

ALASKA 200 CLUB NINETEENTH ANNUAL REPORT - 1997

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

NINETEENTH REPORT OF THE ALASKA 200 CLUB

Presented herein is the Alaska 200 Club annual report for 1997. Originally formed in 1979 with 12 charter members, the Club roster increased by four in 1997 bringing the total to 200 – welcome Jean Cohn (#197; La Mesa, CA), John Fritz (#198; Deer Park, NY), Robert Stone (#199; Dallas, TX) and Larry Sall (#200; Dallas, TX). The total membership resides in 35 States, the District of Columbia, and two Provinces and one Territory of Canada - 81 members are current or former Alaska residents. Forty members (20% of the total roster) submitted updates to their lists in 1997, down from 26% reporting in 1996. Table 1 summarizes the membership status ranked by total species at the end of 1997, with roster number, last known residence [*=formerly Alaska], and enrollment year followed in parenthesis by the year of the most recent update.

Noteworthy individual achievements in 1997 include Terry Doyle (#130; Tok, Alaska) who passed the "300" level (ended with 308 species) – 17 Club members have now reached that plateau. Additionally, Steve Heintz (#150; Ketchikan, Alaska) ended the year with 201 species identified within 25 miles of Ketchikan -- the first member to list more than 200 species in one Alaska city other than Anchorage.

At year end, the median Club list stood at 233 species (232.5 in 1996) with an average of 242.7 (242.0 in 1996). The Club follows the *CHECKLIST OF ALASKA BIRDS*, including Unsubstantiated list, maintained by the University of Alaska Museum. Five species were added to the Checklist in 1997 bringing the total to 453 species, with an additional 33 species on the Unsubstantiated list (net reduction of one from 1996) -- see details in Table 2. Club members have recorded 429 Checklist species (94.7%; down from 95.5% in 1996) plus 20 off the unsubstantiated list, representing 92.4% of the combined species from the Checklist and Unsubstantiated list (down from 92.9% in 1996).

Corrections to your existing information or new species added in 1998, including any due to AOU supplements, should be submitted¹ by 15 January 1999 for inclusion in the twentieth annual report. Good birding in 1998.

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TABLE 1 : ALASKA 200 CLUB MEMBERSHIP STATUS

<u>Member</u>	<u>Roster Number</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Total Species</u>	<u>Year Joined (Updated)</u>
Pete Isleib	(#006)	Alaska	387	1979(1993)
David Sonneborn	(#030)	Alaska	367	1981(1997)
Theodore Tobish	(#011)	Alaska	365	1979(1997)
Dan Gibson	(#003)	Alaska	358	1979(1997)
Robert Scher	(#049)	Alaska	341	1982(1997)
Steve Heintl	(#150)	Alaska	335	1991(1997)
Richard Gordon	(#025)	Alaska	324	1980(1997)
Steven Zimmerman	(#086)	Alaska	323	1986(1997)
Noble Proctor	(#048)	Connecticut	317	1982(1994)
Macklin Smith	(#152)	Michigan	314	1992(1995)
Bill Mueller	(#153)	New Jersey	314	1992(1996)
Lisa Oakley	(#028)	Alaska	312	1980(1997)
George Wagner	(#043)	Illinois	311	1982(1988)
Dwight Lee	(#105)	Arizona	308	1987(1995)
Terry Doyle	(#130)	Alaska	308	1990(1997)
George Hall	(#005)	Vermont*	303	1979(1989)
Robert Lewis, Jr.	(#083)	New Jersey	302	1986(1996)
Jon Dunn	(#029)	Ohio	297	1981(1996)
Peter Walsh	(#085)	Arizona*	297	1986(1996)
Stan Wulkowicz	(#116)	Ohio*	297	1989(1996)
Lawrence Balch	(#018)	Illinois	295	1980(1995)
Mark Schwan	(#075)	Alaska	295	1985(1997)
Gordon Tans	(#013)	Alaska	292	1980(1997)
Jennifer Jolis	(#046)	Alaska	291	1982(1997)
Arthur Bergey	(#082)	Pennsylvania	291	1986(1997)
Christopher Haney	(#110)	Pennsylvania*	290	1988(1995)
Elinor Elder	(#033)	Ohio	286	1981(1997)
Vernon Byrd	(#001)	Alaska	285	1979(1995)
Paul Sykes	(#019)	Georgia	283	1980(1996)
Jonathan Andrew	(#080)	Georgia*	278	1985(1989)
Gail Yovanovich	(#190)	New Jersey	278	1996
Sanford Komito	(#097)	New Jersey	277	1987(1994)
Harriet Davidson	(#034)	Michigan	276	1981(1990)
Wilbur Davidson	(#035)	Michigan	276	1981(1990)
Diane Birsner	(#157)	Texas	276	1992(1993)
Robert Day	(#002)	Alaska	274	1979(1997)
Richard MacIntosh	(#010)	Alaska	272	1979(1997)
Helen Parker	(#063)	Arkansas	272	1984(1995)
Max Parker	(#064)	Arkansas	270	1984(1995)
Ben King	(#021)	New York	269	1980
Raymond Hadley	(#004)	Alaska	268	1979(1995)
Kenneth Burden	(#091)	Washington	268	1987(1995)
William Rydell	(#094)	California	268	1987(1995)
Stephen Johnson	(#036)	British Columbia*	267	1981(1991)
David Narins	(#134)	Florida	266	1990(1995)
Ken Russell	(#149)	Alaska	266	1991(1997)
Jeff Bouton	(#171)	Alaska	265	1993(1997)
Dan Canterbury	(#140)	Florida	263	1991(1996)
Dan Guthrie	(#122)	California	262	1989(1993)
B.J. Rose	(#120)	Nebraska	261	1989(1996)
Brina Kessel	(#007)	Alaska	260	1979(1995)
John Trapp	(#012)	District Columbia*	260	1979(1985)

Declan Troy	(#045)	Alaska	260	1982(1990)
Fred Zeillemaker	(#054)	Idaho*	260	1983(1997)
Robert Gill	(#071)	Alaska	259	1981(1997)
David Chaffin	(#170)	Tennessee	257	1993(1997)
Margaret Tans	(#014)	Alaska	253	1980(1997)
Maurice Ward	(#060)	Alaska	253	1984(1991)
Richard Stallcup	(#020)	California	251	1980(1981)
Donna Maddox	(#138)	Texas	251	1991(1995)
Ed Greaves	(#118)	California	250	1989(1994)
Clayton White	(#128)	Utah	250	1989
Monte Taylor	(#141)	California	250	1991(1996)
Elizabeth Siegel	(#158)	California	250	1992(1997)
Brian Cooper	(#062)	Oregon*	249	1984(1992)
Lynette Smith	(#151)	Michigan	249	1992(1995)
John Pitcher	(#015)	Vermont*	248	1980(1984)
Heathy Walker	(#092)	North Carolina	247	1987(1994)
Michael Austin	(#109)	Texas	247	1988(1996)
Douglas Kraus	(#022)	Rhode Island	246	1980(1982)
Ed Burroughs	(#037)	Alaska	244	1981(1997)
Brian Lawhead	(#008)	Alaska	243	1979(1994)
Philip Martin	(#039)	Alaska	243	1981(1986)
Ben Feltner	(#115)	Washington	243	1989(1995)
Michael Spindler	(#050)	Alaska	242	1983(1988)
Sharon Rose	(#121)	Nebraska	242	1989(1996)
Larry Peavler	(#026)	Indiana	241	1980(1984)
Penny Rennick	(#032)	Alaska	241	1981(1990)
Mark Oberle	(#093)	Georgia	241	1987(1996)
Laurel Devaney	(#186)	Alaska	241	1995(1997)
Stephen MacDonald	(#009)	New Mexico*	240	1979(1982)
John Sease	(#055)	Washington*	240	1983(1988)
Hayden Hannabass	(#136)	Michigan	240	1990(1993)
Robert Ostrander	(#027)	South Carolina	239	1980(1984)
Robert Armstrong	(#084)	Alaska	239	1986(1988)
James Fowler, Jr.	(#148)	Michigan	239	1991(1996)
Carol Burroughs	(#073)	Alaska	238	1985(1997)
Joan Wulkowicz	(#117)	Ohio*	238	1989(1990)
Chris Maack	(#173)	Alaska	238	1993(1997)
Robert Walton	(#058)	Indiana	237	1984(1989)
Ann Walton	(#059)	Indiana	237	1984(1989)
Donna Traver	(#166)	New York	237	1993(1996)
Donald Traver	(#167)	New York	237	1993(1996)
William Stott, Jr.	(#139)	Virginia	235	1991(1996)
Roger Linfield	(#184)	California	235	1995(1997)
David Roseneau	(#040)	Alaska	234	1981(1988)
W. Edward Pederson	(#156)	Pennsylvania	234	1992(1993)
Richard Flower	(#077)	Arizona	233	1985(1997)
Nita Heilman	(#103)	Tennessee	233	1987(1991)
Annie Heilman	(#104)	Tennessee	233	1987(1991)
Delesta Fox	(#176)	Alaska	233	1994(1997)
Ed Smith	(#142)	Michigan	231	1991
Bob Pintner	(#174)	Alaska	231	1993(1997)
F. Thomas Pincelli	(#183)	Texas	231	1995(1997)
Robert Purnell	(#096)	Wisconsin	230	1987(1988)
Shelli Vacca	(#137)	Washington*	230	1990(1996)
Charles W. Gambill	(#078)	Texas	229	1985(1991)
Mary A. Gambill	(#079)	Texas	229	1985(1991)
Kayo Roy	(#165)	Ontario	229	1993(1995)
James Hawkings	(#042)	Yukon Territory	228	1982(1989)
Judith O'Neale	(#123)	Louisiana*	228	1989(1995)
John Hanagan	(#164)	Michigan	228	1993
Doug Baily	(#181)	Alaska	228	1994(1996)
Cameale Johnson	(#189)	Alaska	227	1995(1996)
Nicholas Greene	(#052)	Connecticut	225	1983
Kenneth Kertell	(#068)	Alaska	225	1984(1992)
Bartlett Whelton	(#114)	Washington	225	1988

Henry Turner	(#131)	New York	225	1990(1993)
Michael Tove	(#016)	North Carolina	224	1980
William Maynard	(#074)	Colorado	224	1985(1987)
Dan Wetzel	(#163)	Alaska	224	1993
Jim Bangma	(#177)	New Jersey	224	1994
Timothy Osborne	(#051)	Alaska	223	1983(1995)
Cindy Lippincott	(#090)	Colorado*	223	1987(1989)
Dennis Forsythe	(#127)	South Carolina	223	1989(1990)
Jean Cohn	(#197)	California	223	1997
Robert Stone	(#199)	Texas	223	1997
Warren Woessner	(#126)	Minnesota	222	1989(1994)
Donna Dewhurst	(#168)	Alaska	222	1993(1997)
Curtis Marantz	(#057)	California	221	1983(1994)
Paul Baicich	(#108)	Maryland	221	1988(1992)
Niroo Patel	(#178)	New Jersey	221	1994
William Bouton	(#024)	Alaska	220	1989(1992)
Jack O'Neale	(#124)	Alaska	220	1989(1992)
Ernie Whitney	(#145)	Alaska	220	1991(1995)
Alvin Laasanen	(#159)	Indiana	220	1992(1993)
Tony White	(#100)	Maryland*	218	1987(1989)
Owen Hughes	(#169)	Alaska	218	1993(1997)
William Lehnhausen	(#056)	Alaska	217	1983(1984)
Edward C. Murphy	(#072)	Alaska	217	1985(1988)
Eugene Hunn	(#098)	Washington	217	1987(1991)
Ellen Strauss	(#101)	California	217	1987
Amy Schauer	(#111)	Oregon*	217	1988
Jim Logan	(#180)	Alaska	217	1994(1997)
Jacqueline Paul	(#187)	Washington	217	1995
Marion Corder	(#070)	Oregon	216	1985
James Strauss	(#102)	California	216	1987
Dollyann Myers	(#119)	Tennessee	216	1989
Edward Harris	(#132)	California	216	1990
Robert Bradley	(#154)	Arizona	216	1992(1997)
Sherry Lewis	(#147)	Alaska	215	1991(1997)
William Kemp	(#155)	Washington	215	1992(1996)
Pete Worthington	(#191)	South Carolina	215	1996(1997)
Stephen Murphy	(#047)	Alaska	214	1982(1990)
Susan Quinlan	(#067)	Alaska	214	1984
Robert Mumford	(#135)	Maryland	214	1990(1991)
Harold John	(#182)	Missouri	213	1995
Robert McNeese	(#161)	Kentucky	212	1992
George Matz	(#175)	Alaska	212	1993(1996)
Mary Rydell	(#185)	California	212	1995
John Keenleyside	(#053)	Ontario	211	1983
Shirley Smith	(#143)	Michigan	211	1991
Frank Freese	(#066)	Wisconsin	210	1984
Roberta Ward	(#069)	Alaska	210	1984(1991)
Glenn Belyea	(#162)	Michigan	210	1993(1995)
Gary Hutman	(#193)	Michigan	210	1996
Homer Eshbaugh	(#031)	Wisconsin	209	1981
Daniel Roby	(#044)	Alaska	209	1982
Thomas Smythe	(#061)	Michigan	209	1984(1994)
Raymond Prybis	(#095)	Pennsylvania	209	1987
Robert Woodley	(#107)	Washington	209	1988
Charles H. Gambill	(#112)	Ohio	209	1988
Betty Anderson	(#081)	Alaska	208	1986(1987)
Bob Funston	(#160)	Oklahoma	208	1992
Jon Koella	(#172)	Tennessee	208	1993
Ted Peterson	(#192)	Washington	208	1996
Frank Hahn	(#129)	North Carolina	207	1990(1991)
Walter Bosse	(#179)	Rhode Island	207	1994
Joyce Takamine	(#194)	New Mexico	207	1996
Ann Toneff	(#195)	Ohio	207	1996
Jim Sifford	(#125)	Texas	206	1989
John Fritz	(#198)	New York	206	1997
Robert Kurtz	(#196)	New York	205	1996
Larry Sall	(#200)	Texas	205	1997

Bruce Maxwell	(#076)	California	204	1985
Karen Friar	(#088)	Virginia*	204	1987
Betty Fikejs	(#144)	Illinois	204	1991
Todd Eskelin	(#188)	Alaska	204	1995
Francis Glass	(#017)	Alaska	203	1980(1984)
Mary Miller	(#041)	Alaska	203	1982
James Friar	(#087)	Virginia*	203	1987
David Hill	(#146)	Connecticut	203	1991
Richard Eshbaugh	(#106)	Ohio	202	1987
Daniel Snider	(#089)	California	201	1987
Samuel Madison	(#133)	New York	201	1990
Carolina Lane	(#023)	Georgia	200	1980
Rosa Meehan	(#065)	Alaska	200	1984
John Clancy	(#099)	Massachusetts	200	1987
David Schmidt	(#113)	Alaska	200	1988

TABLE 2 : 1997 REVISIONS TO THE [JANUARY 1993] ALASKA CHECKLIST
 Courtesy of Daniel D. Gibson, University of Alaska Museum, UAM

#449 Long-billed Murrelet (*Brachyramphus perdix*): Formerly maintained as a subspecies of the Marbled Murrelet (*B. marmoratus*); elevated to full species rank by the AOU (1997). This taxon was added to the Alaska list some years ago, after mummified remains were found in Denali National Park by G. Lester in August 1983 (specimen on deposit UAM).

#450 Chestnut-sided Warbler (*Dendroica pensylvanica*): Singing male observed at Ketchikan by S.C. Heintz [200 Club #150] on 22 June 1997 (specimen on deposit at UAM). This species was transferred from the unsubstantiated list.

#451 Buller's Shearwater (*Puffinus bulleri*): Lone bird observed off Sitka by D.W. Sonneborn [200 Club #030] on 6 September 1997 (readily identifiable photographs on file at UAM). This species was transferred from the unsubstantiated list.

#452 Sooty Tern (*Sterna fuscata*): Skeletal remains and associated loose feathers found at Attu Island, Aleutians by R.W. Dickerman and K. Winker in September 1997 (specimen on deposit at UAM).

#453 Gray Catbird (*Dumetella carolinensis*): One bird netted, banded, photographed in hand and released at Cape Peirce (58°33' N, 161°46' W) by J.R. Moran and C.A. Wilson on 5 October 1997 (readily identifiable photographs on file at UAM).

Unsubstantiated List

Little Shearwater (*Puffinus assimilis*): Two recent reports from the Gulf of Alaska – one shearwater was identified as this species at Gull Point, Kodiak Island by J.B. Allen on 26 August 1996 and one was identified south-southeast of Resurrection Bay by R.H. Day [200 Club #002] on 12 October 1997 (details of both sightings on file at UAM).