

# *Alaska 200 Club*

## *29<sup>th</sup> Report*

**2010**



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-NINTH 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 2009 and includes all 2009 updates that were sent to us by January 10, 2010.

The Club roster stood at 257 members at the end of 2008. Two members joined the club in 2009: Brad Benter (#258) and David Smith (#259). David Sonneborn remains at the top of the list; still the only birder to have reported seeing more than 400 species in Alaska. Members who submitted data in 2009 indicating that they had reached the 300 species plateau included Brad Benter, Larry Peavler and David Porter. Forty members of the club have now reached that level.

Table 1 summarizes the membership ranking at the end of 2009, based on species total, and includes the year of each member's most recent update. Sixty-eight members provided updates for this report.

The Alaska 200 Club follows the CHECKLIST OF ALASKA BIRDS, including the "Unsubstantiated list" (but excluding species introduced or of questioned origin). This list is compiled by the Alaska Checklist Committee and is maintained by the University of Alaska. Changes that will be made to the 16<sup>th</sup> edition of the Checklist in 2010 include two new species added to the main list (Eurasian Collared-Dove and Marsh Wren) and one to the Unsubstantiated List (Solitary Snipe); see "2009 Changes to the Checklist of Alaska Birds" at the end of this report for details. With these additions the main list now stands at 489 species, plus 25 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](http://home.gci.net/~juneaubird/club_index)

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**TABLE 1.**  
**ALASKA 200 CLUB MEMBERSHIP STATUS THROUGH 2009**

Member	Member Roster	Residence	Total List	Year	
				Joined	Update
Sonneborn, David	30	Alaska	404	1981	2009
Isleib, Pete!	6	Alaska	387	1979	1993
Tobish, Theodore	11	Alaska	374	1979	2002
Heinl, Steve	150	Alaska	374	1991	2009
Zimmerman, Steve	86	Alaska	372	1986	2009
Scher, Buzz	49	Alaska	361	1982	2008
Gibson, Dan	3	Alaska	360	1979	2001
Gordon, Richard	25	Alaska	355	1980	2009
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Sykes, Paul	19	Georgia	334	1980	2009
Levison, James	230	Alaska	334	2001	2009
Delap, David	201	Alaska	332	1998	2009
Lehman, Paul	257	California	332	2008	2008
Oakley, Lisa	28	Alaska	328	1980	2002
Doyle, Terry	130	Florida*	328	1990	2006
Clark, Ed	218	Alaska	327	1999	2009
Smith, Macklin	152	Michigan	326	1992	2007
Schwan, Mark	75	Alaska	325	1985	2009
Benter, Brad	258	Alaska	322	2009	2009
Tans, Gordon	13	Michigan	321	1980	2009
Pourchot, Pat	225	Alaska	321	2000	2009
Komito, Sandy	97	Florida	319	1987	2009
MacIntosh, Richard	10	Alaska	317	1979	2009
Peavler, Larry	26	Indiana	317	1980	2009
Proctor, Noble	48	Connecticut	317	1982	1994
Mueller, Bill	153	New Jersey	315	1992	2009
Lang, Aaron	252	Alaska	313	2007	2009
Dunn, Jon	29	California	312	1981	2009
Wagner, George	43	Illinois	311	1982	1988
Dittrick, Bob	248	Alaska	311	2007	2009

Canterbury, Dan	140	Florida	309	1991	2006
Lee, Dwight!	105	Arizona	308	1987	1995
Fox, Delesta	176	Alaska	308	1994	2009
Byrd, Vernon	1	Alaska	303	1979	2009
Hall, George	5	Vermont*	303	1979	1989
Porter, David	235	Alaska	303	2003	2009
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	2009
Bergey, Arthur	82	Pennsylvania	291	1986	2002
Haney, Chris	110	Pennsylvania*	290	1988	2005
Russell, Ken	149	Alaska	290	1991	2009
Elder, Eli	33	Ohio	289	1981	2002
Johnson, Steve	36	B.C. Canada*	288	1981	2007
Agler, Bev	211	Alaska	288	1999	2009
Dearborn, Judy	217	Alaska	288	1999	2009
Johnson, Jennifer	255	Nebraska	285	2007	2009
Maack, Chris	173	Alaska	284	1993	2009
Day, Bob	2	Alaska	281	1979	2009
Gill, Robert	71	Alaska	281	1981	2008
Sauer, Jeff	228	Alaska	281	2000	2009
Tans, Peggy	14	Michigan	280	1980	2009
Andrew, Jonathan	80	Georgia*	278	1985	1989
Burden, Kenneth	91	Washington	278	1987	2006
Rydell, William	94	California	278	1987	2008
Yovanovich, Gail	190	New Jersey	278	1996	
Johnson, Bud	202	Arizona	277	1998	2009
Davidson, Harriet	34	Michigan	276	1981	1990
Davidson, Wilbur!	35	Michigan	276	1981	1990
Birsner, Diane	157	Texas	276	1992	2001

Schwitters, Michael	224	Montana	275	2000	2009	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Devaney, Laurel	186	Alaska	273	1995	2009	Burroughs, Ed	37	Virginia*	249	1981	1999
Parker, Helen	63	Arkansas	272	1984	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	Pitcher, John	15	Vermont*	248	1980	1984
King, Ben	21	New York	269	1980		Mulligan, Mike	213	Alberta, Canada	248	1999	2009
Brooks, William	210	New York	269	1998	2009	Andres, Brad	215	?*	248	1999	
Hadley, Raymond	4	Alaska	268	1979	1995	Walker, Heathy	92	N. Carolina	247	1987	1994
Guthrie, Dan	122	California	265	1989	1999	Prentki, Richard	241	Alaska	247	2006	2009
Bouton, Jeff	171	Florida*	265	1993	1997	DeWitt, Jim	247	Alaska	247	2006	2009
Friest, Betty	212	Alaska	264	1999	2009	Kraus, Douglas!	22	Rhode Island	246	1980	1982
Siegel, Betty	158	Alaska	263	1992	2009	Lawhead, Brian	8	Alaska	244	1979	2002
Toebe, Dianne	243	Alaska	262	2006	2009	Burroughs, Carol	73	Virginia*	244	1985	1999
Greaves, Ed	118	California	261	1989	2005	Lippincott, Cindy	90	Colorado*	244	1987	1999
Rose, B.J.	120	Missouri	261	1989	1996	O'Neale, Judy	123	Louisiana*	244	1989	2009
Kessel, Brina	7	Alaska	260	1979	1995	Martin, Philip	39	Alaska	243	1981	1986
Trapp, John	12	Wash. D.C.*	260	1979	1985	Feltner, Ben	115	Washington	243	1989	1995
Troy, Declan	45	Alaska	260	1982	1990	Spindler, Michael	50	Alaska	242	1983	1988
Zeillemaker, Fred	54	Idaho*	260	1983	2009	Rose, Sharon	121	Missouri	242	1989	1996
Linfield, Roger	184	Colorado	258	1995	2006	Senner, Nathan	208	Alaska	242	1998	2009
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	2009
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
Dewhurst, Donna	168	Alaska	255	1993	2009	Baily, Doug	181	Alaska	241	1994	2008
Ward, Maurice	60	Arizona*	253	1984	1991	Blecker, Liz	234	Alaska	241	2003	2009
Johnson, Cameale	189	Alaska	253	1995	2009	MacDonald, Stephen	9	New Mexico*	240	1979	1982
Peterson, Ted	192	Washington	253	1996	2006	Sease, John	55	Washington*	240	1983	1988
Austin, Mike	109	Texas	252	1988	2006	Hannabass, Hayden	136	Michigan	240	1990	1993
Stallcup, Richard	20	California	251	1980	1981	DeWitt, Nancy	246	Alaska	240	2006	2009
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
White, Clayton	128	Utah	250	1989		Wulkowicz, Joan	117	North Dakota	238	1989	1990
Taylor, Monte	141	California	250	1991	1996	Walton, Robert	58	Indiana	237	1984	1989
Pincelli, F. Thomas	183	Texas	250	1995	2007	Walton, Ann	59	Indiana	237	1984	1989
Trickey, Kenna Sue	238	Alaska	250	2004	2009	Traver, Donna	166	New York	237	1993	2009

Traver, Donald	167	New York	237	1993	2009	Jones, Marlin	232	Idaho	225	2002	
Logan, Jim	180	Alaska	237	1994	2008	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Senner, Stan	209	Alaska	237	1998	2008	Tove, Michael	16	N. Carolina	224	1980	
Gifford, Charles	222	Vermont	237	2000	2006	Maynard, William	74	Colorado	224	1985	1987
Fuller, Jim	223	Iowa	236	2000	2006	Bangma, Jim	177	New Jersey	224	1994	
Stott, William, Jr.	139	Virginia	235	1991	1996	Harris, Mary Claire	233	Alaska	224	2003	2009
Wetzel, Dan	163	Alaska	235	1993	2002	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	Cohn, Jean	197	California	223	1997	
Pederson, Edward	156	Pennsylvania	234	1992	1993	Stone, Robert	199	Texas	223	1997	2009
Paul, Jacqueline	187	Washington	234	1995	2007	Dobbins, Bill	221	Wash. D.C.	223	2000	2001
Heilman, Nita	103	Tennessee	233	1987	1991	Woessner, Warren	126	Minnesota	222	1989	1994
Heilman, Annie	104	Tennessee	233	1987	1991	Marantz, Curtis	57	California	221	1983	1994
Woodley, Robert	107	Washington	233	1988	2009	Baicich, Paul	108	Maryland	221	1988	1992
Laasanen, Alvin	159	Indiana	233	1992	2006	Patel, Niroo	178	New Jersey	221	1994	
Elliott, Valerie	203	Washington*	233	1998	2009	Bouton, William	24	California	220	1980	1992
Lewis, Sherry	147	Alaska	232	1991	2008	O'Neale, Jack!	124	Alaska	220	1989	1992
Berns, Shirley	239	Alaska	232	2006	2009	Whitney, Ernie!	145	Florida*	220	1991	1995
Worthington, Pete	191	S. Carolina	231	1996	2006	MacDonald, Rob	249	Alaska	220	2007	2009
Stratton, Jim	236	Alaska	231	2004	2008	Bradley, Robert	154	Colorado	219	1992	2006
Purnell, Robert	96	Wisconsin	230	1987	1988	White, Tony	100	Maryland*	218	1987	1989
Vacca, Shelli	137	Washington*	230	1990	1996	Eskelin, Todd	188	Alaska	218	1995	1998
Hughes, Owen	169	Alaska	230	1993	2005	Peluso, Beth	251	Alaska	218	2007	2009
Matz, George	175	Alaska	230	1993	2002	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	Yukon, CA*	228	1982	1989	Schauer, Amy	111	Oregon*	217	1988	
Belyea, Glenn	162	Michigan	228	1993	2009	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		Winckler, Bob	244	Alaska	217	2006	2009
Kertell, Ken	68	Alaska	225	1984	1992	Corder, Marion!	70	Oregon	216	1985	
Whelton, Bart	114	Washington	225	1988		Strauss, James	102	California	216	1987	
Turner, Henry	131	New York	225	1990	1993	Myers, Dollyann	119	Tennessee	216	1989	
Kemp, William!	155	Arizona	225	1992	2006	Harris, Ed	132	California	216	1990	

Rodstrom, Bill	229	California	216	2001	2006	Long, Bonnie	216	Alaska	204	1999	
Westervelt, Susan	254	Alaska	216	2007	2009	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	2009	Eshbaugh, Richard	106	Ohio	202	1987	
John, Harold	182	Missouri	213	1995		LaFramboise, Nancy	226	Washington	202	2000	2005
Bullock, Gary	205	Alaska	213	1998	1998	LaFramboise, Bill	227	Washington	202	2000	2005
McNeese, Robert	161	Kentucky	212	1992		Smith, David	259	Oregon	202	2009	2009
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	
Foerster, Cathy	256	Alaska	211	2008	2009	Lane, Carolina	23	Georgia	200	1980	
Freese, Frank!	66	Wisconsin	210	1984		Meehan, Rosa	65	Alaska	200	1984	
Ward, Roberta	69	Arizona*	210	1984	1991	Schmidt, David	113	Alaska	200	1988	
Stewart, Barbara	206	Virginia	210	1998	2009	Overton, Dixie	220	Iowa	200	2000	
Overton, Mike	219	Iowa	210	2000							
Pfeifer, Karen	253	Alaska	210	2007	2009	! = Deceased					
Eshbaugh, Homer	31	Wisconsin	209	1981		* = Former Alaska Resident					
Roby, Daniel	44	Oregon*	209	1982							
Smythe, Thomas	61	Michigan	209	1984	1994						
Prybis, Raymond	95	Pennsylvania	209	1987							
Gambill, Charles H.!	112	Ohio	209	1988							
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							
Sifford, Jim	125	Texas	206	1989							
Kurtz, Robert	196	New York	205	1996	2009						
Maxwell, Bruce	76	California	204	1985							
Friar, Karen	88	Virginia*	204	1987							
Fikejs, Betty	144	Illinois	204	1991							

## 2009 CHANGES TO THE CHECKLIST OF ALASKA BIRDS

Courtesy of Daniel D. Gibson

Alaska Checklist Committee decisions in 2009 of interest to the Alaska 200 Club were few: two species have been added to the main list--Eurasian Collared-Dove *Streptopelia decaocto* [Casual: numerous records, recent years, by many observers/photographers]; and Marsh Wren *Cistothorus palustris* [Accidental: lone bird, 25 and 28 October 2009, Palmer Hay Flats, seen/photographed by D. L. Crowson, R. A. Winckler, and B. L. Friest). And one species was added to the unsubstantiated list (Solitary Snipe *Gallinago solitaria* [St. Paul Island, Pribilof Islands, 2008--see Bieber and Schuette, N. Am. Birds 63:178-181, 2009]). These changes will be reflected in the 16th AKCL, that will be posted early in 2010 UA Museum website.

There are numerous other changes in the 16th edition to include changed status for a few species, as well as various systematic and nomenclatural changes to follow AOU Check-list, etc., but no others that will be of immediate importance to AK200 Club. Total species on the main Alaska list is now 489, plus 25 on the unsubstantiated list.

In related news, Aaron Lang has agreed to join Dan Gibson, Thede Tobish and Steve Heintz on the Alaska Checklist Committee.