

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.

THIRTY-FIRST 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 2011 and includes all 2011 updates that were sent to us by January 10, 2012.

The Club roster stood at 267 members at the end of 2010. Four new members joined the club in 2011: Jeanne Pontti (268), Mark Cudney (269), Luke DeCicco (270), and Dan Crowson (271). David Sonneborn remains at the top of the list; still the only birder to have reported seeing more than 400 species in Alaska. Mark Cudney, Judy Dearborn, Luke DeCicco and Jennifer Johnson all reported that they had seen 300 or more species in Alaska. Forty-five members of the club have now reached that level.

Table 1 summarizes the membership ranking at the end of 2011, based on species total, and includes the year of each member's most recent update. Sixty-three 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 have been made to the 18th edition of the Checklist in 2012 include two new species added to the main list (Solander's Petrel and Redwing); one new species added to the Unsubstantiated List (Blyth's Reed Warbler); and one species removed from the list (Snowy Plover); see "2011 Changes to the Checklist of Alaska Birds" at the end of this report for details. With these changes the main list now stands at 493 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

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TABLE 1.
ALASKA 200 CLUB MEMBERSHIP STATUS THROUGH 2011

Member	Member Roster	Residence	Total List	Year	
				Joined	Update
Sonneborn, David	30	Alaska	409	1981	2011
Isleib, Pete!	6	Alaska	387	1979	1993
Heinl, Steve	150	Alaska	382	1991	2011
Tobish, Theodore	11	Alaska	374	1979	2002
Zimmerman, Steve	86	Alaska	373	1986	2011
Gibson, Dan	3	Alaska	367	1979	2011
Scher, Buzz	49	Alaska	361	1982	2008
Gordon, Richard	25	Alaska	355	1980	2009

Sykes, Paul	19	Georgia	344	1980	2011
Peavler, Larry	26	Indiana	343	1980	2011
Levison, James	230	Alaska	342	2001	2011
Clark, Ed	218	Alaska	341	1999	2011
Delap, David	201	Alaska	334	1998	2011
Pourchot, Pat	225	Alaska	332	2000	2011
Lehman, Paul	257	California	332	2008	2008
Schwan, Mark	75	Alaska	329	1985	2011
Oakley, Lisa	28	Alaska	328	1980	2002
Doyle, Terry	130	Florida*	328	1990	2010
Benter, Brad	258	Alaska	328	2009	2011
Smith, Macklin	152	Michigan	326	1992	2007
MacIntosh, Richard	10	Alaska	325	1979	2011
Porter, David	235	Alaska	324	2003	2011
Lang, Aaron	252	Alaska	324	2007	2011
Tans, Gordon	13	Michigan	321	1980	2009
Dittrick, Bob	248	Alaska	321	2007	2011
Komito, Sandy	97	Florida	319	1987	2009
Proctor, Noble	48	Connecticut	317	1982	1994
Mueller, Bill	153	New Jersey	315	1992	2011
Dunn, Jon	29	California	312	1981	2009

DeCicco, Luke	270	Alaska	312	2011	2011
Wagner, George	43	Illinois	311	1982	1988
Fox, Delesta	176	Alaska	311	1994	2011
Canterbury, Dan	140	Florida	309	1991	2006
Lee, Dwight!	105	Arizona	308	1987	1995
Narins, David	134	Florida	306	1990	2011
Balch, Lawrence	18	Illinois	304	1980	2011
Byrd, Vernon	1	Alaska	303	1979	2010
Hall, George	5	Vermont*	303	1979	1989
Jolis, Jennifer	46	Alaska	302	1982	2007
Lewis, Robert Jr.	83	New Jersey	302	1986	2005
Wulkowicz, Stan	116	North Carolina	301	1989	2008
Dearborn, Judy	217	Alaska	301	1999	2011
Johnson, Jennifer	255	Alaska	301	2007	2011
Huntington, James	267	Iowa	300	2010	2010
Cudney, Mark	269	California	300	2011	2011

Smith, Sean	204	Texas*	298	1998	2010
Walsh, Peter	85	Arizona*	297	1986	1996
Chaffin, David	170	Tennessee	296	1993	2010
Agler, Bev	211	Alaska	293	1999	2011
Bergey, Arthur	82	Pennsylvania	291	1986	2002
Russell, Ken	149	Alaska	291	1991	2011
Haney, Chris	110	Pennsylvania*	290	1988	2005
Maack, Chris	173	Alaska	290	1993	2011
Elder, Eli	33	Ohio	289	1981	2002
Johnson, Steve	36	B.C. Canada*	288	1981	2007
Troy, Declan	45	Alaska	286	1982	2011
Sauer, Jeff	228	Alaska	286	2000	2011
Toebe, Dianne	243	Alaska	284	2006	2011
Gill, Robert	71	Alaska	283	1981	2011
Schwitters, Michael	224	Montana	283	2000	2011
Day, Bob	2	Alaska	281	1979	2011
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	Austin, Mike	109	Texas	252	1988	2006
Yovanovich, Gail	190	New Jersey	278	1996		Stallcup, Richard	20	California	251	1980	1981
Johnson, Bud	202	Arizona	277	1998	2010	Maddox, Donna	138	Texas	251	1991	1995
Davidson, Harriet	34	Michigan	276	1981	1990	Smith, Lynette	151	Michigan	251	1992	1998
Davidson, Wilbur!	35	Michigan	276	1981	1990	White, Clayton	128	Utah	250	1989	
Birsner, Diane	157	Texas	276	1992	2001	Pincelli, F. Thomas	183	Texas	250	1995	2007
Devaney, Laurel	186	Alaska	273	1995	2011	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Parker, Helen	63	Arkansas	272	1984	2008	Burroughs, Ed	37	Virginia*	249	1981	1999
Taylor, Monte	141	California	272	1991	2011	Cooper, Brian	62	Oregon*	249	1984	1992
Parker, Max!	64	Arkansas	270	1984	2007	McGregor, Ian	231	Washington	249	2001	2011
Brooks, Matt	245	Arizona	270	2006	2010	Berns, Shirley	239	Alaska	249	2006	2011
King, Ben	21	New York	269	1980		DeWitt, Jim	247	Alaska	249	2006	2011
Brooks, William	210	New York	269	1998	2009	Pitcher, John	15	Vermont*	248	1980	1984
Hadley, Raymond	4	Alaska	268	1979	1995	Mulligan, Mike	213	Alberta, Canada	248	1999	2011
Guthrie, Dan	122	California	265	1989	1999	Andres, Brad	215	Colorado*	248	1999	
Bouton, Jeff	171	Florida*	265	1993	1997	Walker, Heathy	92	N. Carolina	247	1987	1994
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
Greaves, Ed	118	California	261	1989	2005	Burroughs, Carol	73	Virginia*	244	1985	1999
Rose, B.J.	120	Missouri	261	1989	2010	Lippincott, Cindy	90	Colorado*	244	1987	1999
Dewhurst, Donna	168	Alaska	261	1993	2011	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
Zeillemaker, Fred	54	Idaho*	260	1983	2009	Hailey, Jim	242	Texas	243	2006	2011
Trickey, Kenna Sue	238	Alaska	260	2004	2011	Spindler, Michael	50	Alaska	242	1983	1988
Prentki, Richard	241	Alaska	260	2006	2011	Rose, Sharon	121	Missouri	242	1989	1996
Blecker, Liz	234	Alaska	259	2003	2011	Senner, Nathan	208	Alaska	242	1998	2009
Helmericks, Isaac	263	Alaska	259	2010	2011	Rennick, Penny	32	Alaska	241	1981	1990
Linfield, Roger	184	Colorado	258	1995	2006	Oberle, Mark	93	Washington	241	1987	2009
Herter, Dale	38	Washington*	257	1981	1990	Smith, Ed	142	Michigan	241	1991	2006
Pintner, Bob	174	Alaska	257	1993	2002	Roy, Kayo	165	Ontario	241	1993	2000
Fowler, James, Jr.	148	Michigan	256	1991	2005	Baily, Doug	181	Alaska	241	1994	2008
Hutman, Gary	193	Michigan	256	1996	2004	DeWitt, Nancy	246	Alaska	241	2006	2011
Ward, Maurice	60	Arizona*	253	1984	1991	MacDonald, Stephen	9	New Mexico*	240	1979	1982
Johnson, Cameale	189	Alaska	253	1995	2009	Sease, John	55	Washington*	240	1983	1988
Peterson, Ted	192	Washington	253	1996	2006	Hannabass, Hayden	136	Michigan	240	1990	1993

Ostrander, Robert	27	South Carolina	239	1980	1984	Belyea, Glenn	162	Michigan	228	1993	2011
Armstrong, Robert	84	Alaska	239	1986	1988	Foerster, Cathy	256	Alaska	227	2008	2011
Wulkowicz, Joan	117	North Dakota	238	1989	1990	Fritz, John!	198	New York	226	1997	2007
Walton, Robert	58	Indiana	237	1984	1989	Berrigan, Paul	214	Michigan	226	1999	2002
Walton, Ann	59	Indiana	237	1984	1989	Harris, Mary Claire	233	Alaska	226	2003	2010
Traver, Donna	166	New York	237	1993	2011	Greene, Nicholas	52	Connecticut	225	1983	
Traver, Donald	167	New York	237	1993	2011	Kertell, Ken	68	Alaska	225	1984	1992
Logan, Jim	180	Alaska	237	1994	2008	Whelton, Bart	114	Washington	225	1988	
Senner, Stan	209	Alaska	237	1998	2008	Turner, Henry	131	New York	225	1990	1993
Gifford, Charles	222	Vermont	237	2000	2006	Kemp, William!	155	Arizona	225	1992	2006
Fuller, Jim	223	Iowa	236	2000	2006	Jones, Marlin	232	Idaho	225	2002	
Stott, William, Jr.	139	Virginia	235	1991	1996	Tove, Michael	16	N. Carolina	224	1980	
Wetzel, Dan	163	Alaska	235	1993	2002	Maynard, William	74	Colorado	224	1985	1987
Govatski, David	262	New Hampshire	235	2010	2010	Bangma, Jim	177	New Jersey	224	1994	
Roseneau, David	40	Alaska	234	1981	1988	Osborne, Timothy	51	Africa*	223	1983	1995
Flower, Richard	77	Arizona	234	1985	2001	Forsythe, Dennis	127	S. Carolina	223	1989	1990
Pederson, Edward	156	Pennsylvania	234	1992	1993	Cohn, Jean	197	California	223	1997	
Paul, Jacqueline	187	Washington	234	1995	2007	Stone, Robert	199	Texas	223	1997	2011
Heilman, Nita	103	Tennessee	233	1987	1991	Dobbins, Bill	221	Wash. D.C.	223	2000	2001
Heilman, Annie	104	Tennessee	233	1987	1991	Woessner, Warren	126	Minnesota	222	1989	1994
Woodley, Robert	107	Washington	233	1988	2010	Winckler, Bob	244	Alaska	222	2006	2011
Laasanen, Alvin	159	Indiana	233	1992	2006	Marantz, Curtis	57	California	221	1983	1994
Elliott, Valerie	203	Washington*	233	1998	2011	Baicich, Paul	108	Maryland	221	1988	1992
Lewis, Sherry	147	Alaska	232	1991	2008	Patel, Niroo	178	New Jersey	221	1994	
Worthington, Pete	191	S. Carolina	231	1996	2006	Pfeifer, Karen	253	Alaska	221	2007	2011
Stratton, Jim	236	Alaska	231	2004	2008	Budnitz, Norman	264	North Carolina	221	2010	2011
Purnell, Robert	96	Wisconsin	230	1987	1988	Bouton, William	24	California	220	1980	1992
Vacca, Shelli	137	Washington*	230	1990	1996	O'Neale, Jack!	124	Alaska	220	1989	1992
Hughes, Owen	169	Alaska	230	1993	2010	Whitney, Ernie!	145	Florida*	220	1991	1995
Matz, George	175	Alaska	230	1993	2002	MacDonald, Rob	249	Alaska	220	2007	2009
Pontti, Jeanne	268	Alaska	230	2011	2011	Bradley, Robert	154	Colorado	219	1992	2006
Gambill, Charles W.	78	Texas	229	1985	1991	White, Tony	100	Maryland*	218	1987	1989
Gambill, Mary A.	79	Texas	229	1985	1991	Eskelin, Todd	188	Alaska	218	1995	1998
Hanagan, John!	164	Michigan	229	1993	1998	Peluso, Beth	251	Alaska	218	2007	2009
Westervelt, Susan	254	Alaska	229	2007	2011	Lehnhausen, Wm.	56	Alaska	217	1983	1984
Hawkings, James	42	Y.T. Territory*	228	1982	1989	Murphy, Edward C.	72	Alaska	217	1985	1988

Hunn, Eugene	98	Washington	217	1987	1991	Koella, Jon	172	Tennessee	208	1993	
Strauss, Ellen	101	California	217	1987		Smith, David	259	Oregon	208	2009	2011
Schauer, Amy	111	Oregon*	217	1988		Hahn, Frank	129	Washington	207	1990	1991
Smith, Shirley	143	Michigan	217	1991	2006	Bosse, Walter	179	Rhode Island	207	1994	
Sall, Larry	200	Texas	217	1997	2006	Takamine, Joyce	194	Colorado	207	1996	2003
Tarbox, Ken	261	Alaska	217	2010	2011	Toneff, Ann	195	Ohio	207	1996	
Corder, Marion!	70	Oregon	216	1985		Sifford, Jim	125	Texas	206	1989	
Strauss, James	102	California	216	1987		Kurtz, Robert	196	New York	205	1996	2010
Myers, Dollyann	119	Tennessee	216	1989		Crowson, Dan	271	Alaska	205	2011	2011
Harris, Ed	132	California	216	1990		Maxwell, Bruce	76	California	204	1985	
Rodstrom, Bill	229	California	216	2001	2006	Friar, Karen	88	Virginia*	204	1987	
Murphy, Steve	47	Alaska	214	1982	1990	Fikejs, Betty	144	Illinois	204	1991	
Quinlan, Susan	67	Alaska	214	1984		Long, Bonnie	216	Alaska	204	1999	
Clancy, John	99	Massachusetts	214	1987	2005	Senner, Paul	237	Alaska	204	2004	
Mumford, Bob	135	Maryland	214	1990	1991	Glass, Francis	17	Alaska	203	1980	1984
Conti, Georgia	250	Alaska	214	2007	2009	Miller, Mary	41	Alaska	203	1982	
John, Harold	182	Missouri	213	1995		Friar, James	87	Virginia*	203	1987	
Bullock, Gary	205	Alaska	213	1998	1998	Hill, David	146	Connecticut	203	1991	
Waltz, Steven	260	Alaska	213	2010	2011	Eshbaugh, Richard	106	Ohio	202	1987	
McNeese, Robert	161	Kentucky	212	1992		LaFramboise, Nancy	226	Washington	202	2000	2010
Rydell, Mary	185	California	212	1995		LaFramboise, Bill	227	Washington	202	2000	2010
Keenleyside, John	53	Ontario	211	1983		Snider, Daniel	89	California	201	1987	
Odgers, John	240	Texas	211	2006	2007	Madison Samuel!	133	New York	201	1990	
Freese, Frank!	66	Wisconsin	210	1984		Williams, James	207	Minnesota	201	1998	
Ward, Roberta	69	Arizona*	210	1984	1991	Lane, Carolina	23	Georgia	200	1980	
Stewart, Barbara	206	Virginia	210	1998	2009	Meehan, Rosa	65	Alaska	200	1984	
Overton, Mike	219	Iowa	210	2000		Schmidt, David	113	Alaska	200	1988	
Prentki, Kathleen	266	Alaska	210	2010	2011	Overton, Dixie	220	Iowa	200	2000	
Eshbaugh, Homer	31	Wisconsin	209	1981							
Roby, Daniel	44	Oregon*	209	1982		! = Deceased					
Smythe, Thomas	61	Michigan	209	1984	1994	* = Former Alaska					
Prybis, Raymond	95	Pennsylvania	209	1987		Resident					
Gambill, Charles H.!	112	Ohio	209	1988							
Tarbox, Connie	265	Alaska	209	2010	2011						
Anderson, Betty	81	Alaska	208	1986	1987						
Funston, Bob	160	Oklahoma	208	1992							

2011 CHANGES TO THE CHECKLIST OF ALASKA BIRDS

ADDITIONS TO THE CHECKLIST

Solander's Petrel *Pterodroma solandri*. The initial sighting of a single bird was made a few miles northwest of Attu Island on 13 September 2011. Sightings built to 25+ birds until the ship crossed over the International Date Line.

Redwing *Turdus iliacus*. Seen for several days at Seward, Alaska in mid-November, 2011.

ADDITIONS TO THE UNSUBSTANTIATED LIST

.Blyth's Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus dumetoru*. Seen at Gambell, Alaska on September 9, 2010.

DELETED FROM THE LIST

Unable to tell whether the Nome bird in 1991 was *Charadrius alexandrinus* or *Ch. nivosus*, which the AOU split into two species in 2011, the checklist committee voted to delete entirely Snowy Plover from the Alaska list.

PENDING CHANGE TO THE LIST

The completed and vetted 2012 checklist was at the University for posting when an Asian Rosy-finch was reported from Adak. Any action by the checklist committee on that bird will figure in the 2013 checklist.

STATUS CHANGES:

Great Shearwater to casual; American Bittern to casual; Chinese Pond-Heron to casual; Eurasian Dotterel to casual; Terek Sandpiper to casual; Common Tern to casual; South Polar Skua to casual; Anna's Hummingbird to rare; Red-eyed Vireo to casual; Siberian Accentor to casual; Magnolia Warbler to casual; Swamp Sparrow to rare; and House Sparrow to rare.

OTHER CHANGES

Gallinago has been re-ordered to follow AOU: Wilson's, Common, Pin-tailed, Solitary. There has also been a massive reorganization involved in Muscicapidae/Turdidae and Parulidae to follow AOU decisions in 2011.

ADDITIONS TO THE CHECKLIST COMMITTEE

Robert E. Gill joins Daniel D. Gibson, Steven C. Heinl, Aaron J. Lang, Theodore G. Tobish, and Jack J. Withrow on the Alaska Checklist Committee.

We very much thank Dan Gibson for providing this list of updates and changes.