

# *Alaska 200 Club*

## *36<sup>th</sup> Report 2016*



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- SIXTH 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 numbers 1-12). This report summarizes 200 Club data through the end of 2016 and includes all 2016 updates that were sent to the Club Administrator by January 10, 2017.*

The club roster stood at 309 members at the end of 2015. Three new members joined the club in 2016: Keith Bruce (310), Ryan Carpenter (311) and Lisa Moorehead (312). David Sonneborn remains at the top of the list; still the only birder to have reported seeing more than 400 species in Alaska. Louann Feldmann and Lynn Barber reported seeing 300 or more species in Alaska in 2016. Lynn Barber recorded 307 species in 2016 during a Big Year effort! Fifty-seven members of the club have now reached that level. Two members (that I know of) passed away in 2016.

Table 1 summarizes the membership ranking at the end of 2016, based on species total, and includes the year of each member's most recent update. Seventy-one members provided updates for this report. In this report, I have added members totals for bird species photographed in Alaska! If you are a photographer, let me know how many Alaska birds you have photographed.

The Alaska 200 club follows the CHECKLIST OF ALASKA BIRDS, including the "Unsubstantiated list" (but excluding species introduced or of questionable origin). This list is compiled by the Alaska Checklist Committee and is maintained by the University of Alaska. Changes that were added to the 23<sup>th</sup> edition of the Checklist in 2016 (and therefore were counted in member's totals for this report) include four new species added to the main list (Calliope Hummingbird, White-faced Ibis, Lewis's Woodpecker and Black-throated Gray Warbler). Calliope Hummingbird and Black-throated Gray Warbler were moved to the main list from the "Unsubstantiated List". With these changes the Checklist will stand at 514 species, plus 22 on the unsubstantiated list. The checklist can be found at the University of Alaska Museum of the North's Ornithology department web page.

The URL for the Alaska 200 Club website is: [www.alaska200club.com](http://www.alaska200club.com)

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# Alaska 200 Club Membership Through 2016

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Member	Member Roster	Residence	Total List	Joined	Updated						
Sonneborn, David	30	Alaska	420	1981	2016	Toebe, Diane	243	Alaska	328	2006	2016
Tobish, Theodore	11	Alaska	398	1979	2016	Barber, Lynn	308	Alaska	328	2015	2016
Heinl, Steve	150	Alaska	395	1991	2016	Dunn, Jon	29	California	326	1981	2016
Isleib, Pete!	6	Alaska	387	1979	1993	Cudney, Mark	269	California	326	2011	2016
Levison, James	230	Alaska	386	2001	2016	Tans, Gordon	13	Nicaragua*	322	1980	2015
Zimmerman, Steve	86	Washington*	383	1986	2016	Fox, Delesta	176	Arizona*	319	1994	2013
Benter, Brad	258	Alaska	376	2009	2016	Steuer, Timothy	275	California	319	2012	2016
Scher, Buzz	49	Alaska	372	1982	2014	Proctor, Nobel!	48	Connecticut	317	1982	1994
Lehman, Paul	257	California	369	2008	2016	Evans, Thomas	285	Alaska	316	2013	2016
Gibson, Dan	3	Alaska	367	1979	2014	Muller, Bill	153	New Jersey	315	1992	2012
Pevler, Larry	26	Indiana	366	1980	2016	Wagner, George	43	Illinois	311	1982	1988
Clark, Ed	218	Alaska	365	1999	2016	Canterbury, Dan	140	Florida	309	1991	2006
Pourchot, Pat	225	Alaska	360	2000	2016	Maack, Chris	173	Alaska	309	1993	2016
Doyle, Terry	130	Alaska	357	1990	2016	Lee, Dwight!	105	Arizona	308	1987	1995
Sykes, Paul	19	Georgia	356	1980	2015	Schantz, Timothy!	297	Alaska	308	2001	
Gordon, Rich	25	Florida*	355	1980	2009	George, Hall	5	New York*	306	1979	2015
Smith, Macklin	152	Michigan	352	1992	2016	Naris, David	134	Florida	306	1990	2011
Oakley, Lisa	28	Alaska	351	1980	2016	Agler, Bev	211	Alaska	306	1999	2015
Lang, aaron	252	Alaska	349	2007	2016	Helmericks, Issac	263	Alaska	306	2010	2016
Porter, Dave	235	Alaska	348	2003	2016	Balch, Lawrence	18	Illinois	305	1980	2016
DeCicco, Lucas	270	Alaska	344	2011	2016	Byrd, Vernon	1	Alaska	303	1979	2014
Schuette, Scott	290	Alaska	344	2013	2016	Meiklejohn, Brad	277	Alaska	303	2012	2015
DeLap, Dave	201	Alaska	343	1998	2015	Jolis, Jennifer	46	Alaska	302	1982	2014
Dittrick, Bob	248	Alaska	343	2007	2016	Lewis, Robert Jr.	83	New Jersey	302	1986	2005
Johnson, Jennifer	255	Alaska	339	2007	2016	Wulkowicz, Stan	116	North Carolina	301	1989	2008
Schwan, Mark	75	Alaska	338	1985	2015	Huntington, James	267	Iowa	300	2010	2012
Hajdukovich, Nick	294	Alaska	333	2014	2016	Feldmann, Louann	274	Alaska	300	2012	2016
Komito, Sandy	97	Florida	331	1987	2014	Smith, Sean	204	Ontario, CA*	299	1998	2014
MacIntosh, Richard	10	Alaska	329	1979	2016	Walsh, Peter	85	Arizona*	297	1986	1996
Dearborn, Judy	217	Alaska	328	1999	2016	Troy, Declan	45	Alaska	297	1982	2016

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Russel, Ken	149	Alaska	297	1991	2016	Budnitz, Norman	264	North Carolina	270	2010	2016	
Gill, Robert	71	Alaska	296	1981	2016	King, Ben	21	New York	269	1980		
Chaffin, David	170	Tennessee	296	1993	2010	Hadley, Raymond!	4	Alaska	268	1979	1995	
Prentki, Richard	241	Alaska	295	2006	2016	Guthrie, Dan	122	California	265	1989	1999	
Burden, Kenneth	91	Washington*	293	1987	2015	Linfield, Roger	184	Colorado	265	1995	2016	
Sauer, Jeff	228	Alaska	293	2000	2016	Berns, Shirley!	239	Alaska	265	2006	20015	
Bergey, Arthur	82	Pennsylvania	291	1986	2002	Moorehead, Lisa	312	Alaska	264	2016		
Bruce, Ian	299	Alaska	291	2015		Siegel, Betty	158	Alaska	263	1992	2009	
Johnson, Steve	36	B.C. Canada*	290	1981	2016	Blecker, Liz	234	California*	263	2003	2015	
Haney, Chris	110	Pennsylvania*	290	1988	2005	Johnson, Cameale	189	Alaska	262	1995	2013	
Freist, Betty	212	Alaska	290	1999	2016	Haddix, John II	289	Alaska	262	2013		
Elder, Eli	32	Ohio	289	1981	2002	Greves, Ed!	118	California	261	1989	2013	
Taylor, Monte	141	California	286	1991	2016	Rose, B.J.	120	Missouri	261	1989	2010	
Schiwitters, Michael	224	Montana	284	2000	2014	Kessel, Brina!	7	Alaska	260	1979	1995	
Day, Bob	2	Alaska	283	1979	2014	Trapp, John	12	Wash.D.C.*	260	1979	1985	
Tans, Peggy	14	Nicaragua*	281	1980	2014	Zeillemaker, Fred	54	Idaho*	260	1983	2009	
Devaney, Laurel	186	Alaska	279	1995	2016	DiMarzio, Tasha	279	Alaska	259	2013	2016	
Andrew, Johnathan	80	Georgia*	278	1985	1989	Matz, George	175	Alaska	258	1993	2016	
Rydell, William	94	California	278	1987	2008	Hailey, Jim	242	Texas*	258	2006	2016	
Dewhurst, Donna	168	Alaska	278	1993	2016	Heter, Dale	38	Washington*	257	1981	1990	
Yovanovich, Gail	190	New Jersey	278	1996		Pinter, Bob	174	Alaska	257	1993	2002	
Johnson, Bud	202	Arizona	278	1998	2014	Fowler, James Jr.	148	Michigan	256	1991	2005	
Davidson, Harriet	34	Michigan	276	1981	1990	Hutman, Gary	193	Michigan	256	1996	2004	
Davidson, Wilbur!	35	Michigan	276	1981	1990	Herbert, Jim	287	Alaska	255	2013	2016	
Birsner, Diane	157	Texas*	276	1992	2001	Govatski, David	262	New Hampshire	254	2010	2014	
Trickey, Kenna Sue	238	Alaska	275	2004	2014	Mannix, Chris	278	Alaska	254	2012	2015	
Parker, Helen	63	Arkansas	272	1984	2008	Ward, Maurice	60	Arizona*	253	1984	1991	
Foerster, Cathy	256	Alaska	272	2008	2016	Peterson, Ted	192	Washington*	253	1996	2006	
Carlson, Barbara	300	California	272	2015	2016	DeWitt, Nancy	246	Idaho*	253	2006	2015	
Parker, Max!	64	Arkansas	270	1984	2007	Prentki, Kathleen	266	Alaska	253	2010	2016	
Bouton, Jeff	171	Florida*	270	1993	2016	Austin, Mike	109	Texas*	252	1988	2006	
Brooks, William	210	New York	270	1998	2015	DeWitt, Jim	247	Idaho*	252	2006	2016	
Brooks, Matt	245	Arizona*	270	2006	2010	Stallcup, Richard!	20	California	251	1980	1981	

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Maddox, Donna!	138	Texas*	251	1991	1995	Sease, John	55	Washington*	240	1983	1988	
Smith, Lynette	151	Michigan	251	1992	1998	Hannabass, Hayden	136	Michigan	240	1990	1993	
Westervelt, Susan	254	Alaska	251	2010	2016	Cairns, Laurie	301	New York	240	2015		
White, Clayton	128	Utah	250	1989		Cairns, John	302	New York	240	2015		
Pincelli, F. Thomas	183	Texas*	250	1995	2007	Ostrander, Robert	27	South Carolina	239	1980	1984	
Burroughs, Ed	37	Virginia*	249	1981	1999	Armstrong, Robert	84	Alaska	239	1986	1988	
Cooper, Brian	62	Oregon*	249	1984	1992	Pfeifer, Karen	253	Alaska	239	2007	2016	
Mulligan, Mike	213	Alberta, CA	249	1999	2015	Wulkowitz, Joan	177	North Dakota	238	1989	1990	
McGregor, Ian	231	Washington	249	2001	2012	Stratton, Jim	236	Alaska	238	2004	2016	
Pitcher, John	15	Vermont*	248	1980	1984	Walton, Robert	58	Indiana	237	1984	1989	
Andres, Brad	215	Colorado*	248	1999		Walton, Ann	59	Indiana	237	1984	1989	
Walker, Heathy	92	North Carolina	247	1987	1994	Traver, Donna!	166	New York	237	1993	2012	
Eskelin, Todd	188	Alaska	247	1995	2016	Traver, Donald	167	New York	237	1993	2012	
Kraus, Douglas!	22	Rhode Island	246	1980	1982	Logan, Jim	180	Arizona*	237	1994	2008	
Lippincot, Cindy	90	Colorado*	245	1987	2000	Senner, Stan	209	Alaska	237	1998	2008	
O'Neale, Judy	123	Lousiana*	245	1989	2015	Gifford, Charles	222	Vermont	237	2000	2006	
Lawhead, Brian	8	Alaska	244	1979	2002	Tarbox, Connie	265	Alaska	237	2010	2015	
Buroughs, Carol	73	Virginia*	244	1985	1999	Fuller, Jim	223	Iowa	236	2000	2006	
LaBounty, Kitty	304	Alaska	244	2015	2016	Crownson, Dan	271	Alaska	236	2011	2015	
Martin, Phillip	39	Alaska	243	1981	1986	Ulman, Sadie	280	Alaska	236	2013	2016	
Feltner, Ben	115	Washington	243	1989	1995	Confer, Keith	296	Alaska	236	2014	2016	
Senner, Nathan	208	Alaska	243	1998	2012	Stott, William Jr.	139	Virginia*	235	1991	1996	
Collman, Robin	273	Alaska	243	2012	2016	Wetzel, Dan	163	Alaska	235	1993	2002	
Spinder, Michael	50	Alaska	242	1983	1988	Roseneau, David	40	Alaska	234	1981	1988	
Rose, Sharon	121	Missouri	242	1989	1996	Flower, Richard	77	Arizona	234	1985	2001	
Lewis, Sherry	147	Alaska	242	1991	2016	Pederson, Edward	156	Pennsylvania	234	1992	1993	
Tarbox, Ken	261	Alaska	242	2012	2015	Griswold, Carol	282	Alaska	234	2012	2016	
Rennick, Penny	32	Alaska	241	1981	1990	Paul, Jacqueline	187	Washington	234	1995	2007	
Oberle, Mark	93	Washington	241	1987	2012	Heilman, Nita	103	Tennessee	233	1987	1991	
Smith, Ed	142	Michigan	241	1991	2006	Heilman, Anne	104	Tennessee	233	1987	1991	
Roy, Kayo	165	Ontairio, CA	241	1993	2000	Woodley, Robert	107	Washington	233	1988	2010	
Baily, Doug	181	Alaska	241	1994	2008	Laasanen, Alvin	159	Indiana	233	1992	2006	
MacDonald, Stephen	9	New Mexico*	240	1979	1982	Elliot, Valerie	203	Washington*	233	1998	2011	

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Pontti, Jeanne	268	Alaska	232	2011	2015	Stone, Robert	199	Texas	223	1997	2011	
Frost, Gerald	272	Alaska	232	2012	2016	Dobbins, Bill	221	Wash. D.C.	223	2000	2001	
Worthington, Pete	191	South Carolina	231	1996	2006	Woessner, Warren	126	Minnesota	222	1989	1994	
Pumell, Robert	96	Wisconsin	230	1987	1988	Janik, Stephen	276	Alaska	222	2012	2016	
Vacca, Shelli	137	Washington*	230	1990	1996	Marantz, Curtis	57	California	221	1983	1994	
Hughes, Owen!	169	Alaska	230	1993	2010	Baicich, Paul	108	Maryland	221	1988	1992	
Gambill, Charles W.	78	Texas	229	1985	1991	Patel, Niroo	178	New Jersey	221	1994		
Gambill, Mary A.	79	Texas	229	1985	1991	Sall, Larry	200	Texas	221	1997	2012	
Hanagan, John!	164	Michigan	229	1993	1998	Bouton, William	24	California	220	1980	1992	
Hawkings, James	42	Y.Territory, CA*	228	1982	1989	O'Neale, Jack!	124	Alaska	220	1989	1992	
Belyea, Glen	162	Michigan	228	1993	2013	Whitney, Ernie!	145	Florida*	220	1991	1995	
Tedin, Marlys!	283	Alaska	228	2013		Bradley, Robert	154	Colorado	219	1992	2006	
Ward, Marjorie	284	Alaska	228	2013	2016	Hendrickson, Erik	292	Alaska	219	2013	2016	
Winckler, Bob	244	Alaska	227	2006	2016	White, Tony	100	Maryland*	218	1987	1989	
Waltz, Steven	260	Alaska	227	2010	2016	Grassi, Beth	251	Alaska	218	2007	2009	
Cedarleaf, Jennifer	295	Alaska	227	2014	2016	Lehnhausen, Williar	56	Alaska	217	1983	1984	
Fritz, John!	198	New York	226	1997	2007	Murphy, Edward C.	72	Alaska	217	1985	1988	
Berrigan, Paul	214	Michigan	226	1999	2002	Hunn, Eugene	98	Washington	217	1987	1991	
Harris, Mary Claire	233	Alaska	226	2003	2010	Straus, Ellen	101	California	217	1987		
Greene, Nicholas	52	Alaska	225	1983		Schauer, Amy	111	Oregon*	217	1988		
Kertell, Ken	68	Alaska	225	1984	1992	Smith, Shirely	143	Michigan	217	1991	2006	
Whelton, Bart	114	Washington	225	1988		Corder, Marion!	70	Oregon*	216	1985		
Turner, Henry	131	New York	225	1990	1993	Strauss, James	102	California	216	1987		
Kemp, William!	155	Arizona	225	1992	2006	Myers, Dollyann	119	Tennessee	216	1989		
Jones, Marlin	232	Idaho*	225	2002		Harris, Ed	132	California	216	1990		
Tove, Micheal	16	North carolina	224	1980		Rodstrom, Bill	229	California	216	2001	2006	
Maynard, William	74	Colorado	224	1985	1987	Smith, David	259	Oregon	215	2009	2013	
Bangma, Jim	177	New Jersey	224	1994		Murphy, Steve	47	Alaska	214	1982	1990	
MacDonald, Rob	249	Alaska	224	2007	2016	Quinlan, Susan	67	Alaska	214	1984		
Pizzuto-Phillips, Luc	305	Alaska	224	2015	2016	Clancy, John	99	Massachusetts	214	1987	2005	
Osborne, Timothy	51	Africa*	223	1983	1995	Munford, Bob	135	Maryland	214	1990	1991	
Forsythe, Dennis	127	South Carolina	223	1989	1990	Conti, Gerogia	250	Alaska	214	2007	2009	
Cohn, Jean	197	California	223	1997		John, Harold	182	Missouri	213	1995		

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Bullock, Gary	205	Washington*	213	1998		Veselka, Marvin	286	Texas	204	2013
McNeese, Robert	161	Kentucky	212	1992		Bennet, Mary	303	Texas	204	2015
Rydell, Mary	185	California	212	1995		Glass, Francis	17	Alaska	203	1980 1984
Keenleyside, John	53	Ontario, CA	211	1983		Miller, Mary	41	Alaska	203	1982
Odgers, John	240	Texas	211	2006	2007	Friar, James	87	Virginia*	203	1987
Vosburg, Victoria	306	Alaska	211	2015	2016	Hill, David	146	Connecticut	203	1991
Freese, Frank!	66	Wisconsin	210	1984		Wigren, Simon	288	Alaska	203	2013
Ward, Roberta	69	Arizona*	210	1984	1991	Bruce, Keith	310	Alaska	203	2016
Stewart, Barbara	206	Virginia	210	1998	2009	Eshbaugh, Richard!	106	Ohio	202	1987 2012
Overton, Mike	219	Iowa	210	2000		LaFramboise, Nancy	226	Washington	202	2000 2010
Eshbaugh, Homer	31	Wisconsin	209	1981		LaFramboise, Bill	227	Washington	202	2000 2010
Roby, Daniel	44	Oregon*	209	1982		Nelson, David	291	California	202	2013
Smythe, Thomas	61	Michigan	209	1984	1994	Snider, Daniel	89	California	201	1987
Prybis, Raymond	95	Pennsylvania	209	1987		Madison, Samuel!	133	New York	201	1990
Gambill, Charles H.	112	Ohio	209	1988		William, James	207	Minnesota	201	1998
Anderson, Betty	81	Alaska	208	1986	1987	Read, Larry	293	Alaska	201	2014
Funston, Bob	160	Oklahoma	208	1992		Lane, Carolina	23	Georgia	200	1980
Koella, Jon	172	Tennessee	208	1993		Mehan, Rosa	65	Alaska	200	1984
Han, Frank	129	Washington	207	1990	1991	Schmidt, David	113	Alaska	200	1988
Bossee, Walter	179	Rhode Island	207	1994		Overton, Dixie	220	Iowa	200	2000
Takamine, Joyce	194	Colorado	207	1996	2003	Bauscher, Heather	309	Alaska	200	2015
Toneff, Ann	195	Ohio	207	1996						
Caldwell, Craig	298	Ohio	207	2014		!=Deceased				
Sifford, Jim	125	Texas	206	1989		*=Former Alaska Resident				
Goff, Matt	307	Alaska	206	2015	2016					
Kurtz, Robert	196	New York	205	1996	2012					
Resch, Mike	281	Massachusetts	205	2012						
Carpenter, Ryan	311	Alaska	205	2016						
Maxwell, Bruce	76	California	204	1985						
Friar, Karen	88	Virginia*	204	1987						
Fikejs, Betty	144	Illinois	204	1991						
Long, Bonnie	216	Alaska	204	1999						
Senner, Paul	237	Alaska	204	2004						

  

<b>Photographed in Alaska</b>				
Name	Member Roster	Residence	Species Photographed	Update
Benter, Brad	258	Alaska	343	2016
DeCicco, Luke	270	Alaska	335	2016
Levison, James	230	Alaska	334	2016
Lang, Aaron	252	Alaska	327	2016
Hajdukovich, Nick	294	Alaska	323	2016
Heinl, Steve	150	Alaska	312	2016
Schwan, Mark	75	Alaska	257	2016

# CHECKLIST OF ALASKA BIRDS

Changes in the 23rd Edition—2017

ADDED in 2016 to Checklist of Alaska Birds (in taxonomic order)

**Calliope Hummingbird** *Selasphorus calliope*: Hatching-year male, 3-5 Sep 2016, Auke Bay, photos by Gus B. van Vliet and Patty Rose. **Casual**, because of its long, enigmatic, unsubstantiated past in SE Alaska. Its history in Alaska began with Willett's 1921 statement (*in* Bird notes from southeastern Alaska. Condor 23:156-159): "According to [local resident F. H.] Gray, quite common at Wrangell in spring and fall during some years; other years apparently absent." In the absence of any pre-1921 published mention of this species in Alaska, however, Willett's explicit intention (op. cit.:156) "to include only species regarding which some fact or facts have come to light that add to previously published matter regarding them" would seem to make his 1921 report enigmatic. Four+ (silent) decades later, there were six (unsubstantiated) reports from the late 1960s through the 1980s (male, [no date] May 1967, Juneau, Richard J. Gordon; female, 6 May 1968, Juneau, RJG; at least one, summer 1968, Juneau, fide RJG; one, 27 Jul 1974, Juneau, Evelyn S. Dunn; male, 14 Aug 1975, Little Port Walter, Baranof Island, Alex C. Wertheimer; and female, 18 Jun 1988, Mitkof Island, Peter J. Walsh). Insert in Family Trochilidae following Rufous Hummingbird *Selasphorus rufus*.

**White-faced Ibis** *Plegadis chihi*: One bird, 19 May 2016, Klawock, Prince of Wales Island, photos by Jason Colon. **Accidental**. INSERT 'Family Threskiornithidae: Ibises and Spoonbills' last family in the Order **PELECANIFORMES**, following Family Ardeidae.

**Lewis's Woodpecker** *Melanerpes lewis*: One bird, 10-29 Nov 2016, Petersburg, as detailed by Brad Hunter and Sunny Rice and photos by James D. Levison and Karen Cornelius. **Accidental**. Insert in Family Picidae between Eurasian Wryneck and Yellow-bellied Sapsucker.

**Black-throated Gray Warbler** *Setophaga nigrescens*: Male, 12-22 Jun 2016, Hyder, photos by Steven C. Heintz and Brad Benter. Second-year female, 10 Jul 2016, Hyder, in roughly same location as the male, photos by James D. Levison, observed again on 19 July, fide Terry J. Doyle. **Accidental**. Insert in Family Parulidae between Prairie and Townsend's warblers.

## CHANGES TO THE UNSUBSTANTIATED LIST

Baillon's Crake has been removed from the genus *Porzana* to the genus *Zapornia*. Calliope Hummingbird and Black-throated Gray Warbler have been removed to the main list.

## PENDING CHANGES TO THE LIST

At this time (17 Dec 2016) the Alaska Checklist Committee has not completed voting on the report of a Eurasian Sparrowhawk *Accipiter nisus* on 21 Sep 2016 at Adak I., Aleutians.



## STAUS CHANGES

The AKCLC has not completed at this time (17 Dec 2016) deliberations on possible status changes, but to date has changed House Sparrow from Rare to Casual.

## MAJOR CHANGES

Twenty 16 was a ‘big year’ for systematic change in North America. A massive shuffling of avian orders (and some families) was effected by the AOU Check-list Committee in its annual Supplement (Chesser, T. R., Burns, K. J., Cicero, C., Dunn, J. L., Kratter, A. W., Lovette, I. J., Rasmussen, P. C., Remsen, J. V. Jr., Rising, J. D., Stotz, D. F., and Winker, K. 2016. Fifty-seventh supplement to the American Ornithologists’ Union *Check-list of North American Birds*. Auk 133:544–560). These changes are in fact so numerous that it might be easiest to appreciate them (just in terms of Alaska) by reviewing the 23<sup>rd</sup> AKCL when it is posted on line in early January 2017. These changes include the following:

INSERT between the orders **GALLIFORMES** and **GAVIIFORMES** (compare AKCL 22 [2016]) the orders **PODICIPEDIFORMES**, **COLUMBIFORMES**, **CUCULIFORMES**, **CAPRIMULGIFORMES**, **APODIFORMES**, **GRUIFORMES**, and **CHARADRIIFORMES**, in that sequence. This massive change leaves the remaining orders of non-PASSERIFORMES in the sequence **GAVIIFORMES**, **PROCELLARIIFORMES**, **SULIFORMES**, **PELECANIFORMES**, **CATHARTIFORMES**, **ACCIPITRIFORMES**, **STRIGIFORMES**, **UPUIFORMES**, **CORACIIFORMES**, **PICIFORMES**, and **FALCONIFORMES**.

*Within* those orders are the following changes (for Alaska):

In Family Gruidae: Sandhill Crane is removed from the genus *Grus* to the genus *Antigone*.

In Family Scolopacidae: The first 14 sandpiper taxa (Terek Sandpiper *Xenus cinereus* through Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola*) are moved – as a bloc and in the existing order – to separate the snipe genus *Gallinago* from phalaropes *Phalaropus*. Scolopacidae now begins, therefore, with Upland Sandpiper *Bartramia longicauda*.

In Family Procellariidae: Following the genera *Fulmarus* and *Pterodroma*, most of the shearwaters known in Alaska are removed to the genus *Ardenna*, and reordered as follows: Buller’s Shearwater *Ardenna bulleri*, Short-tailed Shearwater *Ardenna tenuirostris*, Sooty Shearwater *Ardenna grisea*, Pink-footed Shearwater *Ardenna creatopus*, and Flesh-footed Shearwater *Ardenna carneipes*. *Ardenna* precedes *Puffinus*, in which (latter) genus, in Alaska, only Manx Shearwater *Puffinus puffinus* remains.

Remove the Family Cathartidae (New World Vultures) from the order **ACCIPITRIFORMES** and elevate to its own order, **CATHARTIFORMES** (see above).

Within the order **PASSERIFORMES**:

The order of two vireo species has been reversed: Philadelphia now precedes Warbling.

The English name of *Alauda arvensis* has been changed (back) to Eurasian Skylark.

**Reorder** the families following Sturnidae to the following linear sequence: **Bombycillidae, Prunellidae, Passeridae, Motacillidae, Fringillidae, Calcariidae, Parulidae, Emberizidae, Cardinalidae, and Icteridae.**

And I think that's it, for us, for 2016!

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