

Alaska 200 Club

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The Alaska 200 Club emblem portrays a Steller's Jay, *Cyanocitta stelleri stelleri* [Gmelin, 1778 {Vancouver Island, British Columbia}], new to ornithology in July 1741 when discovered at Kayak Island (Southcoastal Alaska) by George Wilhelm Steller. This find convinced Steller that the expedition had indeed reached the New World, and in a manner, establishing the Steller's Jay as the first bird to the Alaska list. In the background is the vessel *Saint Peter* which carried Bering, Steller, and contingent to Alaska.

TWENTY-EIGHTH REPORT OF THE ALASKA 200 CLUB

The Alaska 200 Club, formed in 1979, is a membership of people that have recorded 200 or more species of birds, wild, alive and unrestrained in Alaska {*Charter members = Roster #'s 1 – 12*}. This report summarizes 200 Club data through the end of 2008, and includes all 2008 updates that were sent to us by January 10, 2009.

The club roster stood at 255 members at the end of 2007. Two members joined the club in 2008: Cathy Foerster (#256) and Paul Lehman (#257). David Sonneborn remains at the top of the list; still the only birder to see more than 400 species in Alaska. Members who submitted data in 2008 indicating they had reached the 300 species plateau included Bob Dittrick, Delesta Fox, Aaron Lang and Paul Lehman. Thirty-seven members of the club have now reached that level.

Table 1 summarizes the membership ranking at the end of 2008, based on species total, and includes the year of each member's most recent update. Sixty-one members provided data for the 2008 report.

The 200 Club follows the CHECKLIST OF ALASKA BIRDS, including the "Unsubstantiated List" (but excluding species introduced or of questioned origin), maintained by the University of Alaska Museum. Changes that will be made to the 15th edition of the Checklist in 2009 include two new species added to the main list (Tricolored Heron and Rufous-tailed Robin) and one to the Unsubstantiated List (Swinhoe's Storm-petrel); see Table 2 for details. With these additions the main list stands at 487 species plus an additional 24 species on the Unsubstantiated List. The Checklist can be found by using the link to the UAF Museum website on the Alaska 200 Club website.

The URL for the Alaska 200 Club website is: http://home.gci.net/~juneaubird/club_index

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TABLE 1.

ALASKA 200 CLUB MEMBERSHIP STATUS THROUGH 2008

Member	Member Roster	Residence	Total List	Year	
				Joined	Update
Sonneborn, David	30	Alaska	403	1981	2008
Isleib, Pete!	6	Alaska	387	1979	1993
Tobish, Theodore	11	Alaska	374	1979	2002
Heinl, Steve	150	Alaska	370	1991	2007
Zimmerman, Steve	86	Alaska	368	1986	2008
Scher, Buzz	49	Alaska	361	1982	2008
Gibson, Dan	3	Alaska	360	1979	2001
Gordon, Richard	25	Alaska	353	1980	2008
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Delap, David	201	Alaska	332	1998	2008
Lehman, Paul	257	California	332	2008	2008
Sykes, Paul	19	Georgia	331	1980	2008
Oakley, Lisa	28	Alaska	328	1980	2002
Doyle, Terry	130	Florida*	328	1990	2006
Smith, Macklin	152	Michigan	326	1992	2007
Schwan, Mark	75	Alaska	322	1985	2008
Levison, James	230	Alaska	321	2001	2008
Tans, Gordon	13	Michigan	319	1980	2008
Komito, Sandy	97	Florida	319	1987	2008
Proctor, Noble	48	Connecticut	317	1982	1994
Pourchot, Pat	225	Alaska	317	2000	2008
Clark, Ed	218	Alaska	316	1999	2008
Mueller, Bill	153	New Jersey	315	1992	2008
MacIntosh, Richard	10	Alaska	312	1979	2008
Dunn, Jon	29	California	312	1981	2008
Wagner, George	43	Illinois	311	1982	1988
Canterbury, Dan	140	Florida	309	1991	2006
Lee, Dwight!	105	Arizona	308	1987	1995
Dittrick, Bob	248	Alaska	304	2007	2008

Lang, Aaron	252	Alaska	304	2007	2008
Hall, George	5	Vermont*	303	1979	1989
Fox, Delesta	176	Alaska	303	1994	2008
Byrd, Vernon	1	Alaska	302	1979	2008
Jolis, Jennifer	46	Alaska	302	1982	2007
Lewis, Robert Jr.	83	New Jersey	302	1986	2005
Wulkowicz, Stan	116	North Carolina*	301	1989	2008
Balch, Lawrence	18	Illinois	300	1980	2002
Narins, David	134	Florida	300	1990	2007
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Walsh, Peter	85	Arizona*	297	1986	1996
Smith, Sean	204	Texas*	297	1998	2006
Chaffin, David	170	Tennessee	296	1993	2007
Porter, David	235	Alaska	295	2003	2008
Bergey, Arthur	82	Pennsylvania	291	1986	2002
Haney, Chris	110	Pennsylvania*	290	1988	2005
Elder, Eli	33	Ohio	289	1981	2002
Johnson, Steve	36	B.C. Canada*	288	1981	2007
Russell, Ken	149	Alaska	288	1991	2008
Maack, Chris	173	Alaska	283	1993	2008
Agler, Bev	211	Alaska	282	1999	2007
Gill, Robert	71	Alaska	281	1981	2008
Dearborn, Judy	217	Alaska	281	1999	2008
Johnson, Jennifer	255	Nebraska	281	2007	2008
Day, Bob	2	Alaska	279	1979	2008
Tans, Peggy	14	Michigan	278	1980	2008
Andrew, Jonathan	80	Georgia*	278	1985	1989
Rydell, William	94	California	278	1987	2008
Burden, Kenneth	91	Washington	278	1987	2006
Yovanovich, Gail	190	New Jersey	278	1996	
Johnson, Bud	202	Arizona	277	1998	2007
Davidson, Harriet	34	Michigan	276	1981	1990
Davidson, Wilbur!	35	Michigan	276	1981	1990
Birsner, Diane	157	Texas	276	1992	2001
Sauer, Jeff	228	Alaska	275	2000	2008

Parker, Helen	63	Arkansas	272	1984	2008	Burroughs, Ed	37	Virginia*	249	1981	1999
Devaney, Laurel	186	Alaska	272	1995	2008	Cooper, Brian	62	Oregon*	249	1984	1992
Parker, Max!	64	Arkansas	270	1984	2007	McGregor, Ian	231	Washington	249	2001	2007
Brooks, Matt	245	Arizona	270	2006	2008	Trickey, Kenna Sue	238	Alaska	249	2004	2008
King, Ben	21	New York	269	1980		Pitcher, John	15	Vermont*	248	1980	1984
Hadley, Raymond	4	Alaska	268	1979	1995	Mulligan, Mike	213	Alberta, Canada	248	1999	2008
Brooks, William	210	New York	268	1998	2006	Andres, Brad	215	?*	248	1999	
Guthrie, Dan	122	California	265	1989	1999	Walker, Heathy	92	N. Carolina	247	1987	1994
Bouton, Jeff	171	Florida*	265	1993	1997	Kraus, Douglas!	22	Rhode Island	246	1980	1982
Siegel, Betty	158	Alaska	263	1992	2001	Lawhead, Brian	8	Alaska	244	1979	2002
Greaves, Ed	118	California	261	1989	2005	Burroughs, Carol	73	Virginia*	244	1985	1999
Rose, B.J.	120	Missouri	261	1989	1996	Lippincott, Cindy	90	Colorado*	244	1987	1999
Toebe, Dianne	243	Alaska	261	2006	2008	O'Neale, Judy	123	Louisiana*	244	1989	2005
Kessel, Brina	7	Alaska	260	1979	1995	DeWitt, Jim	247	Alaska	244	2006	2008
Trapp, John	12	Wash. D.C.*	260	1979	1985	Martin, Philip	39	Alaska	243	1981	1986
Troy, Declan	45	Alaska	260	1982	1990	Feltner, Ben	115	Washington	243	1989	1995
Zeillemaker, Fred	54	Idaho*	260	1983	1997	Spindler, Michael	50	Alaska	242	1983	1988
Linfield, Roger	184	Colorado	258	1995	2006	Rose, Sharon	121	Missouri	242	1989	1996
Friest, Betty	212	Alaska	258	1999	2006	Peavler, Larry	26	Indiana	241	1980	1984
Herter, Dale	38	Washington*	257	1981	1990	Rennick, Penny	32	Alaska	241	1981	1990
Pintner, Bob	174	Alaska	257	1993	2002	Oberle, Mark	93	Washington	241	1987	2007
Fowler, James, Jr.	148	Michigan	256	1991	2005	Smith, Ed	142	Michigan	241	1991	2006
Hutman, Gary	193	Michigan	256	1996	2004	Roy, Kayo	165	Ontario	241	1993	2000
Ward, Maurice	60	Arizona*	253	1984	1991	Baily, Doug	181	Alaska	241	1994	2008
Dewhurst, Donna	168	Alaska	253	1993	2007	Senner, Nathan	208	Alaska	241	1998	2006
Peterson, Ted	192	Washington	253	1996	2006	Blecker, Liz	234	Alaska	241	2003	2008
Schwitters, Michael	224	Montana	253	2000	2008	MacDonald, Stephen	9	New Mexico*	240	1979	1982
Austin, Mike	109	Texas	252	1988	2006	Sease, John	55	Washington*	240	1983	1988
Stallcup, Richard	20	California	251	1980	1981	Hannabass, Hayden	136	Michigan	240	1990	1993
Maddox, Donna	138	Texas	251	1991	1995	Ostrander, Robert	27	South Carolina	239	1980	1984
Smith, Lynette	151	Michigan	251	1992	1998	Armstrong, Robert	84	Alaska	239	1986	1988
Johnson, Cameale	189	Alaska	251	1995	2008	Wulkowicz, Joan	117	North Dakota	238	1989	1990
White, Clayton	128	Utah	250	1989		DeWitt, Nancy	246	Alaska	238	2006	2008
Taylor, Monte	141	California	250	1991	1996	Walton, Ann	59	Indiana	237	1984	1989
Pincelli, F. Thomas	183	Texas	250	1995	2007	Walton, Robert	58	Indiana	237	1984	1989
						Traver, Donald	167	New York	237	1993	2008

Traver, Donna	166	New York	237	1993	2008	Kemp, William	155	Arizona	225	1992	2006
Logan, Jim	180	Alaska	237	1994	2008	Jones, Marlin	232	Idaho	225	2002	
Senner, Stan	209	Alaska	237	1998	2008						
Gifford, Charles	222	Vermont	237	2000	2006						
Fuller, Jim	223	Iowa	236	2000	2006	Tove, Michael	16	N. Carolina	224	1980	
Stott, William, Jr.	139	Virginia	235	1991	1996	Maynard, William	74	Colorado	224	1985	1987
Wetzel, Dan	163	Alaska	235	1993	2002	Bangma, Jim	177	New Jersey	224	1994	
Prentki, Richard	241	Alaska	235	2006	2007	Osborne, Timothy	51	Africa*	223	1983	1995
Roseneau, David	40	Alaska	234	1981	1988	Forsythe, Dennis	127	S. Carolina	223	1989	1990
Flower, Richard	77	Arizona	234	1985	2001	Stone, Robert	199	Texas	223	1997	2008
Pederson, Edward	156	Pennsylvania	234	1992	1993	Cohn, Jean	197	California	223	1997	
Paul, Jacqueline	187	Washington	234	1995	2007	Dobbins, Bill	221	Washington D.C.	223	2000	2001
Heilman, Annie	104	Tennessee	233	1987	1991	Harris, Mary Claire	233	Alaska	223	2003	2008
Heilman, Nita	103	Tennessee	233	1987	1991	Woessner, Warren	126	Minnesota	222	1989	1994
Woodley, Robert	107	Washington	233	1988	2005	Marantz, Curtis	57	California	221	1983	1994
Laasanen, Alvin	159	Indiana	233	1992	2006	Baicich, Paul	108	Maryland	221	1988	1992
Elliott, Valerie	203	Washington*	233	1998	2008	Patel, Niroo	178	New Jersey	221	1994	
Lewis, Sherry	147	Alaska	232	1991	2008	Bouton, William	24	California	220	1980	1992
Worthington, Pete	191	S. Carolina	231	1996	2006	O'Neale, Jack!	124	Alaska	220	1989	1992
Stratton, Jim	236	Alaska	231	2004	2008	Whitney, Ernie!	145	Florida*	220	1991	1995
Purnell, Robert	96	Wisconsin	230	1987	1988	Bradley, Robert	154	Colorado	219	1992	2006
Vacca, Shelli	137	Washington*	230	1990	1996	White, Tony	100	Maryland*	218	1987	1989
Hughes, Owen	169	Alaska	230	1993	2005	Eskelin, Todd	188	Alaska	218	1995	1998
Matz, George	175	Alaska	230	1993	2002	MacDonald, Rob	249	Alaska	218	2007	2008
Berns, Shirley	239	Alaska	230	2006	2008	Lehnhausen, Wm.	56	Alaska	217	1983	1984
Gambill, Charles W.	78	Texas	229	1985	1991	Murphy, Edward C.	72	Alaska	217	1985	1988
Gambill, Mary A.	79	Texas	229	1985	1991	Hunn, Eugene	98	Washington	217	1987	1991
Hanagan, John!	164	Michigan	229	1993	1998	Strauss, Ellen	101	California	217	1987	
Hawkings, James	42	Y.T. Canada*	228	1982	1989	Schauer, Amy	111	Oregon*	217	1988	
Belyea, Glenn	162	Michigan	228	1993	2008	Smith, Shirley	143	Michigan	217	1991	2006
Fritz, John	198	New York	226	1997	2007	Sall, Larry	200	Texas	217	1997	2006
Berrigan, Paul	214	Michigan	226	1999	2002	Hailey, Jim	242	Texas	217	2006	2008
Greene, Nicholas	52	Connecticut	225	1983		Corder, Marion!	70	Oregon	216	1985	
Kertell, Ken	68	Alaska	225	1984	1992	Strauss, James	102	California	216	1987	
Whelton, Bart	114	Washington	225	1988		Myers, Dollyann	119	Tennessee	216	1989	
Turner, Henry	131	New York	225	1990	1993	Harris, Ed	132	California	216	1990	

Rodstrom, Bill	229	California	216	2001	2006	Long, Bonnie	216	Alaska	204	1999	
Westervelt, Susan	254	Alaska	215	2007	2008	Senner, Paul	237	Alaska	204	2004	
Murphy, Steve	47	Alaska	214	1982	1990	Glass, Francis	17	Alaska	203	1980	1984
Quinlan, Susan	67	Alaska	214	1984		Miller, Mary	41	Alaska	203	1982	
Clancy, John	99	Massachusetts	214	1987	2005	Friar, James	87	Virginia*	203	1987	
Mumford, Bob	135	Maryland	214	1990	1991	Hill, David	146	Connecticut	203	1991	
Conti, Georgia	250	Alaska	214	2007	2007	Peluso, Beth	251	Alaska	203	2007	2008
John, Harold	182	Missouri	213	1995		Eshbaugh, Richard	106	Ohio	202	1987	
Bullock, Gary	205	Alaska	213	1998		LaFramboise, Bill	227	Washington	202	2000	2005
Winckler, Bob	244	Alaska	213	2006	2008	LaFramboise, Nancy	226	Washington	202	2000	2005
McNeese, Robert	161	Kentucky	212	1992		Foerster, Cathy	256	Alaska	202	2008	2008
Rydell, Mary	185	California	212	1995		Snider, Daniel	89	California	201	1987	
Keenleyside, John	53	Ontario	211	1983		Madison Samuel!	133	New York	201	1990	
Odgers, John	240	Texas	211	2006	2007	Williams, James	207	Minnesota	201	1998	
Ward, Roberta	69	Arizona*	210	1984	1991	Lane, Carolina	23	Georgia	200	1980	
Freese, Frank!	66	Wisconsin	210	1984		Meehan, Rosa	65	Alaska	200	1984	
Overton, Mike	219	Iowa	210	2000		Schmidt, David	113	Alaska	200	1988	
Eshbaugh, Homer	31	Wisconsin	209	1981		Overton, Dixie	220	Iowa	200	2000	
Roby, Daniel	44	Oregon*	209	1982							
Smythe, Thomas	61	Michigan	209	1984	1994	! = Deceased					
Prybis, Raymond	95	Pennsylvania	209	1987		* = Former Alaska Resident					
Gambill, Charles H.!	112	Ohio	209	1988							
Pfeifer, Karen	253	Alaska	209	2007	2007						
Anderson, Betty	81	Alaska	208	1986	1987						
Funston, Bob	160	Oklahoma	208	1992							
Koella, Jon	172	Tennessee	208	1993							
Hahn, Frank	129	Washington	207	1990	1991						
Bosse, Walter	179	Rhode Island	207	1994							
Takamine, Joyce	194	Colorado	207	1996	2003						
Toneff, Ann	195	Ohio	207	1996							
Stewart, Barbara	206	Virginia	207	1998							
Sifford, Jim	125	Texas	206	1989							
Kurtz, Robert	196	New York	205	1996	2008						
Maxwell, Bruce	76	California	204	1985							
Friar, Karen	88	Virginia*	204	1987							
Fikejs, Betty	144	Illinois	204	1991							

TABLE 2.

2008 CHANGES TO THE CHECKLIST OF ALASKA BIRDS

Courtesy of Daniel D. Gibson

Egretta tricolor Tricolored Heron. One was photographed during 22-24 May 1985 on the Chickamin River (P. Bethel). (This report and the single photo were just brought to our attention in 2008.)

Luscinia sibilans Rufous-tailed Robin. One was collected 4 June 2008 at Attu Island (D. W. Sonneborn and J. J. Withrow) and one was photographed 8-9 June 2008 at St. Paul Island (L. H. DeCicco and others)--and one was observed 4 June 2000 at Attu (S. C. Heinl and others). MS submitted to Western Birds.

Addition to the Unsubstantiated List of the Checklist of Alaska Birds:

Oceanodroma monorhis Swinhoe's Storm-Petrel One reported 5 August 2003; Gulf of Alaska south of Kodiak Island, at 56 03N 153 42W (S., L., and R. Terrill, R. Spight, and S. Zimmerman).

Other changes in the Checklist of Alaska Birds include taxonomic changes to follow AOU Checklist supplement 49 (2008):

The subspecies of Spot-billed Duck known in Alaska has been elevated to status as a separate species and is now known as the Eastern Spot-billed Duck *Anas zonorhyncha*.

Based on molecular work, many gulls formerly maintained in the broad genus *Larus* have been split into separate genera, and the whole group has been completely reordered to accommodate these changes as well as an up-to-date appraisal of their relationships within the group:

Black-legged Kittiwake *Rissa tridactyla*
Red-legged Kittiwake *Rissa brevirostris*
Ivory Gull *Pagophila eburnea*
Sabine's Gull *Xema sabini*
Bonaparte's Gull *Chroicocephalus philadelphia*
Black-headed Gull *Chroicocephalus ridibundus*
Little Gull *Hydrocoloeus minutus*
Ross's Gull *Rhodostethia rosea*
Franklin's Gull *Leucophaeus pipixcan*
Black-tailed Gull *Larus crassirostris*
Heermann's Gull *Larus heermanni*
Mew Gull *Larus canus*
Ring-billed Gull *Larus delawarensis*
Western Gull *Larus occidentalis*
California Gull *Larus californicus*
Herring Gull *Larus argentatus*
Iceland Gull *Larus glaucoides* (including *thayeri*)
Lesser Black-backed Gull *Larus fuscus*
Slaty-backed Gull *Larus schistisagus*
Glaucous-winged Gull *Larus glaucescens*
Glaucous Gull *Larus hyperboreu*
Great Black-backed Gull *Larus marinus*

The English name of *Phylloscopus proregulus* is changed to Pallas's Leaf-Warbler.

To denote that there is a group of related 'hawk owls' in the genus *Ninox*, a hyphen has been inserted in the English name Brown Hawk-Owl. (But because the quite unrelated genus *Surnia* has no close relatives--in fact is monotypic, it remains the case that no hyphen is used in the English name Northern Hawk Owl.)