

# *Alaska 200 Club*

## *37<sup>th</sup> Report 2017*



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-SEVENTH REPORT OF THE ALASKA 200 CLUB

*This report summarizes 200 Club data through the end of 2017 and includes all 2017 updates that were sent to the Club Administrator by January 10, 2018*

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 2017 and includes all 2017 updates that were sent to the Club Administrator by January 10, 2018.

The club roster stood at 312 members at the end of 2016. Five new members joined the club in 2017: Summer Cutting (313), Annie Lawrence (314), Barbara Mannix (315), Kerry Martin (316) and Ivan Ramirez (317). David Sonneborn is joined by Theodore Tobish this year as the only members of the Club to have observed 400 or more species of birds in Alaska! Monte Taylor and Ian Bruce reported seeing 300 or more species of birds in 2017. Fifty-nine members of the club have now reached that level. One member (that I know of) passed away in 2017.

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Table 1 summarizes the membership ranking at the end of 2017, 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 updated member's totals for bird species photographed in Alaska. If you are a photographer, let me know how many Alaska birds you have photographed.

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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 24<sup>th</sup> edition of the Checklist in 2017 (and therefore were counted in members totals for this report) include seven new species added to the main list (Nazca Booby, Black Kite, Rock Wren, Thick-billed Warbler, River Warbler, Pied Wheatear and Northern Parula). Northern Parula was moved to the main list from the "Unsubstantiated List". With these changes the Checklist will stand at 521 species, plus 21 species or specie pairs on the "Unsubstantiated List". The Checklist can be found at the University of Alaska Museum of the North Ornithology departments web page.

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

All communications regarding the Alaska 200 Club should be sent to Ed Clark either by e-mail ([alaskabirder@outlook.com](mailto:alaskabirder@outlook.com)) or to 4733 Mills Drive Anchorage, Alaska 99508. This list is only updated once per year. Please send updates for the next report so that they arrive no later than January 10, 2019.

If you were not personally contacted by me in late 2017 or early January 2018, I do not have current electronic mail contact for you. Get in touch with me!

# Alaska 200 Club Membership Through 2017

Member	Roster No.	Residence	Total List	Joined	Updated							
Sonneborn, David	30	Alaska	421	1981	2017	Tans, Gordon	13	Arizona*	322	1980	2015	
Tobish, Theodore	11	Alaska	401	1979	2017	Hungtington, James	267	Iowa	322	2010	2017	
Heinl, Steve	150	Alaska	396	1991	2017	Steuer, Timothy	275	California	321	2012	2017	
Levison, James	230	Alaska	393	2001	2017	Evans, Thomas	285	Alaska	320	2013	2017	
Isleib, Pete!	6	Alaska	387	1979	1993	Fox, Delesta	176	Arizona*	319	1994	2013	
Zimmerman, Steve	86	Washington*	387	1986	2017	Proctor, Nobel!	48	Connecticut	317	1982	1994	
Benter, Brad	258	Alaska	387	2009	2017	Muller, Bill	153	New Jersey	315	1992	2012	
Scher, Buzz	49	Alaska	374	1982	2017	Wagner, George	43	Illinois	311	1982	1988	
Lehman, Paul	257	California	374	2008	2017	Agler, Bev	211	Alaska	310	1999	2017	
Gibson, Dan	3	Alaska	368	1979	2017	Bruce, Ian	299	Alaska	310	2015	2017	
Pevler, Larry	26	Indiana	367	1980	2017	Cantabury, Dan	140	Florida	309	1991	2006	
Pourchot, Pat	225	Alaska	366	2000	2017	Maack, Chris	173	Alaska	309	1993	2016	
Clark, Ed	218	Alaska	365	1999	2016	Lee, Dwight!	105	Arizona	308	1987	1995	
Schuette, Scott	290	Alaska	363	2013	2017	Schantz, Timothy!	297	Alaska	308	2001		
Doyle, Terry	130	Alaska	361	1990	2017	Helmericks, Isaac	263	Alaska	307	2010	2017	
Oakley, Lisa	28	Alaska	359	1980	2017	George, Hall	5	New York*	306	1979	2015	
Aaron, Lang	252	Alaska	359	2007	2017	Naris, David	134	Florida	306	1990	2011	
Smith, Macklin	152	Michigan	358	1992	2017	Meiklejohn, Brad	277	Alaska	306	2012	2017	
Sykes, Paul	19	Georgia	356	1980	2015	Balch, Lawrence	18	Illinois	305	1980	2016	
Gordon, Rich	25	Florida*	355	1980	2009	Jolis, Jennifer	46	Alaska	305	1982	2017	
Porter, Dave	235	Alaska	352	2003	2017	Byrd, Vernon	1	Alaska	303	1979	2014	
Dittrick, Bob	248	Alaska	351	2007	2017	Feldmann, Louann	274	Alaska	303	2012	2017	
Johnson, Jennifer	255	Alaska	350	2007	2017	Lewis, Robert Jr.	83	New Jersey	302	1986	2005	
DeCicco, Lucas	270	Kansas*	346	2011	2017	Wulkowicz, Stan	116	North Carolina	301	1989	2008	
DeLap, Dave	201	Alaska	344	1998	2017	Taylor, Monte	141	California	300	1991	2017	
Schwan, Mark	75	Alaska	340	1985	2017	Gill, Robert	71	Alaska	299	1981	2017	
Hajdukovich, Nick	294	Alaska	335	2014	2017	Smith, Sean	204	Ontario, CA*	299	1998	2014	
MacIntosh, Rich	10	Alaska	334	1979	2017	Troy, Declan	45	Alaska	298	1982	2017	
Toebe, Diane	243	Alaska	332	2006	2017	Walsh, Peter	85	Arizona*	297	1986	1996	
Komito, Sandy	97	Florida	331	1987	2014	Russel, Ken	149	Alaska	297	1991	2016	
Cudney, Mark	269	California	330	2011	2017	Sauer, Jeff	228	Alaska	297	2000	2017	
Barber, Lynn	308	Alaska	330	2015	2017	Chaffin, David	170	Tennessee	296	1993	2010	
Dearborn, Judy	217	Alaska	329	1999	2017	Prentki, Richard	241	Alaska	296	2006	2017	
Dunn, Jon	29	California	329	1981	2017	Burden, Kenneth	91	Washington*	293	1987	2015	

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Bergey, Arthur	82	Pennsylvania	291	1986	2002	Berns, Shirley!	239	Alaska	265	2006	2015
Freist, Betty	212	Alaska	291	1999	2017	Siegle, Betty	158	Alaska	263	1992	2009
Johnson, Steve	36	B.C. Canada	290	1981	2016	Haddix, John II	289	Alaska	263	2013	2017
Haney, Chris	110	Pennsylvania*	290	1988	2005	Johnson, Cameale	189	Alaska	262	1995	2013
Elder, Eli	32	Ohio	289	1981	2002	Blecker, Liz	234	California*	262	2003	2015
Foerster, Cathy	256	Alaska	286	2008	2017	Greves, Ed!	118	California	261	1989	2013
Budnitz, Norman	264	North Carolina	286	2010	2017	Rose, B.J.	120	Missouri	261	1989	2010
Schwitters, Michael	224	Montana	284	2000	2014	Matz, George	175	Alaska	261	1993	2017
Day, Bob	2	Alaska	283	1979	2014	Kessel, Brina!	7	Alaska	260	1979	1995
Trickey, Kenna Sue	238	Alaska	283	2004	2017	Trapp, John	12	Wash. D.C.	260	1979	1985
Dewhurst, Donna	168	Alaska	283	1993	2017	Zeillemaker, Fred	54	Idaho*	260	1983	2009
Tans, Peggy	14	Arizona*	281	1980	2014	Hailey, Jim	242	Texas*	260	2006	2017
Devaney, Laurel	186	Alaska	279	1995	2016	Herter, Dale	38	Washington*	257	1981	1990
Andrew, Johnathan	80	Georgia*	278	1985	1989	Pinter, Bob	174	Alaska	257	1993	2002
Rydell, William	94	California	278	1987	2008	Mannix, Chris	278	Alaska	257	2012	2017
Yovanovich, Gail	190	New Jersey	278	1996		Fowler, James Jr.	148	Michigan	256	1991	2005
Johnson, Bud	202	Arizona	278	1998	2014	Hutman, Gary	193	Michigan	256	1996	2004
Davidson, Harriet	34	Michigan	276	1981	1990	Confer, Keith	296	Alaska	256	2014	2017
Davidson, Wilbur!	35	Michigan	276	1981	1990	Westervelt, Susan	254	Alaska	254	2010	2017
Birsner, Diane	157	Texas*	276	1992	2001	Govatski, David	262	New Hampshire	254	2010	2014
Carlson, Barbra	300	California	275	2015	2017	Ward, Maurice	60	Arizona*	253	1984	1991
Moorehead, Lisa	312	Alaska	275	2016	2017	Peterson, Ted	192	Washington*	253	1996	2006
Parker, Helen	63	Arkansas	272	1984	2008	DeWitt, Nancy	246	Idaho*	253	2006	2015
Bruce, Keith	310	Alaska	271	2016	2017	Prenki, Kathleen	266	Alaska	253	2010	2016
Parker, Max!	64	Arkansas	270	1984	2007	Austin, Mike	109	Texas*	252	1988	2006
Bouton, Jeff	171	Florida*	270	1993	2016	DeWitt, Jim	247	Idaho*	252	2006	2016
Brooks, William	210	New York	270	1998	2015	Stallcup, Richard!	20	California	251	1980	1981
Brooks, Matt	245	Arizona*	270	2006	2010	Maddox, Donna!	138	Texas*	251	1991	1995
Herbert, Jim	287	Alaska	270	2013	2017	Smith, Lynette	151	Michigan	251	1992	1998
King, Ben	21	New York	269	1980		White, Clayton	128	Utah	250	1989	
Hadley, Raymond!	4	Alaska	268	1979	1995	Pincelli, F. Thomas	183	Texas*	250	1995	2007
DiMarzio, Tasha	279	Alaska	267	2013	2017	Burroughs, Ed	37	Virginia*	249	1981	1999
Guthrie, Dan	122	California	265	1989	1999	Cooper, Brian	62	Oregon*	249	1984	1992
Linfield, Roger	184	Colorado	265	1995	2016	Mulligan, Mike	213	Alberta, CA	249	1999	2015

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McGregor, Ian	231	Washington*	249	2001	2012	Armstrong, Robert	84	Alaska	239	1986	1988
LaBounty, Kitty	304	Alaska	249	2015	2017	Pfeifer, Karen	253	Alaska	239	2007	2016
Pitcher, John	15	Vermont*	248	1980	1984	Wulkowitz, Joan	177	North Dakota	238	1989	1990
Andres, Brad	215	Colorado*	248	1999		Stratton, Jim	236	Alaska	238	2004	2016
Tarbox, Ken	261	Alaska	248	2012	2017	Walton, Robert	58	Indiana	237	1984	1989
Walker, Heathy	92	North Carolina	247	1987	1994	Walton, Ann	59	Indiana	237	1984	1989
Esklin, Todd	188	Alaska	247	1995	2016	Traver, Donna!	166	New York	237	1993	2012
Kraus, Douglas!	22	Rhode Island	246	1980	1982	Traver, Donald	167	New York	237	1993	2012
Paul, Jacqueline	187	Washington	246	1995	2017	Logan, Jim	180	Arizona*	237	1994	2008
Lippincot, Cindy	90	Colorado*	245	1987	2000	Senner, Stan	209	Alaska	237	1998	2008
O'Neal, Judy	123	Lousiana*	245	1989	2015	Gifford, Charles	222	Vermont	237	2000	2006
Lawhead, Brian	8	Alaska	244	1979	2002	Griswold, Carol	282	Alaska	237	2012	2017
Buroughs, Carol	73	Virginia*	244	1985	1999	Fuller, Jim	223	Iowa	236	2000	2006
Martin, Phillip	39	Alaska	243	1981	1986	Ramirez, Ivan	317	Alaska	236	2017	
Feltner, Ben	115	Washington	243	1989	1995	Stott, William Jr.	139	Virginia*	235	1991	1996
Senner, Nathan	208	Alaska	243	1998	2012	Wetzel, Dan	163	Alaska	235	1993	2002
Tarbox, Connie	265	Alaska	243	2010	2017	Frost, Gerald	272	Alaska	235	2012	2017
Collman, Robin	273	Alaska	243	2012	2016	Roseneau, David	40	Alaska	234	1981	1988
Spinder, Michael	50	Alaska	242	1983	1988	Flower, Richard	77	Arizona	234	1985	2001
Rose, Sharon	121	Missouri	242	1989	1996	Pederson, Edward	156	Pennsylvania	234	1992	1993
Lewis, Sherry	147	Alaska	242	1991	2016	Heilman, Nita	103	Tennessee	233	1987	1991
Rennick, Penny	32	Alaska	241	1981	1990	Heilman, Anne	104	Tennessee	233	1987	1991
Oberle, Mark	93	Washington	241	1987	2012	Woodley, Robert	107	Washington	233	1988	2010
Smith, Ed	142	Michigan	241	1991	2006	Laasanen, Alvin	159	Indiana	233	1992	2006
Roy, Kayo	165	Ontario, CA	241	1993	2000	Elliot, Valerie	203	Washington*	233	1998	2011
Baily, Doug	181	Alaska	241	1994	2008	Pontti, Jeanne	268	Alaska	232	2011	2015
Crowson, Dan	271	Alaska	241	2011	2017	Worthington, Pete	191	South Carolina	231	1996	2006
Ulman, Sadie	280	Alaska	241	2013	2017	Cedarleaf, Jennifer	295	Alaska	231	2014	2017
MacDonald, Stephen	9	New Mexico*	240	1979	1982	Pumell, Robert	96	Wisconsin	230	1987	1988
Sease, John	55	Washington*	240	1983	1988	Vacca, Shelli	137	Washinton*	230	1990	1996
Hannabas, Hayden	136	Michigan	240	1990	1993	Hughes, Owen!	169	Alaska	230	1993	2010
Cairns, Laurie	301	New York	240	2015		Gambill, Charlesw.	78	Texas	229	1985	1991
Cairns, John	302	New York	240	2015		Gambill, Mary A.	79	Texas	229	1985	1991
Ostrander, Robert	27	South Carolina	239	1980	1984	Hanagan, John!	164	Michigan	229	1993	1998

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Hawkings, James	42	Yukon, Terr.CA	228	1982	1989	Whitney, Ernie!	145	Florida*	220	1991	1995
Belyea, Glen	162	Michigan	228	1993	2013	Bradley, Robert	154	Colorado	219	1992	2006
Tedin, Marlys!	283	Alaska	228	2013		White, Tony!	100	Maryland*	218	1987	1989
Ward, Marjorie	284	Alaska	228	2013	2016	Grassi, Beth	251	Alaska	218	2007	2009
Winckler, Bob	244	Alaska	228	2006	2016	Lenhausen, William	56	Alaska	217	1983	1984
Waltz, Stephen	260	Alaska	227	2010	2016	Murphy, Edward C.	72	Alaska	217	1985	1988
Pizzuto-Phillips, Lucy	305	Alaska	227	2015	2017	Hunn, Eugene	98	Washington	217	1987	1991
Fritz, John!	198	New York	226	1997	2007	Straus, Ellen	101	California	217	1987	
Berrigan, Paul	214	Michigan	226	1999	2002	Schauer, Amy	111	Oregon*	217	1988	
Harris, Mary Claire	233	Alaska	226	2003	2010	Smith, Shirley	143	Michigan	217	1991	2006
Greene, Nicholas	52	Alaska	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	
Kemp, William!	155	Arizona	225	1992	2006	Rodstrom, Bill	229	California	216	2001	2006
Jones, Marlin	232	Idaho*	225	2002		Smith, David	259	Oregon	215	2009	2013
Tove, Michael	16	North Carolina	224	1980		Murphy, Steve	47	Alaska	214	1982	1990
Maynard, William	74	Colorado	224	1985	1987	Quinlan, Susan	67	Alaska	214	1984	
Bangma, Jim	177	New Jersey	224	1994		Clancy, John	99	Massachusetts	214	1987	2005
MacDonald, Rob	249	Alaska	224	2007	2016	Munford, Bob	135	Maryland	214	1990	1991
Osborne, Timothy	51	Africa*	223	1983	1995	Conti, Georgia	250	Alaska	214	2007	2009
Forsythe, Dennis	127	South Carolina	223	1989	1990	Vosburg, Victoria	306	Alaska	214	2015	2017
Cohn, Jean	197	California	223	1997		Martin, Kerry	316	Alaska	214	2017	
Stone, Robert	199	Texas	223	1997	2011	John, Harold	182	Missouri	213	1995	
Dobbins, Bill	221	Wash. D.C.	223	2000	2001	Bullock, Gary	205	Washington*	213	1998	
Hendrickson, Erik	292	Colorado*	223	2013	2016	McNeese, Robert	161	Kentucky	212	1992	
Woessner, Warren	126	Minnesota	222	1989	1994	Rydell, Mary	185	California	212	1995	
Janik, Stephen	276	Alaska	222	2012	2016	Keenleyside, John	53	Ontairo, CA	211	1983	
Marantz, Curtis	57	California	221	1983	1994	Odgers, John	240	Texas	211	2006	2007
Baicich, Paul	108	Maryland	221	1988	1992	Goff, Matt	307	Alaska	211	2015	2017
Patel, Niroo	178	New Jersy	221	1994		Freese, Frank!	66	Wisconsin	210	1984	1991
Sall, Larry	200	Texas	221	1997	2012	Ward, Roberta	69	Arizona*	210	1984	2009
Bouton, William	24	California	220	1980	1992	Stewart, Barbara	206	Virginia	210	1998	
O'Neal, Jack!	124	Alaska	220	1989	1992	Overton, Mike	219	Iowa	210	2000	

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Mannix, Barbara	315	Alaska	210	2017		LaFramboise, Bill	227	Washington	202	2000	2010
Eshbaugh, Homer	31	Wisconsin	209	1981		Nelson, David	291	California	202	2013	
Roby, Daniel	44	Oregon*	209	1982	1994	Snider, Daniel	89	California	201	1987	
Smythe, Thomas	61	Michigan	209	1984		Madison, Samuel!	133	New York	201	1990	
Prybis, Raymond	95	Pennsylvania	209	1987		William, James	207	Minnesota	201	1998	
Gambill, Charles H.	112	Ohio	209	1988	1987	Read, Larry	293	Alaska	201	2014	
Anderson, Betty	81	Alaska	208	1986		Lane, Carolina	23	Georgia	200	1980	
Funston, Bob	160	Oklahoma	208	1992		Mehan, Rosa	65	Alaska	200	1984	
Koella, Jon	172	Tennessee	208	1993	1991	Schmidt, David	113	Alaska	200	1988	
Han, Frank	129	Washington	207	1990		Overton, Dixie	220	Iowa	200	2000	
Bossee, Walter	179	Rhode Island	207	1994	2003	Bauscher, Heather	309	Alaska	200	2015	
Takamine, Joyce	194	Colorado	207	1996							
Toneff, Ann	195	Ohio	207	1996							
Caldwell, Craig	298	Ohio	207	2014							
Lawrence, Annie	314	Washington	207	2017							
Sifford, Jim	125	Texas	206	1989							
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							
Veselka, Marvin	286	Texas	204	2013							
Bennet, Mary	303	Texas	204	2015							
Cutting, Summer	313	Alaska	204	2017							
Glass, Francis	17	Alaska	203	1980	1984						
Miller, Mary	41	Alaska	203	1982							
Friar, James	87	Virginia*	203	1987							
Hill, David	146	Connecticut	203	1991							
Wigren, Simon	288	Alaska	203	2013							
Eshbaugh, Richard!	106	Ohio	202	1987	2012						
LaFramboise, Nancy	226	Washington	202	2000	2010						

  

Photographed in Alaska				
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Benter, Brad	258	Alaska	363	2017
Levison, James	230	Alaska	347	2017
Lang, Aaron	252	Alaska	343	2017
DeCicco, Lucas	270	Alaska	339	2017
Hajdukovich, Nick	294	Alaska	324	2017
Taylor, Monte	141	California	293	2017
Schwan, Mark	75	Alaska	257	2016
Scher, Buzz	49	Alaska	233	2017
Goff, Matt	307	Alaska	206	2017

## ADDED IN 2017 TO THE CHECKLIST OF ALASKA BIRDS

**Nazca Booby** *Sula granti*: Ad, 30 Aug 2017, 13.5 mi/21 km off East Amatuli Island, Barren Islands, entrance to Cook Inlet, at 58° 55' N 151° 35' W (M. G. Levine). Photos AKCLC. The identification of an earlier report of this species (Ad, 24 Aug 2017, 40 mi/64 km south of Tugidak Island, Kodiak archipelago, at 55° 58' N 154° 34' W (S. Cobb) was not agreed upon unanimously by the committee; a second vote will be conducted in 2018.

**Black Kite** *Milvus migrans*: One bird, 2-3 Jan 2017, St. Paul Island, Pribilof Islands (B. Lestenkoff). Photos AKCLC.

**Rock Wren** *Salpinctes obsoletus*: One bird, 3 Jul to at least 18 Nov 2017, Gustavus (B. B. Paige, J. D. Levison, R. B. Benter, N. Drumheller, and others). Photos AKCLC.

**Thick-billed Warbler** *Acrocephalus aedon*: One bird, 8-13 Sep 2017, Gambell, St. Lawrence Island (R. Stoll, V. Stoll, G. H. Rosenberg, A. J. Lang, G. Scyphers, and others). Photos AKCLC.

**River Warbler** *Locustella fluviatilis*: One bird, 7 Oct 2017, Gambell, St. Lawrence Island (S. Bryer, C. Irigoo Jr., E. Banstorp, P. E. Lehman, and others). Photos AKCLC.

**Pied Wheatear** *Oenanthe pleschanka*: SY female, 4 Jul-4 Aug+2017, Cape Nome, Seward Peninsula (A. Harper, J. D. Levison, R. B. Benter, J. Bosler, T. G. Tobish Jr., and others). Photos AKCLC.

**Northern Parula** *Setophaga americana*: Singing male, 28-29 Jun 2017, Ketchikan (S. C. Heinl and A. W. Piston). Photos AKCLC. Transferred from the unsubstantiated list.

## CHANGES TO THE UNSUBSTANTIATED LIST

Northern Parula was substantiated in 2017 and removed to the main list.

## STATUS CHANGES

The definition of Accidental has been emended to read: "One or two Alaska records, or none in last 30 years." As a result, Cook's Petrel, American Black Duck, and Fieldfare are now maintained as Accidental.

Least Flycatcher is now maintained as Rare/annual. Dusky Warbler is now maintained as Casual.



OTHER ALASKA CHANGES FOLLOWING AOU *Check-list* Supplement 58 (2017)

In the **family Anatidae** the genus *Chen* has been submerged in *Anser*; the Checklist of Alaska Birds now begins with Emperor Goose *Anser canagicus*, Snow Goose *A. caerulescens*, and Ross's Goose *A. rossii*.

The dabbling ducks have been extensively revised and reordered. Baikal Teal is now in the monotypic genus *Sibirionetta* and directly follows *Aix*. the 'blue-winged' ducks (in the order Garganey, Blue-winged and Cinnamon teal, and Northern Shoveler) are removed to the genus *Spatula*; and Gadwall, Falcated Duck, and wigeon are now in the genus *Mareca* and listed in that order. All separate *Aix* from *Anas*.

In the **family Scolopacidae** the curlews have been reordered: Bristle-thighed, Whimbrel, Little, Long-billed, and Far Eastern. Bar-tailed Godwit is now listed first in *Limosa*.

In the **family Laridae** the former widely-recognized species Thayer's Gull has been submerged in Iceland Gull, as *L. glaucoides thayeri*. (Since we have maintained it that way for years in Alaska, the only change to the Alaska list is to delete the parenthetic "includes *thayeri*" after listing for Iceland Gull.)

In the **family Ardeidae** the genus *Mesophoyx* has been submerged in *Ardea*, so Intermediate Egret is now *Ardea intermedia*.

In the **family Accipitridae** the subspecies of **Northern Harrier** *Circus cyaneus* have been elevated to status as Old World and New World species, the Hen Harrier *C. cyaneus* and the Northern Harrier *C. hudsonius*, respectively. The identification of a partial-specimen of a harrier from Attu Island (a salvaged distal left wing tentatively identified long ago by its length as *C. c. cyaneus*—see Gibson and Byrd 2007) has not yet been confirmed by its DNA, which process we expect to see accomplished in 2018. Only then will we know with certainty if the Attu bird is a certain Alaska (and the only North American) record of Hen Harrier *C. cyaneus* (or an incorrectly identified example of the North American taxon). More later.

In the **family Laniidae** the Northern Shrike has been split into two species. The former species *excubitor* is now regarded as a bird of the western Old World (Great Gray Shrike), while those of the eastern Old World and all of the New World are now (Northern Shrike) *L. borealis*.

In the **family Fringillidae** genera are re-ordered *Coccothraustes*, *Carpodacus*, *Pinicola*, *Pyrrhula*, *Leucosticte*, *Haemorhous*, *Chloris*, *Acanthis*, *Loxia*, and *Spinus*. House Finch is listed first in *Haemorhous*.

The former **family Emberizidae** has been split and now comprises only Old World Buntings. All New World sparrows and allies are removed to the newly erected **family Passerellidae**, which directly follows Emberizidae in linear position. The order of genera within Passerellidae remains the same, *Pipilo* through *Junco*.

Genera in the **family Icteridae** have been rearranged in the order *Xanthocephalus*, *Dolichonyx*, *Sturnella*, *Icterus*, *Agelaius*, *Molothrus*, *Euphagus*, and *Quiscalus*.

The **family Parulidae** has been moved to linear position directly following the family Icteridae.

The **family Cardinalidae** directly follows Parulidae and now concludes the Checklist of Alaska Birds.

It was another busy year. If I have omitted any change of substance here, the omission has been inadvertent. See the AKCL on line soon.

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