

ALASKA 200 CLUB

TWENTIETH ANNUAL REPORT - 1998

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The Alaska 200 Club emblem portrays a Steller's Jay, *Cyanocitta stelleri stelleri* [Gmelin, 1788 {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 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.

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Presented herein is the Alaska 200 Club annual report for 1998, in a special format to mark the Club's 20th anniversary. This report is dedicated in fondest memory of Malcolm E. "Pete" Isleib (1938-1993); without question the most persistent, tireless, enthusiastic, spirited, opportunistic, timely and knowledgeable field student of Alaska's avifauna.

HISTORY

The Alaska 200 Club was formed by Daniel D. Gibson on 22 October 1979 as a membership of people who "...have recorded 200 or more species of birds -- wild, alive and unrestrained -- in Alaska." Dan Gibson administered the Club through 1986, maintaining the membership files and preparing the 1st through 8th Annual Reports. Robert Day assumed administration of the Club in 1987 and 1988, preparing the 9th and 10th Annual Reports. Subsequently, the Club has been administered by R.L. (Buzz) Scher [this is my tenth annual report].

The Club emblemⁱ (report cover) was designed by Dan Gibson, Brain Lawhead and Bob Day, and illustrated by Charlotte Van Zant-King (8 August 1979). The emblem has first reproduced as the Club's patch in late 1979 by the Peerless Emblem Company, Chicago, Illinois. As a side note, it was Charlotte who suggested the patch be embroidered with the 200 in quotation marks so that the uninformed would not think the legend was suppose to read Alaska ZOO Club.

The Alaska 200 Club was initially formed with 12 charter members; Vernon Byrd, Robert Day, Dan Gibson, Raymond Hadley, George Hall, Pete Isleib, Brina Kessel, Brian Lawhead, Stephen MacDonald, Rich MacIntosh, Thede Tobish and John Trapp. Subsequently, the Club roster has grown steadily, surpassing 100 members in 1987, and 200 members in 1997. Table 1 provides a summary of the Club roster annual growth.

TABLE 1 : ALASKA 200 CLUB ROSTER SUMMARY

Year (Report)	Members	Year (Report)	Members
1979 (1 st)	12	1989 (11 th)	128
1980 (2 nd)	28	1990 (12 th)	137
1981 (3 rd)	40	1991 (13 th)	150
1982 (4 th)	49	1992 (14 th)	161
1983 (5 th)	57	1993 (15 th)	175
1984 (6 th)	69	1994 (16 th)	181
1985 (7 th)	80	1995 (17 th)	189
1986 (8 th)	84	1996 (18 th)	196
1987 (9 th)	106	1997 (19 th)	200
1988 (10 th)	114	1998 (20 th)	210

In the Club's 20-year life, only two members have held the number one (highest) list; Dan Gibson (1979 {310 species} to 1984 {329 species}) and Pete Isleib (1985 {333 species} to present -- at the time of his passing in 1993, Pete's list stood at a remarkable 387 species; a total which continues to rank on top). Other noteworthy past achievements include members who have identified more than 200 species within a political Alaska region, including Dave Delap, Buzz Scher, Dave Sonneborn and Thede Tobish (Municipality of Anchorage), Steve Heintz (Ketchikan Gateway Borough), Rich MacIntosh (Kodiak Island Borough), and Mark Schwan (Juneau Borough).

1998 UPDATE

The Club roster increased by ten in 1998 bringing the total membership to 210 -- welcome Dave Delap (#201; Anchorage, AK), Robert Johnson (#202; Scottsdale, AZ), Valerie Elliot (#203; Anchorage, AK), Sean Smith (#204; Anchorage, AK), Gary Bullock (#205; Anchorage, AK), Barbara Stewart (#206; Annandale, VA), James Williams (Webster, WI), Nathan Senner (#208; Anchorage, AK), Stan Senner (#209; Anchorage, AK), and William Brooks (#210, Delmar, NY).

Table 2 summarizes the membership status ranked by total species at the end of 1998, with roster number, last known residence [*=formerly Alaska], and enrollment year followed in parenthesis by the year of the most recent update. Forty-three members (21.5% of the total roster -- excluding new members) submitted updates to their lists in 1998, up from 20% reporting in 1997. The total membership presently resides in 35 States, the District of Columbia, two Provinces and one Territory of Canada, and Namibia, Africa -- 88 members are current or former Alaska residents.

Noteworthy individual achievements in 1998 include Dave Delap (#201; Anchorage, Alaska) who joined the Club based, at this time, solely on his Anchorage city list (201 species) -- the fourth member to list more than 200 species within that Municipality.

The Club follows the *CHECKLIST OF ALASKA BIRDS*^{ii,iii}, including Unsubstantiated list, maintained by the University of Alaska Museum. Three species were added to the Checklist in 1998 (details in Table 3) bringing the total to 456 species, with an additional 29 species on the Unsubstantiated list.

At year-end 1998, the median Club list stood at 233.0 species (the same as in 1997) with an average of 242.4 (242.7 in 1997). Club members have recorded 431 Checklist species (94.5%; down from 94.7% in 1997) plus 19 off the Unsubstantiated list, representing 92.8% of the combined species from the Checklist and unsubstantiated list (up from 92.4% in 1997).

Corrections to your existing information or new species added in 1999, including any due to AOU supplements, should be submitted^{iv} by 15 January 2000 for inclusion in the twenty-first annual report. Good birding in 1999.

TABLE 2 : ALASKA 200 CLUB MEMBERSHIP STATUS - 1998

<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	370	1981(1998)
Theodore Tobish	(#011)	Alaska	366	1979(1998)
Dan Gibson	(#003)	Alaska	359	1979(1998)
Robert Scher	(#049)	Alaska	343	1982(1998)
Steve Heinl	(#150)	Alaska	341	1991(1998)
Steven Zimmerman	(#086)	Alaska	331	1986(1998)
Richard Gordon	(#025)	Alaska	324	1980(1997)
Terry Doyle	(#130)	Florida*	324	1990(1998)
Macklin Smith	(#152)	Michigan	318	1992(1998)
Lisa Oakley	(#028)	Alaska	317	1980(1998)
Noble Proctor	(#048)	Connecticut	317	1982(1994)
Bill Mueller	(#153)	New Jersey	314	1992(1996)
George Wagner	(#043)	Illinois	311	1982(1988)
Dwight Lee	(#105)	Arizona	308	1987(1995)
George Hall	(#005)	Vermont*	303	1979(1989)
Robert Lewis, Jr.	(#083)	New Jersey	302	1986(1996)
Jon Dunn	(#029)	Ohio	299	1981(1998)
Mark Schwan	(#075)	Alaska	297	1985(1998)
Peter Walsh	(#085)	Arizona*	297	1986(1996)
Stan Wulkowicz	(#116)	Ohio*	297	1989(1996)
Lawrence Balch	(#018)	Illinois	295	1980(1995)
Gordon Tans	(#013)	Alaska	294	1980(1998)
Jennifer Jolis	(#046)	Alaska	292	1982(1998)
Arthur Bergey	(#082)	Pennsylvania	291	1986(1998)
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)
Kenneth Burden	(#091)	Washington	277	1987(1998)
Harriet Davidson	(#034)	Michigan	276	1981(1990)
Wilbur Davidson	(#035)	Michigan	276	1981(1990)
William Rydell	(#094)	California	276	1987(1998)
Diane Birsner	(#157)	Texas	276	1992(1993)
Robert Day	(#002)	Alaska	275	1979(1998)
Richard MacIntosh	(#010)	Alaska	274	1979(1998)
Helen Parker	(#063)	Arkansas	272	1984(1995)
Ken Russell	(#149)	Alaska	272	1991(1998)

Max Parker	(#064)	Arkansas	270	1984(1995)
Ben King	(#021)	New York	269	1980
Raymond Hadley	(#004)	Alaska	268	1979(1995)
Stephen Johnson	(#036)	British Columbia*	267	1981(1991)
David Narins	(#134)	Florida	266	1990(1995)
Jeff Bouton	(#171)	Florida*	265	1993(1997)
Robert Gill	(#071)	Alaska	264	1981(1998)
Dan Canterbury	(#140)	Florida	263	1991(1996)
Dan Guthrie	(#122)	California	262	1989(1993)
B.J. Rose	(#120)	Nebraska	261	1989(1996)
Sean Smith	(#204)	Alaska	261	1998
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)
David Chaffin	(#170)	Tennessee	259	1993(1998)
Dale Herter	(#038)	Washington*	257	1981(1990)
Peggy Tans	(#014)	Alaska	254	1980(1998)
Maurice Ward	(#060)	Arizona*	253	1984(1991)
Richard Stallcup	(#020)	California	251	1980(1981)
Donna Maddox	(#138)	Texas	251	1991(1995)
Lynette Smith	(#151)	Michigan	251	1992(1998)
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)
John Pitcher	(#015)	Vermont*	248	1980(1984)
Ed Burroughs	(#037)	Alaska	248	1981(1998)
Laurel Devaney	(#186)	Alaska	248	1995(1998)
Robert Johnson	(#202)	Arizona	248	1998
Heathy Walker	(#092)	North Carolina	247	1987(1994)
Michael Austin	(#109)	Texas	247	1988(1996)
Douglas Kraus	(#022)	Rhode Island	246	1980(1982)
James Fowler, Jr.	(#148)	Michigan	246	1991(1998)
Brian Lawhead	(#008)	Alaska	243	1979(1994)
Philip Martin	(#039)	Alaska	243	1981(1986)
Carol Burroughs	(#073)	Alaska	243	1985(1998)
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)	North Carolina	241	1987(1996)
Stephen MacDonald	(#009)	New Mexico*	240	1979(1982)
John Sease	(#055)	Washington*	240	1983(1988)
Hayden Hannabass	(#136)	Michigan	240	1990(1993)
Chris Maack	(#173)	Alaska	240	1993(1998)
Robert Ostrander	(#027)	South Carolina	239	1980(1984)
Robert Armstrong	(#084)	Alaska	239	1986(1988)
Joan Wulkowicz	(#117)	Ohio*	238	1989(1990)
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)
Bob Pintner	(#174)	Alaska	236	1993(1998)
Gary Hutman	(#193)	Michigan	236	1996(1998)
Jean Cohn	(#197)	California	236	1997(1998)
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)
Jacqueline Paul	(#187)	Washington	234	1995(1997)
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)
Doug Baily	(#181)	Alaska	233	1994(1998)
Cameale Johnson	(#189)	Alaska	233	1995(1998)
William A.C. Brooks	(#210)	New York	232	1998
Ed Smith	(#142)	Michigan	231	1991
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)
John Hanagan	(#164)	Michigan	229	1993(1998)
Kayo Roy	(#165)	Ontario	229	1993(1995)
James Hawkings	(#042)	Yukon Territory*	228	1982(1989)
Cindy Lippincott	(#090)	Colorado*	228	1987(1998)
Judith O'Neale	(#123)	Louisiana*	228	1989(1995)
Donna Dewhurst	(#168)	Alaska	226	1993(1998)
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)
Jim Logan	(#180)	Alaska	225	1994(1998)
Michael Tove	(#016)	North Carolina	224	1980
William Maynard	(#074)	Colorado	224	1985(1987)
Dan Wetzel	(#163)	Alaska	225	1993(1998)
Jim Bangma	(#177)	New Jersey	224	1994
Timothy Osborne	(#051)	Namibia, Africa*	223	1983(1995)
Dennis Forsythe	(#127)	South Carolina	223	1989(1990)
Robert Stone	(#199)	Texas	223	1997
Warren Woessner	(#126)	Minnesota	222	1989(1994)
George Matz	(#175)	Alaska	222	1993(1998)
Curtis Marantz	(#057)	California	221	1983(1994)
Paul Baicich	(#108)	Maryland	221	1988(1992)
Niroo Patel	(#178)	New Jersey	221	1994
William Bouton	(#024)	California	220	1980(1992)
Jack O'Neale	(#124)	Alaska	220	1989(1992)
Ernie Whitney	(#145)	Alaska	220	1991(1995)
Alvin Laasanen	(#159)	Indiana	220	1992(1993)
Owen Hughes	(#169)	Alaska	220	1993(1998)
Tony White	(#100)	Maryland*	218	1987(1989)
Todd Eskelin	(#188)	Alaska	218	1995(1998)
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
Sherry Lewis	(#147)	Alaska	217	1991(1998)
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)
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
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)	Arizona*	210	1984(1991)
Glenn Belyea	(#162)	Michigan	210	1993(1995)
Homer Eshbaugh	(#031)	Wisconsin	209	1981
Daniel Roby	(#044)	Oregon*	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
Barbara Stewart	(#206)	Virginia	207	1998
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
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
Nathan Senner	(#208)	Alaska	203	1998
Richard Eshbaugh	(#106)	Ohio	202	1987
Valerie Elliot	(#203)	Alaska	202	1998
Gary Bullock	(#205)	Alaska	202	1998
Daniel Snider	(#089)	California	201	1987
Samuel Madison	(#133)	New York	201	1990
David Delap	(#201)	Alaska	201	1998
James Williams	(#207)	Wisconsin	201	1998

Stan Senner	(#209)	Alaska	201	1998
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 3 : 1998 ADDITIONS TO THE ALASKA CHECKLIST
 Courtesy of Daniel D. Gibson (6 January 1999), University of Alaska Museum, UAM

#454 Eared Grebe. *Podiceps nigricollis* [*californicus* Heermann, 1855 {California}]. One record (no specimen: UAM photos); Fairbanks, 21-26 May 1998 (D. Weisensel, S. Lewis*, P.D. Martin*, J.J. Bouton*, and others).

#455 Yellow-throated Bunting. *Emberiza elegans* [*elegans* Temminck, 1835 {Japan}]. One record (no specimen: UAM photos); Attu Island, Aleutians, 25 May 1998 (P.W. Sykes*, Jr., S.C. Heintz*, T.J. Doyle*, D.W. Sonneborn*, and others).

#456 Rose-breasted Grosbeak. *Pheucticus ludovicianus* [Linnaeus, 1766 {Louisiana}]. Multiple records (no specimen: UAM photos); adult male, 15-16 August 1995, Fairbanks (J.E. Blackstone); and, female or immature male, 17 September 1998, Douglas (P.M. Suchanek and others).

*Alaska 200 Club member

End Notes :

i Replacement or extra Club patches are available for members at \$8 each – checks payable to R.L. Scher (see address below).

ii The 1999 Checklist (9th Edition) is now available for the price of \$1 each for fewer than five, or \$0.75 each for five or more. Order via email (fnddg@uaf.edu), telephone (907-474-7359), or postal (Daniel Gibson, University of Alaska Museum, Fairbanks, Alaska 99775-6960) -- payment due on receipt; checks payable to Daniel D. Gibson. Proceeds from sales in 1999 will be donated to Western Field Ornithologists.

iii [See also] Gibson, Daniel D. and Brina Kessel. 1997. Inventory of the species and subspecies of Alaska birds. *Western Birds* 28(2):45-95.

iv Mail updates via USPS to [address redacted], or internet (preferred) to bscher@rmconsult.com.