <i>Gonatopsis makko</i>            | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | 0.4    | --     | --     | --     |
| Unid. squid                        | 29.9   | 30.2   | 9.0    | 43.3   | 55.1   | 6.6    | --     | 11.4   | 9.2    | 68.0   |
| Euphausiidae                       |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| <i>Thysanoessa longipes</i>        | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | 0.4    | --     | --     |
| <i>Thysanoessa</i> spp.            | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | 0.2    | --     | --     |
| Fish                               |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Myctophidae                        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| <i>Stenobrachius leucopsarus</i>   | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | 15.6   | 1.8    | --     | --     |
| Unid. Myctophidae                  | --     | --     | --     | 15.4   | 2.4    | --     | --     | 3.8    | 0.3    | 13.7   |
| Gadidae                            |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| <i>Theragra chalcogramma</i>       | 3.2    | 2.7    | 7.8    | 41.3   | 4.1    | --     | 1.5    | --     | --     | --     |
| Ptilichthyidae                     |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| <i>Ptilichthys goodei</i>          | --     | 0.1    | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | 0.1    | --     | --     |
| Zaproridae                         |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| <i>Zaprora silenus</i>             | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | 0.1    | --     |
| Ammodytidae                        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| <i>Ammodytes hexapterus</i>        | 57.3   | 11.7   | 0.1    | --     | 0.2    | --     | --     | 0.2    | 0.5    | 0.4    |
| Scorpaenidae                       | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | 1.4    | --     | 0.1    | --     | --     |
| Anoplopomatidae                    |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| <i>Anoplopoma fimbria</i>          | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | 0.4    | --     | --     | --     | --     |
| Hexagrammidae                      |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| <i>Hexagrammos decagrammus</i>     | --     | --     | --     | --     | 38.1   | 49.8   | 10.6   | 29.7   | 23.8   | 9.2    |
| <i>Hexagrammos</i> spp.            | 6.2    | 55.3   | 0.2    | --     | --     | 0.8    | --     | --     | --     | 2.5    |
| <i>Pleurogrammos monopterygius</i> | --     | --     | 82.8   | --     | --     | --     | --     | 46.4   | 82.1   | 6.2    |
| Cottidae                           |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| <i>Hemilepidotus</i> spp.          | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | 0.6    | --     | --     | --     | --     |
| <i>Blepsias bilobus</i>            | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | 0.4    | 1.3    | --     |
| Pleuronectidae                     | --     | --     | --     | --     | 0.1    | 0.4    | --     | 0.2    | --     | --     |
| Unid. fish                         | 3.5    | --     | 0.1    | --     | --     | 0.8    | --     | 5.5    | --     | --     |

Table 90. Frequency of occurrence of prey in diets of tufted puffins at Buldir Island, Alaska. Frequency is expressed as the percentage of food samples in which each species was present.

|                                    | 1988   | 1989   | 1990   | 1991   | 1992   | 1994   | 1996   | 1997   | 1998   | 1999   | 2000   |
|------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Date: start                        | 12 Aug | 25 Jul | 25 Jul | 11 Jul | 11 Aug | 6 Aug  | 31 Jul | 12 Aug | 9 Aug  | 10 Aug | 26 Jul |
| end                                | 5 Sep  | 15 Aug | 10 Aug | 12 Aug | 11 Aug | 18 Aug | 17 Aug | 17 Aug | 15 Aug | 21 Aug | 12 Aug |
| No. samples                        | 39     | 26     | 23     | 42     | 4      | 39     | 17     | 13     | 29     | 31     | 16     |
| Gonatidae (squid)                  |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| <i>Gonatus middendorffi</i>        | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | 29.4   | 84.6   | --     | --     | --     |
| <i>Berryteuthis magister</i>       | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | 5.9    | --     | --     | --     | --     |
| <i>Gonatopsis makko</i>            | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | 7.7    | --     | --     | --     |
| Unid. squid                        | 38.5   | 50.0   | 69.6   | 33.3   | 50.0   | 75.0   | 5.9    | --     | 31.0   | 12.9   | 73.3   |
| Euphausiidae                       |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| <i>Thysanoessa longipes</i>        | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | 3.4    | --     | --     |
| <i>Thysanoessa</i> spp.            | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | 6.9    | --     | --     |
| Decapoda - shrimp                  | 2.6    | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     |
| Fish                               |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Myctophidae                        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| <i>Stenobrachius leucopsarus</i>   | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | 7.7    | 3.4    | --     | --     |
| Unid. Myctophidae                  | --     | --     | --     | --     | 25.0   | 7.5    | --     | --     | 6.9    | 3.2    | 13.3   |
| Gadidae                            |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| <i>Theragra chalcogramma</i>       | 10.3   | 11.5   | 8.7    | 28.6   | 75.0   | 22.5   | --     | 23.1   | --     | 19.4   | --     |
| Ptilichthyidae                     |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| <i>Ptilichthys goodei</i>          | --     | 3.8    | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | 3.4    | --     | --     |
| Zaproridae                         |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| <i>Zaprora silenus</i>             | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | 3.2    | --     |
| Ammodytidae                        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| <i>Ammodytes hexapterus</i>        | 79.5   | 26.9   | 4.3    | 4.8    | --     | 2.5    | --     | --     | 3.4    | 9.7    | 13.3   |
| Scorpaenidae                       | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | 17.6   | --     | 3.4    | --     | --     |
| Anoplopomatidae                    |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| <i>Anoplopoma fimbria</i>          | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | 5.9    | --     | --     | --     | --     |
| Hexagrammidae                      |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| <i>Hexagrammos decagrammus</i>     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | 30.0   | 47.1   | 15.4   | 51.7   | 25.8   | 13.3   |
| <i>Hexagrammos</i> spp.            | 12.8   | 61.5   | --     | 4.8    | --     | --     | 11.8   | --     | --     | --     | 33.3   |
| <i>Pleurogrammos monopterygius</i> | --     | --     | 26.1   | 59.5   | --     | --     | --     | --     | 27.6   | 61.3   | 13.3   |
| Cottidae                           |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| <i>Hemilepidotus</i> spp.          | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | 11.8   | --     | --     | --     | --     |
| <i>Blepsias bilobus</i>            | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | 3.4    | 3.2    | --     |
| Pleuronectidae                     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | 7.5    | 5.9    | --     | 3.4    | --     | --     |
| Unid. fish                         | 17.9   | --     | 4.3    | 4.8    | --     | --     | 23.5   | 7.7    | 17.2   | --     | --     |

Table 91. Species composition of prey in diets of tufted puffins at Buldir Island, Alaska. Values are expressed as the percentage of total number of individual prey items comprised by each species for each year.

|                                    | 1988   | 1989   | 1990   | 1991   | 1992   | 1994   | 1996   | 1997   | 1998   | 1999   | 2000   |
|------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Date: begin                        | 12 Aug | 25 Jul | 25 Jul | 11 Jul | 11 Aug | 6 Aug  | 31 Jul | 12 Aug | 9 Aug  | 10 Aug | 26 Jul |
| end                                | 5 Sep  | 15 Aug | 10 Aug | 12 Aug | 11 Aug | 18 Aug | 17 Aug | 17 Aug | 15 Aug | 21 Aug | 12 Aug |
| No. samples                        | 39     | 26     | 23     | 42     | 4      | 39     | 17     | 13     | 29     | 31     | 16     |
| No. individual prey items          | 258    | 163    | 117    | 166    | 22     | 129    | 66     | 45     | 88     | 87     | 68     |
| Gonatidae (squid)                  |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| <i>Gonatus middendorffi</i>        | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | 22.7   | 75.6   | --     | --     | --     |
| <i>Berryteuthis magister</i>       | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | 1.5    | --     | --     | --     | --     |
| <i>Gonatopsis makko</i>            | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | 2.2    | --     | --     | --     |
| Unid. squid                        | 10.5   | 23.3   | 82.9   | 31.9   | 27.3   | 58.1   | 3.0    | --     | 23.9   | 19.5   | 79.6   |
| Euphausiidae                       |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| <i>Thysanoessa longipes</i>        | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | 13.6   | --     | --     |
| <i>Thysanoessa</i> spp.            | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | 10.2   | --     | --     |
| Decapoda - shrimp                  | 0.4    | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     |
| Fish                               |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Myctophidae                        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| <i>Stenobrachius leucopsarus</i>   | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | 6.7    | 1.1    | --     | --     |
| Unid. Myctophidae                  | --     | --     | --     | --     | 4.5    | 2.3    | --     | --     | 2.3    | 1.1    | 3.0    |
| Gadidae                            |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| <i>Theragra chalcogramma</i>       | 3.9    | 6.7    | 7.7    | 39.8   | 68.2   | 20.2   | --     | 8.9    | --     | 25.3   | --     |
| Ptilichthyidae                     |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| <i>Ptilichthys goodei</i>          | --     | 0.6    | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | 1.1    | --     | --     |
| Zaproridae                         |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| <i>Zaprora silenus</i>             | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | 1.1    | --     |
| Ammodytidae                        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| <i>Ammodytes hexapterus</i>        | 76.0   | 42.3   | 2.6    | 1.2    | --     | 1.6    | --     | --     | 1.1    | 3.4    | 5.9    |
| Scorpaenidae                       | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | 18.2   | --     | 1.1    | --     | --     |
| Anoplopomatidae                    |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| <i>Anoplopoma fimbria</i>          | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | 1.5    | --     | --     | --     | --     |
| Hexagrammidae                      |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| <i>Hexagrammos decagrammus</i>     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | 15.5   | 27.3   | 4.4    | 22.7   | 10.3   | 3.0    |
| <i>Hexagrammos</i> spp.            | 4.3    | 27.0   | --     | 1.2    | --     | --     | 4.5    | --     | --     | --     | 14.7   |
| <i>Pleurogrammos monopterygius</i> | --     | --     | 6.0    | 22.3   | --     | --     | --     | --     | 12.5   | 37.9   | 3.0    |
| Cottidae                           |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| <i>Hemilepidotus</i> spp.          | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | 6.1    | --     | --     | --     | --     |
| <i>Blepsias bilobus</i>            | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | 1.1    | 1.1    | --     |
| Pleuronectidae                     | --     | --     | --     | --     | --     | 2.3    | 4.5    | --     | 2.3    | --     | --     |
| Unid. fish                         | 5.0    | --     | 0.9    | 3.6    | --     | --     | 10.6   | 2.2    | 6.8    | --     | --     |



Table 92. Numbers of birds detected on off-road point count route number 315, Buldir Island, Alaska. Point counts were not conducted in 1999, 2000, 2004, 2007, or 2008.

| Species <sup>a</sup>      | 1995 <sup>b</sup> | 1996  | 1997   | 1998   | 2001   | 2002   | 2003   | 2005 <sup>c</sup> | 2006   |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------------------|--------|
| Date                      | 8 Jun             | 9 Jun | 12 Jun | 18 Jun | 12 Jun | 17 Jun | 14 Jun | 15 Jun            | 15 Jun |
| Fork-tailed storm-petrel* | 6                 | 0     | 1      | 1      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0                 | --     |
| Leach's storm-petrel      | 0                 | 1     | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0                 | --     |
| Aleutian cackling goose*  | 133               | 112   | 85     | 22     | 70     | 2      | 76     | -                 | 31     |
| Parasitic jaeger          | 2                 | 2     | 8      | 5      | 1      | 2      | 1      | 0                 | 8      |
| Glaucous-winged gull*     | 60                | 142   | 161    | 66     | 18     | 20     | 34     | -                 | 54     |
| Parakeet auklet           | 1                 | 3     | 12     | 0      | 1      | 0      | 0      | 0                 | --     |
| Tufted puffin             | 0                 | 0     | 0      | 1      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0                 | --     |
| Bald eagle                | 1                 | 0     | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0                 | 0      |
| Peregrine falcon          | 0                 | 0     | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0                 | 1      |
| Winter wren*              | 1                 | 6     | 9      | 1      | 5      | 4      | 7      | 3                 | 3      |
| Song sparrow*             | 10                | 10    | 8      | 3      | 2      | 1      | 2      | 9                 | 5      |
| Lapland longspur* - total | 30                | 26    | 22     | 14     | 18     | 31     | 18     | 22                | 30     |
| male                      | 24                | 22    | 17     | 11     | --     | --     | 13     | 17                | --     |
| female                    | 5                 | 3     | 3      | 0      | --     | --     | 0      | 5                 | --     |
| unknown                   | 1                 | 1     | 2      | 3      | 18     | 31     | 5      | 0                 | --     |
| Snow bunting*             | 9                 | 6     | 14     | 1      | 2      | 8      | 0      | 11                | 11     |
| Rosy finch*               | 2                 | 4     | 1      | 9      | 1      | 5      | 0      | 7                 | 4      |
| Common rosefinch          | 0                 | 0     | 1      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0                 | 0      |
| Brambling                 | 0                 | 0     | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0                 | 1      |

<sup>a</sup> For those species marked with an asterisk, we observed pairs, nests, and/or territorial males.

<sup>b</sup> Total number of individuals detected on survey.

<sup>c</sup> In 2005 the count at point 5 was missed and points 6-12 were conducted in conditions which made detection difficult.

Table 93. Numbers of resident passerine birds detected on off-road point count route number 315, Buldir Island, Alaska, in 2008..

| Species | Point no. |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    | Total <sup>a</sup> | % of total <sup>b</sup> | % of points <sup>c</sup> |
|---------|-----------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
|         | 1         | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |                    |                         |                          |

NO POINT COUNT CONDUCTED IN 2008

<sup>a</sup>Total number of individuals detected on survey.

<sup>b</sup>Relative abundance of species: percent of total number of individual birds of all species detected on survey.

<sup>c</sup>Percent of points at which species was detected.

Table 94. Counts of sea otters at Buldir Island, Alaska.

| Year              | Date       | A-B | B-C | C-D | D-E | E-F | F-A            | Total | Survey type | Source                       |
|-------------------|------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------------|-------|-------------|------------------------------|
| 1959 <sup>a</sup> | 19 May     | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0              | 0     | aerial      |                              |
| 1962 <sup>b</sup> | 25-28 June | --  | --  | --  | --  | --  | --             | 7     | boat        | Jones 1963                   |
| 1963 <sup>c</sup> | 7-19 July  | 14  |     | --  | --  | --  | --             | 14    | boat        | Kenyon 1969                  |
| 1965              | 2 May      | --  | --  | --  | --  | --  | --             | 15    | aerial      | Kenyon 1969                  |
| 1972 <sup>d</sup> | 7 July     | --  | --  | --  | --  | --  | --             | >27   | boat        | Byrd 1972                    |
| 1974 <sup>e</sup> | 18 July    | --  | --  | --  | --  | --  | 20             | >20   | boat        | G. Vernon Byrd, unpubl. data |
| 1979              | 23-24 June | 4   | 2   | 0   | 4   | 11  | 15             | 36    | boat        | Day et al. 1979              |
| 1988 <sup>f</sup> | 26 June    | --  | --  | --  | --  | --  | --             | 95    | boat        |                              |
| 1989 <sup>g</sup> | 13 June    | 11  | 14  | 3   | 13  | 14  | 3              | 58    | boat        | USFWS unpublished data       |
| 1992              | April      | --  | --  | --  | --  | --  | --             | 11    | aerial      | Evans et al. 1997            |
| 1995              | 28 June    | 0   | 0   | 2   | 0   | 0   | 0              | 2     | boat        | USFWS unpublished data       |
| 1997              | 3 June     | --  | --  | --  | --  | --  | --             | 4     | boat        | USFWS unpublished data       |
| 1998              | 13 June    | 0   | 1   | 5   | 3   | 1   | 0              | 10    | boat        | USFWS unpublished data       |
| 1999              | 1 July     | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 2   | 2              | 4     | boat        | USFWS unpublished data       |
| 2000              | 20 June    | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 5   | 0              | 5     | boat        | USFWS unpublished data       |
| 2001              | 5 June     | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0              | 0     | boat        | USFWS unpublished data       |
| 2002              | 2 July     | 0   | 0   | 0   | 6   | 0   | 1              | 7     | boat        | USFWS unpublished data       |
| 2005              | 10 June    | 0   | 0   | --  | --  | --  | 0 <sup>h</sup> | 0     | boat        | USFWS unpublished data       |
| 2006              | 7 June     | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0              | 0     | boat        | USFWS unpublished data       |
| 2007              | 2 June     | 0   | 1   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0              | 2     | boat        | USFWS unpublished data       |
| 2008              | 3 June     | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0              | 0     | boat        | USFWS unpublished data       |

<sup>a</sup> Aerial count was conducted in less than ideal conditions.

<sup>b</sup> Includes 1 male and 3 females with pups.

<sup>c</sup> Includes 5 females with young and 4 lone adults along the north coast of the island (A-B and B-C).

<sup>d</sup> Partial boat survey around Northwest Point.

<sup>e</sup> Partial boat count.

<sup>f</sup> Partial boat counts, East Cape - Peregrine Point, approximately C-D and D-E (75 adults, 20 pups).

<sup>g</sup> Includes 2 pups.

<sup>h</sup> Surveyed only from A to Bull Point

Table 95. Annotated list of species observed at Buldir Island, Alaska, 26 May through 27 August 2008.

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Abundance categories were defined as follows:

Abundant:        $\geq 50$  individuals per day or 6 per hour  
Common:        10-49 individuals per day or 2-5 per hour  
Fairly common: 5-9 individuals per day or 1 per hour  
Uncommon:      2-4 individuals per day or  $< 1$  per hour  
Rare:             $\leq 1$  individual per day or less

## Birds

Aleutian cackling goose (*Branta hutchinsii leucopareia*) – Abundant breeder. Twenty-four eggs from the western side of the island were floated on 13 June: mean hatch date was estimated at 21 June and mean clutch size was 4.1 eggs. One bird with a color band was resighted: blue 370, and one band (blue 63J) was recovered without obvious sign of a mortality event.

Eurasian wigeon (*Anas penelope*) – Eurasian wigeon was an uncommon spring migrant on the island in 2008. A maximum of 8 individuals were present at Bean Goose Pond on 27 May.

American wigeon (*Anas Americana*) – A single bird was present during the last week of May.

Mallard (*Anas platyrhynchos*) – A single mallard was present during June and the first week of July.

Northern pintail (*Anas acuta*) – Northern pintail was an uncommon spring migrant; 2-5 individuals were present during late May and early June.

Green-winged teal (*Anas crecca*) – The Eurasian subspecies of green-winged teal (*A. c. crecca*) was an uncommon migrant on Buldir Island. A maximum of eight individuals were recorded in June.

Common pochard (*Aythya ferina*) – A lone male was observed on 3 June during the circumnavigation.

Tufted duck (*Aythya fuligula*) – A tufted duck was seen at least two times in late May. Tufted duck is considered rare on the Checklist of Alaska Birds.

Greater scaup (*Aythya marila*) – A dead greater scaup was found in late May near Whale Pond in South Marsh.

Common eider (*Somateria mollissima*) – Common breeder. Eighty-six individuals were counted on the 3 June circumnavigation. Chicks were first observed on 22 June.

Harlequin duck (*Histrionicus histrionicus*) – Harlequin ducks were found along the entire coast of the island throughout the season, but abundance was highest early and late in the season. Forty-two individuals were counted on the 3 June circumnavigation.

White-winged scoter (*Melanitta fusca*) – One bird was seen on the 3 June circumnavigation and two individuals were seen off of North Bight beach on 12 June.

Black scoter (*Melanitta nigra*) – Four black scoters were present off of North Bight Beach in late May.

Red-breasted merganser (*Mergus serrator*) – A red-breasted merganser female was present off North Bight Beach on 17 and 27 June.

Laysan albatross (*Phoebastria immutabilis*) – This species is uncommon offshore and could occasionally be seen in small numbers from North Bight Beach when scoped for.

Northern fulmar (*Fulmarus glacialis*) – Abundant breeder. Nests colonially at East Cape, Kittiwake Lane, and Spike Camp. Most birds were dark morphs, but several light morph individuals also nested on the island.

Fork-tailed storm-petrel (*Oceanodroma furcata*) – Abundant breeder. Nests in burrows and crevices throughout lower elevations of the island. Productivity rates were average this year (81%).

Leach's storm-petrel (*Oceanodroma leucorhoa*) – Abundant breeder. Nests sympatrically with Fork-tailed storm-petrel. Productivity rates were average this year (83%).

Red-faced cormorant (*Phalacrocorax urile*) – Common breeder. Nests on sea-facing cliffs around the island, but most activity confined to the south side. Five of the nine monitored nests produced 14 large chicks this year.

Pelagic cormorant (*Phalacrocorax pelagicus*) – Abundant breeder. Nests on sea-facing cliffs around the island, especially the north side. Forty-four of 82 monitored nests produced 112 large chicks this year.

Bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) – Rare breeder. A few adults and one immature bird were observed throughout the season. Only one nest site (on the east end of Camp Valley) was located. This nest subsequently failed in mid-June.

Peregrine falcon (*Falco peregrinus*) – Uncommon breeder. Adult and immature peregrine falcons were observed throughout the season; recently fledged birds were seen regularly near camp in August.

Sandhill crane (*Grus canadensis*) – One bird was observed on 10 July near camp. Another individual was observed near the pass on 16 Aug and two birds were spotted in the same area on 17 Aug.

Lesser sand-plover (*Charadrius monolus*) – A single individual was present near Crested Point on 3-4 June (Figure 67).

Wandering tattler (*Heteroscelus incanus*) – This species was present in small numbers from 26 May through 13 June and again on 18 July and 17 August. A maximum of three individuals were recorded in the spring and only one was noted in the fall. All sightings were between North Bight Beach and Main Talus.

Wood sandpiper (*Tringa glareola*) – Wood sandpiper (Figure 68) was present in small numbers from 27 May-7 June (high count of 2 individuals) and again from 17-22 August (high of three birds).

Whimbrel (*Numenius phaeopus*) – A single bird was observed in North Marsh on 2 June.

Black-tailed godwit (*Limosa limosa*) – A black-tailed godwit was observed and photographed (Figure 69) in North Marsh on 27 May.

Ruddy turnstone (*Arenaria interpres*) – Ruddy turnstones were seen on multiple occasions throughout the season, with peak numbers (high count of two on 19 June) occurring in mid-June.

Sanderling (*Calidris alba*) – A single bird (Figure 70) was observed near Tattler creek on 11 and 13 June.

Little stint (*Calidris minuta*) – A little stint was recorded at Teal Pond on 17 August.

Long-toed stint (*Calidris subminuta*) – A lone long-toed stint was observed in North Marsh on 4 June. This species is considered rare on the Checklist of Alaska Birds.

Pectoral sandpiper (*Calidris melanotos*) – A single pectoral sandpiper was found near Crested Point on 24 – 26 July (Figure 71).

Long-billed dowitcher (*Limnodromus scolopaceus*) – A single bird was recorded in the small ponds near Spike Camp on 29 July and 4 August (Figure 72). These records are earlier than the earliest record provided Gibson and Byrd (2007).

Common snipe (*Gallinago gallinago*) – A common snipe was recorded in South Marsh on 7 June.

Red-necked phalarope (*Phalaropus lobatus*) – A single bird was observed and photographed near the outflow of Tattler Creek on 31 July (Figure 73).

Black-legged kittiwake (*Rissa tridactyla*) – Abundant breeder. Black-legged kittiwakes nested in large colonies at East Cape, Kittiwake Lane, Spike Camp, and Middle and Outer Rocks. Productivity was very high at Spike Camp (39%) and was the highest ever recorded at the Kittiwake Lane plots (79%).

Red-legged kittiwake (*Rissa brevirostris*) – Abundant breeder. This kittiwake, the less abundant of the two species, nested in large colonies sympatrically with black-legged kittiwakes. Productivity was the highest ever recorded at Spike Camp (47%) while the Kittiwake Lane plots were the second highest ever (66%).

Slaty-backed gull (*Larus schistisagus*) – An adult bird (likely the same resident individual that hybridized with a glaucous-winged gull and hatched chicks in 2005) was seen on several occasions throughout the summer.

Glaucous-winged gull (*Larus glaucescens*) – Abundant breeder. This seemed to be a relatively good year for glaucous-winged gull productivity. The number of fledglings between Crested Point and the western end of North Bight Beach—an area where many juvenile gulls congregate—routinely had several hundred fledglings (maximum estimate of 410 in mid-August).

Glaucous gull (*Larus hyperboreus*) – Two immature glaucous gulls were seen sporadically on North Bight Beach from 31 May until 27 July.

Parasitic jaeger (*Stercorarius parasiticus*) – Uncommon to fairly common breeder. Parasitic jaegers (primarily dark –morph birds) were commonly observed throughout the island, with the greatest concentrations occurring in higher elevations.

Common murre (*Uria aalge*) – Abundant breeder. Common murres nested sympatrically with thick-billed murres, but in much smaller numbers.

Thick-billed murre (*Uria lomvia*) – Abundant breeder. This species nested in large colonies at East Cape, Kittiwake Lane, Spike Camp and on Middle and Outer Rocks.

Pigeon guillemot (*Cepphus columba*) – Uncommon breeder. Pigeon guillemots were regularly seen just offshore around the island. Twenty-one birds were counted on the 3 June circumnavigation.

Ancient murrelet (*Synthliboramphus antiquus*) – Abundant breeder. Although seen only occasionally during the day, this species nested on Buldir Island in large numbers.

Cassin's auklet (*Ptychoramphus aleuticus*) – This species breeds on Buldir but the abundance is difficult to determine. Cassin's auklets were rarely encountered, primarily during nighttime hours.

Parakeet auklet (*Cyclorhynchus psittacula*) – Abundant breeder. Parakeet auklets nested in talus at Northwest Ridge, Spike Camp, and in smaller numbers at Main Talus and Crested Point. Parakeet auklet productivity was average (52%) but was likely reduced by a very high chick loss rate of 39%.

Least auklet (*Aethia pusilla*) – Abundant breeder. This auklet, the second most abundant on Buldir, seems to be most common at Main Talus. Least auklets exhibited an above average productivity rate of 70%.

Whiskered auklet (*Aethia pygmaea*) – Abundant breeder. This nocturnal auklet was found nesting throughout coastal areas of the island, but are most common at Northwest Ridge, Main Talus, and Crested Point. Whiskered auklets exhibited a very high productivity rate of 85%.

Crested auklet (*Aethia cristatella*) – Abundant breeder. Crested Auklets were the most abundant auklet species on Buldir Island—nests in large colonies, the greatest concentrations are at Main Talus and near Spike Camp. Crested auklets exhibited a very high productivity rate of 83%.

Horned puffin (*Fratercula corniculata*) – Abundant breeder. Horned puffins nested most commonly in crevices at Main Talus and the Spike Camp area. Horned puffins experienced low productivity (35%) and a high chick loss rate of 35%.

Tufted puffin (*Fratercula cirrhata*) – Abundant breeder. This species nested on grassy and rocky slopes around the island. Tufted puffins hatched five days earlier than the mean this year.

Short-eared owl (*Asio flammeus*) – One individual was observed in Camp Valley on 25 June and 11 July (Figure 74).

Common raven (*Corvus corax*) – Lone birds were observed on 27 May, 2 June, and 26 June. In late July and early August 2 – 4 individuals were seen frequently around Camp Valley.

Barn swallow (*Hirundo rustica erythrogaster*) – A barn swallow (unknown subspecies) was present in Camp Valley on 7 June. Another swallow (likely this individual) was observed a few days later but species identification was not possible.

Winter wren (*Troglodytes troglodytes*) – Common breeder. This species was most abundant along coastal areas. Fledglings were first noted in mid-June.

Song sparrow (*Melospiza melodia*) – Common breeder. This species is most abundant in low elevation areas with dense forbs. The first fledgling was found on 5 June.

Lapland longspur (*Calcarius lapponicus*) – Abundant breeder. This species is present in a wider variety of habitats than song sparrows. It was commonly seen above 300m in elevation.

Snow bunting (*Plectrophenax nivalis*) – Fairly common breeder. This resident species is mostly found at higher elevations on Buldir Island.

Gray-crowned rosy-finch (*Leucosticte tephrocotis*) – Common breeder. Fledglings were first noted on 17 June.

Common redpoll (*Carduelis flammea*) – A single common redpoll (figure 75) was observed near Spike Camp on 5, 16, and 17 July.



Figure 67. Lesser sand-plover near Crested Point.



Figure 68. Wood sandpiper at South Marsh.



Figure 69. Black-tailed godwit at North Marsh.



Figure 70. Sanderling at North Bight Beach.



Figure 71. Pectoral sandpiper near Crested Point.



Figure 72. Long-billed dowitcher near Spike Camp.



Figure 73. Red-necked phalarope at Tattler Creek.



Figure 74. Short-eared owl in Camp Valley.





Figure 75. Common redpoll near Spike Camp.

## Marine Mammals

Sea otter (*Enhydra lutris*) – No sea otters were observed during our tour.

Orca (*Orcinus orca*) – Orcas were seen on three occasions during our tour. No notes on group composition were taken. All sightings occurred between North Bight Beach and Main Talus.

Sperm whale (*Physeter macrocephalus*) – Sperm whales were observed once during our tour.

Steller sea lion (*Eumetopias jubatus*) – Sea lions were observed only rarely on the north side of Buldir Island. Twenty adults were observed during the 3 June circumnavigation.

Harbor seal (*Phoca vitulina*) – Harbor seals were seen irregularly in 2008. Only one individual was recorded on the 3 June circumnavigation.

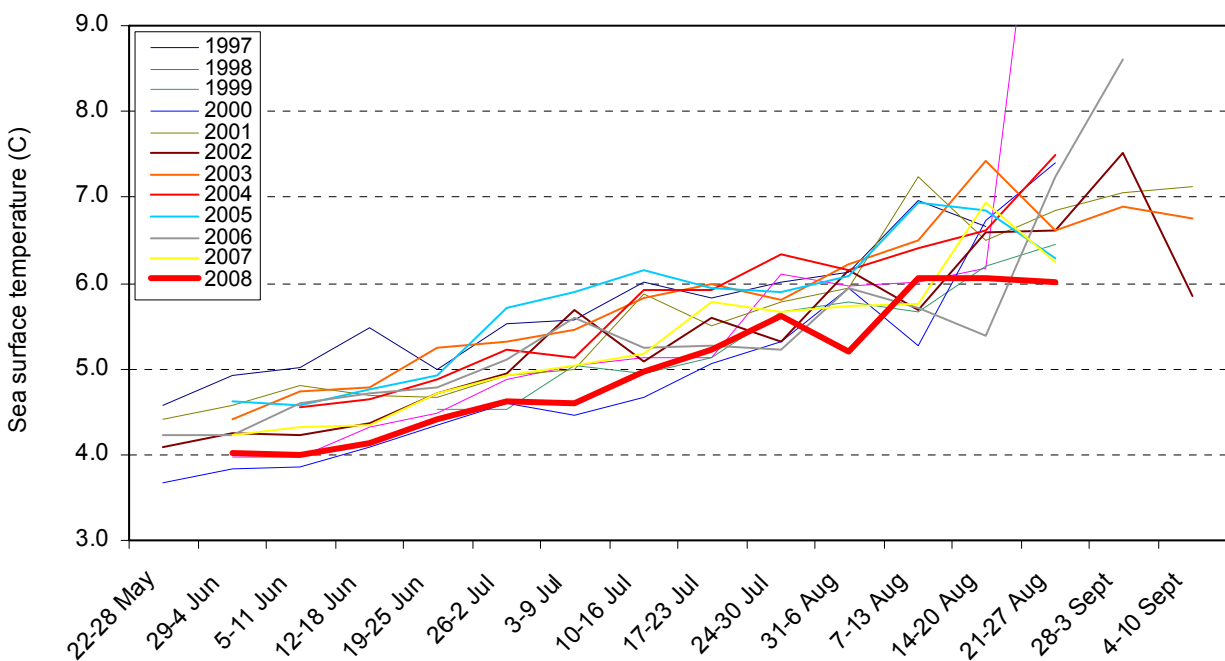


Figure 76. Mean weekly sea surface temperature (°C) at Buldir Island, Alaska. Values represent means of daily mean temperatures.

Table 96. Mean weekly sea surface temperature (°C) at Buldir Island, Alaska. Values represent means of daily mean temperatures.

| Date      | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
|-----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 22-28 May | 4.6  | --   | --   | 3.7  | 4.4  | 4.1  | --   | --   | --   | 4.2  | --   | --   |
| 29-4 Jun  | 4.9  | 4.0  | --   | 3.8  | 4.6  | 4.2  | 4.4  | --   | 4.61 | 4.2  | 4.2  | 4.0  |
| 5-11 Jun  | 5.0  | 4.0  | --   | 3.8  | 4.8  | 4.2  | 4.7  | 4.5  | 4.57 | 4.6  | 4.3  | 4.0  |
| 12-18 Jun | 5.5  | 4.3  | --   | 4.1  | 4.7  | 4.4  | 4.8  | 4.6  | 4.77 | 4.7  | 4.4  | 4.1  |
| 19-25 Jun | 5.0  | 4.5  | 4.5  | 4.3  | 4.7  | 4.7  | 5.3  | 4.9  | 4.93 | 4.8  | 4.7  | 4.4  |
| 26-2 Jul  | 5.5  | 4.9  | 4.5  | 4.6  | 4.9  | 5.0  | 5.3  | 5.2  | 5.71 | 5.1  | 4.9  | 4.6  |
| 3-9 Jul   | 5.6  | 5.0  | 5.0  | 4.5  | 5.0  | 5.7  | 5.4  | 5.1  | 5.90 | 5.6  | 5.0  | 4.6  |
| 10-16 Jul | 6.0  | 5.1  | 4.9  | 4.7  | 5.9  | 5.1  | 5.8  | 5.9  | 6.14 | 5.3  | 5.2  | 5.0  |
| 17-23 Jul | 5.8  | 5.1  | 5.1  | 5.1  | 5.5  | 5.6  | 6.0  | 5.9  | 5.95 | 5.3  | 5.8  | 5.2  |
| 24-30 Jul | 6.0  | 6.1  | 5.7  | 5.3  | 5.8  | 5.3  | 5.8  | 6.3  | 5.89 | 5.2  | 5.7  | 5.6  |
| 31-6 Aug  | 6.1  | 6.0  | 5.8  | 5.9  | 6.0  | 6.2  | 6.2  | 6.2  | 6.09 | 5.9  | 5.7  | 5.2  |
| 7-13 Aug  | 7.0  | 6.0  | 5.7  | 5.3  | 7.2  | 5.7  | 6.5  | 6.4  | 6.94 | 5.7  | 5.8  | 6.1  |
| 14-20 Aug | 6.7  | 6.2  | 6.2  | 6.7  | 6.5  | 6.6  | 7.4  | 6.6  | 6.84 | 5.4  | 6.9  | 6.1  |
| 21-27 Aug | --   | 12.7 | 6.4  | 7.4  | 6.8  | 6.6  | 6.6  | 7.5  | 6.29 | 7.2  | 6.2  | 6.0  |
| 28-3 Sep  | --   | --   | --   | --   | 7.1  | 7.5  | 6.9  | --   | --   | 8.6  | 4.2  | --   |
| 4-10 Sep  | --   | --   | --   | --   | 7.1  | 5.9  | 6.8  | --   | --   | --   | --   | --   |



Figure 77. Mean daily sea surface temperature (°C) at Buldir Island, Alaska.

Table 97. History of official visits to Buldir Island, Alaska.

| Year | Dates          | Type of work              | No. people | Names                                                                                                  | Source |
|------|----------------|---------------------------|------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| 1936 | July 27 & 31   | faunal recon              | 3          | Olaus Murie, Homer Jewell, Douglas Gray,                                                               | ?      |
| 1937 | 18 Jun         | faunal recon              | ?          | Olaus Murie                                                                                            | 13     |
| 1943 |                | U.S. Army weather station | 5          | Dave Grehl, 3 groups of 5 for around 7 mo. each                                                        | 1      |
| 1947 | 19-22 July     | geological reconnaissance | 2          | Robert R. Coats, Will F. Thompson                                                                      | 2      |
| 1962 | 25-27 Jun      | ACG survey                | 2          | Robert Jones, Vern Berns                                                                               | 14     |
| 1963 | 6-19 July      | obtain ACG goslings       | 6          | Vern Berns, Erwin Boeker, Robert Jones, Karl Kenyon, Alexander Peden, Milsted Zhan                     | 3      |
| 1972 | 30 June-8 July | ACG, faunal recon.        | 6          | Vernon Byrd, Palmer Sekora, Glen Smart, Clayton White, Allen McCartney, Dan Gibson                     | 4      |
| 1974 | 9 May-6 Sep    | ACG biology               | 4          | Vernon Byrd, Chris Dau, Matt Dick, John Trapp*                                                         |        |
|      | 16-24 Jul      | ACG capture               | 3          | Dave Spencer, Jim Shaw, Jim Bartonek                                                                   |        |
| 1975 | 18 May-5 Sep   | ACG biology               | 5          | Vernon Byrd*, Dennis Woolington, Eric Hoberg, Elaine Rhode*, John Trapp*, John Sarvis*                 |        |
|      | 3-25 Jul       | Film Chain of Life        | 2          | Tom Ramsey, Cecilia Ramsey                                                                             |        |
|      | 17 May-5 Sep   | ACG, puffins              | 2          | D.H.S. Wehle, Bob Day                                                                                  | 7      |
| 1976 | 19 May-28 Sep  | ACG                       |            |                                                                                                        |        |
| 1977 | 25 May-2 July  | ACG nest census           | 5          | Dennis Woolington, Bob Day, Eric Knudtson, Tom Early, Bob Schulmeister*                                |        |
| 1979 | 4-30 Jun       | ACG nest survey, petrels  | 4          | Tom Early, Bill Henry, Andy --, Jock --                                                                |        |
|      | 23-24 June     | faunal survey             | 4          | Bob Day, Tom Early, Brian Lawhead, Elaine Rhode                                                        | 6      |
| 1982 | 28 May-27 Jun  | ACG nest census           | 6          | Van Klett, Fred Deines, Mark Oswald, Tom Early, Don Dragoo, Dana Bradley                               | 15     |
| 1984 | 8-25 June      | ACG eggs, petrel work     | 2          | Anthony DeGange, Richard Wood                                                                          | 5      |
| 1987 | 1-9 Aug        | ACG capture               |            |                                                                                                        |        |
| 1988 | 7 Jun-7 Sep    | Refuge monitoring         | 4          | Colleen Baggot, Lisa Climo, Dave Backstrom*, Hector Douglas*, Vernon Byrd*                             |        |
|      | 19 Jun-5 Jul   | Seabird investigations    | 3          | John Piatt, John Wells, Andrea Mc Charles                                                              |        |
|      | 29 Jul-10 Aug  | ACG capture & seabirds    | 5          | Alan Springer, Gus Van Vliet, Greg McClellan, Mark Pfof, Brian Anderson                                |        |
| 1989 | 29 May         | BIA ANSCA site visit      | 4          | Ken Pratt, Randall Cooper, Brian Hoffman, Robert Drozda                                                | 19     |
|      |                | Refuge monitoring         |            |                                                                                                        |        |
| 1990 |                | Refuge monitoring         |            |                                                                                                        |        |
| 1991 | 4 Jun-14 Aug   | Refuge monitoring         | 4          | Jeff Williams, Mark Hipfner, Ron Walder, Ken Russell                                                   |        |
|      | 25-29 July     | ACG capture               | 4          | Jim Schneeweiss, Vernon Byrd, Jim Fuller, Rob Lewis                                                    |        |
|      | 4 Jun-6 Aug    | Auklet biology            | 2          | Ian Jones, Christine Adkins                                                                            |        |
|      | 25 Jul-6 Aug   | Photography               | 1          | Ed Steele                                                                                              |        |
|      | 25 July-6 Aug  | Archaeology               | 3          | Doug Siegel-Causey, Debbie Corbett, C. Lefevre                                                         | 12     |
| 1992 | 31 May-14 Aug  | Refuge monitoring         | 4          | Jeff Williams, Hugh Knechtel, Andrew Durand, Geoff Beyersdorff                                         |        |
|      | 31 May-1 Aug   | Auklet biology            | 2          | Ian Kones, Fiona Hunter                                                                                |        |
| 1993 | 30 May-31 Aug  | Refuge monitoring         | 2          | Jeff Williams, Julian Fischer                                                                          |        |
|      | 30 May-31 Aug  | Auklet biology            | 2          | Victor Zubakin, Nicolai Konyukhov                                                                      |        |
|      |                | Auklet biology            |            | Ian Jones.....                                                                                         |        |
|      | 31 May-17 June | Archaeology               | 7          | Dixie West, Debbie Corbett, Christine Lefevre, Liz Wilmerding, Stephen Loring, Tom Corbett, Ann Andres | 10     |
| 1994 |                | Refuge monitoring         |            |                                                                                                        |        |
|      |                | Auklet biology            |            |                                                                                                        |        |
| 1995 | 1 June-21 Aug  | Refuge monitoring         | 3          | Julian Fischer, Mari Ortwerth, Lisa Meehan                                                             | 18     |
|      |                | Auklet biology            |            |                                                                                                        |        |
| 1996 | 4 June-24 Aug  | Refuge monitoring         | 4          | Julian Fischer, Lisa Meehan, Pat Ryan, Dave Clutter                                                    | 17     |
|      |                | Auklet biology            |            | Gail Fraser                                                                                            |        |

Table 97 continued. History of official visits to Buldir Island, Alaska.

| Year | Dates          | Type of work           | No. people | Names                                                                                       | Source |
|------|----------------|------------------------|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| 1997 | 21 May-24 Aug  | Refuge monitoring      | 4          | Mary Ortwerth, Nora Rojek, Emily Drew, Jeff Williams*                                       | 16     |
|      | 5-23 May       | Archaeology            | 6          | Christine Lefevre, Debbie Corbett, Carole Fritz, Margaret Beck, Gena Weinberger, Anne Young | 11     |
|      | 5 May-7 Aug    | Auklet biology         | 4          | Ian Jones, Fiona Hunter, Gail Fraser, Laura Cowen                                           |        |
| 1998 | 3 June-28 Aug  | Refuge monitoring      | 4          | Julian Fischer, Angela Palmer, Susan Hootman, Kim Elkin                                     | 9      |
|      | 3 June-????    | Auklet biology         | ?          | Gail Fraser,                                                                                |        |
| 1999 | 21 June-29 Aug | Refuge monitoring      | 6          | Jason Daniels, Jessica Peterson, Jeff Williams*                                             | 8      |
|      |                | Auklet biology         |            | Allison Veit, Nicole Winter, Nicolai Konyukhov                                              |        |
| 2000 | 27 May-29 Aug  | Refuge monitoring      | 4          | Heather Moore, Karen Brenneman, Graeme Loh, Sarah Lantz                                     |        |
|      | 27 May-6 Aug   | Auklet biology         | ?          | Ian Jones, Martin Renner, Jolene Sutton, Josh Pennell                                       |        |
| 2001 | 25 May-5 Sep   | Refuge monitoring      | 3          | Heather Moore, Peter Kappes, Matthew Grinnell                                               |        |
|      | 25 May-5 Sep   | PAAU/HOPU attendance   | 2          | Nikolai Konyukhov, Kyle Juk                                                                 |        |
|      | 1 Aug-5 Sep    | Archaeology            | 5          | Debbie Corbett, Dixie West, Ginny Hatfield, Kale Brennerman                                 |        |
|      | 25 May-1 Aug   | Auklet biology         | 3          | Martin Renner, Fiona Hunter, Heather Major, Ian Jones*                                      |        |
|      | 28 May-1 Aug   | CRAU smell             | 2          | Julie Hagelin, Peter Elsner                                                                 |        |
| 2002 | 24 May-5 Sep   | Refuge monitoring      | 3          | Erica Sommer, Trevor Joyce, Nikolai Konyukhov                                               |        |
|      | 24 May- 7 Aug  | Auklet biology         | 3          | Martin Renner, Jason Wade, Greg McClelland                                                  |        |
| 2003 | 1 June-5 Sep   | Refuge monitoring      | 3          | Nathan Jones, Martin Murphy, Namoi Sugimura*                                                |        |
|      | 1 June-5 Sep   | Regime forcing project | 2          | Hector Douglas, Brie Drummond                                                               |        |
|      | 1 June-? Aug   | Auklet biology         | 1          | Travis Clarke, Ian Jones*                                                                   |        |
| 2004 | 26 May-25 Aug  | Refuge monitoring      | 2          | Martin Murphy, Slade Sapora                                                                 |        |
|      | 26 May-? Aug   | Auklet biology         | 1          | Christina _____                                                                             |        |
|      | 26 May-7 June  | Auklet biology         | 2          | Ian Jones, Dan Roby                                                                         |        |
|      | 26 May-25 Aug  | Regime Forcing project | 2          | John Citta, Joe Seyfried                                                                    |        |
| 2005 | 29 May-27 Aug  | Refuge monitoring      | 4          | Erik Andersen, Trevor Joyce, Meredith Barrett, Aaron Stoertz                                |        |
|      | 29 May-10 Aug  | Auklet biology         | 1          | Paul Regular                                                                                |        |
|      | 29 May-7 June  | Auklet biology         | 4          | Ian Jones, Sampath Seneviratne, Chris Eggleston, Cari Eggleston                             |        |
| 2006 | 24 May-30 Aug  | Refuge monitoring      | 3          | Rachael Orben, Corey Van Stratt, Stephan Lorenz                                             |        |
|      | 24 May-13 Aug  | Auklet biology         | 3          | Sampath Seneviratne, Grant Humphries, Adam Hunt, Ian Jones*                                 |        |
|      | 13 Aug-30 Aug  | Cabin building         | 2          | Jeff Williams, Craig Williams                                                               |        |
| 2007 | 29 May-27 Aug  | Refuge monitoring      | 4          | Erik Andersen, Scott Freeman, Nick Seferovic, Cornelius Schlawe                             |        |
|      | 29 May-4 Aug   | Auklet biology         | 4          | Sampath Seneviratne, Stefan Lorenz, Pam Woodman, Chris Smalls                               |        |
| 2008 | 26 May-27 Aug  | Refuge monitoring      | 3          | Scott Freeman, Kevin Payne, Bob Keller                                                      |        |
|      | 26 May-5 Aug   | Auklet biology         | 2          | ??                                                                                          |        |
|      | 26 May-? June  | Auklet biology         | 2          | Ian Jones, Rachel Buxton                                                                    |        |

\* indicates that a person only spent a portion of the time period on the island

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