

# ALASKA 200 CLUB TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

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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 that the expedition had indeed reached the New World; 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.

# TWENTY-FIRST REPORT OF THE ALASKA 200 CLUB

## Annual Report for 1999

The Alaska 200 Club<sup>1</sup>, 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]. In 1999, the Club roster increased by eight bringing the total membership to 218; welcome Bev Agler (#211; Westbrook CT), Betty Friest (#212; Anchorage, AK), Mike Mulligan (#213; Calgary, Alberta), Paul Berrigan (#214; Farmington Hills, MI), Brad Andres (#215; Anchorage, AK), Bonnie Long (#216; Anchorage, AK), and Judy Dearborn and Ed Clark (#217 & #218; Fairbanks, AK).

Table 1 summarizes the membership status, ranked by total species at the end of 1999, with roster number, last known residence [\*=formerly Alaska], and enrollment year followed in parenthesis by the year of the most recent update. Forty members (19% of the total roster -- excluding new members) submitted updates to their lists in 1999. The total membership presently resides in 35 States, the District of Columbia, two Provinces and one Territory of Canada, and Namibia, Africa; 93 members (42.7% of total) are current or former Alaska residents. Of special note, Larry Balch (#018, Illinois) ended 1999 with 300 species; the 18<sup>th</sup> member to reach that plateau.

The Club follows the *CHECKLIST OF ALASKA BIRDS*<sup>2</sup>, including Unsubstantiated list, maintained by the University of Alaska Museum. In 1999, one species was added to the Checklist, bringing the total to 457 species, and two were added to the Unsubstantiated list, bringing that total to 31 -- see details in Table 2.

At year-end 1999, the median Club list stood at 233.0 species, with an average total of 242.5 ( $1\sigma = 37.0$ ). Club members have now recorded 433 Checklist species (94.7%) plus 21 on the Unsubstantiated list; representing 93.0% of the combined Checklist and Unsubstantiated list species.

Corrections to your existing data in Table 1 or new species added in 2000, including any due to AOU supplements, should be submitted<sup>3</sup> by 15 January 2001 for inclusion in the next annual report. Good birding in 2000.

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<sup>1</sup> Replacement or extra Club patches are available for members at \$8 each -- checks payable to R.L. Scher (see address below).

<sup>2</sup> The 1999 Checklist (9<sup>th</sup> Edition) is available (\$1 each < five, or \$0.75 each ≥ five) -- Order via email ([fnddg@uaf.edu](mailto: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.

<sup>3</sup> Mail updates to [address redacted], or internet (preferred) to [bscher@rmconsult.com](mailto:bscher@rmconsult.com).

TABLE 1 : ALASKA 200 CLUB MEMBERSHIP - 1999

<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	373	1981(1999)
Theodore Tobish	(#011)	Alaska	367	1979(1999)
Dan Gibson	(#003)	Alaska	359	1979(1999)
Robert Scher	(#049)	Alaska	344	1982(1999)
Steve Heint	(#150)	Alaska	342	1991(1999)
Steven Zimmerman	(#086)	Alaska	333	1986(1999)
Richard Gordon	(#025)	Alaska	330	1980(1999)
Terry Doyle	(#130)	Florida*	324	1990(1998)
Lisa Oakley	(#028)	Alaska	319	1980(1999)
Macklin Smith	(#152)	Michigan	318	1992(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)
Lawrence Balch	(#018)	Illinois	300	1980(1999)
Jon Dunn	(#029)	California	299	1981(1998)
Gordon Tans	(#013)	Alaska	298	1980(1999)
Mark Schwan	(#075)	Alaska	298	1985(1999)
Peter Walsh	(#085)	Arizona*	297	1986(1996)
Sandy Komito	(#097)	New Jersey	297	1987(1998)
Stan Wulkowicz	(#116)	Ohio*	297	1989(1996)
Jennifer Jolis	(#046)	Alaska	292	1982(1999)
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
Stephen Johnson	(#036)	British Columbia*	277	1981(1998)
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)
David Narins	(#134)	Florida	276	1990(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(1999)
Max Parker	(#064)	Arkansas	270	1984(1995)
Ben King	(#021)	New York	269	1980
Robert Johnson	(#202)	Arizona	269	1998(1999)
Raymond Hadley	(#004)	Alaska	268	1979(1995)
Dan Guthrie	(#122)	California	265	1989(1999)
David Chaffin	(#170)	Tennessee	265	1993(1999)
Jeff Bouton	(#171)	Florida*	265	1993(1997)
Robert Gill	(#071)	Alaska	264	1981(1998)

Dan Canterbury	(#140)	Florida	263	1991(1996)
B.J. Rose	(#120)	Missouri	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)
Peggy Tans	(#014)	Alaska	257	1980(1999)
Dale Herter	(#038)	Washington*	257	1981(1990)
Chris Maack	(#173)	Alaska	255	1993(1999)
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)
James Fowler, Jr.	(#148)	Michigan	250	1991(1999)
Elizabeth Siegel	(#158)	California	250	1992(1997)
Ed Burroughs	(#037)	Virginia*	249	1981(1999)
Brian Cooper	(#062)	Oregon*	249	1984(1992)
Laurel Devaney	(#186)	Alaska	249	1995(1999)
John Pitcher	(#015)	Vermont*	248	1980(1984)
Brad Andres	(#215)	Alaska	248	1999
Heathy Walker	(#092)	North Carolina	247	1987(1994)
Michael Austin	(#109)	Texas	247	1988(1996)
Douglas Kraus	(#022)	Rhode Island	246	1980(1982)
Carol Burroughs	(#073)	Virginia*	244	1985(1999)
Cindy Lippincott	(#090)	Colorado*	244	1987(1999)
Delesta Fox	(#176)	Alaska	244	1994(1999)
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)	Missouri	242	1989(1996)
Larry Peavler	(#026)	Indiana	241	1980(1984)
Penny Rennick	(#032)	Alaska	241	1981(1990)
Mark Oberle	(#093)	Washington	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)
Bob Pintner	(#174)	Alaska	240	1993(1999)
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)
Gary Hutman	(#193)	Michigan	236	1996(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)
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)
Donna Dewhurst	(#168)	Alaska	230	1993(1999)

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)
Judith O'Neale	(#123)	Louisiana*	228	1989(1995)
Valerie Elliott	(#203)	Washington*	228	1998(1999)
Jim Logan	(#180)	Alaska	226	1994(1999)
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)
Glenn Belyea	(#162)	Michigan	225	1993(1999)
Dan Wetzel	(#163)	Alaska	225	1993(1998)
Michael Tove	(#016)	North Carolina	224	1980
William Maynard	(#074)	Colorado	224	1985(1987)
Jim Bangma	(#177)	New Jersey	224	1994
Timothy Osborne	(#051)	Namibia, Africa*	223	1983(1995)
Dennis Forsythe	(#127)	South Carolina	223	1989(1990)
George Matz	(#175)	Alaska	223	1993(1998)
Jean Cohn	(#197)	California	223	1997
Robert Stone	(#199)	Texas	223	1997
Warren Woessner	(#126)	Minnesota	222	1989(1994)
Owen Hughes	(#169)	Alaska	222	1993(1999)
Curtis Marantz	(#057)	California	221	1983(1994)
Paul Baicich	(#108)	Maryland	221	1988(1992)
Niroo Patel	(#178)	New Jersey	221	1994
Nathan Senner	(#208)	Alaska	221	1998(1999)
William Bouton	(#024)	California	220	1980(1992)
Jack O'Neale	(#124)	Alaska	220	1989(1992)
Ernie Whitney	(#145)	Alaska	220	1991(1995)
Sherry Lewis	(#147)	Alaska	220	1991(1999)
Alvin Laasanen	(#159)	Indiana	220	1992(1993)
Tony White	(#100)	Maryland*	218	1987(1989)
Todd Eskelin	(#188)	Alaska	218	1995(1998)
Ted Peterson	(#192)	Washington	218	1996(1999)
Stan Senner	(#209)	Alaska	218	1998(1999)
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
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)
Bev Agler	(#211)	Connecticut	216	1999
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)
Betty Friest	(#212)	Alaska	214	1999
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
Robert Ward	(#069)	Arizona*	210	1984(1991)
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
John Clancy	(#099)	Massachusetts	207	1987(1999)
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
Gary Bullock	(#205)	Alaska	206	1998(1999)
Robert Kurtz	(#196)	New York	205	1996
Larry Sall	(#200)	Texas	205	1997
David Delap	(#201)	Alaska	205	1998(1999)
Mike Mulligan	(#213)	Alberta	205	1999
Bruce Maxwell	(#076)	California	204	1985
Karen Friar	(#088)	Virginia*	204	1987
Betty Fikejs	(#144)	Illinois	204	1991
Bonnie Long	(#216)	Alaska	204	1999
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
Judy Dearborn	(#217)	Alaska	202	1999
Ed Clark	(#218)	Alaska	202	1999
Daniel Snider	(#089)	California	201	1987
Samuel Madison	(#133)	New York	201	1990
James Williams	(#207)	Wisconsin	201	1998
Paul Berrigan	(#214)	Michigan	201	1999
Carolina Lane	(#023)	Georgia	200	1980
Rosa Meehan	(#065)	Alaska	200	1984
David Schmidt	(#113)	Alaska	200	1988

TABLE 2 : 1999 ADDITIONS TO THE ALASKA CHECKLIST

Courtesy of Daniel D. Gibson (7 February 2000), University of Alaska Museum (UAM)

#457 Yellow-browed Warbler. *Phylloscopus inornatus* [inornatus Blyth, 1842 {near Calcutta}]. One record (no specimen; UAM photos): Gambell, St. Lawrence Island, 23-24 September 1999, P. Lehman. (Lehman 2000, *Western Birds* 31[1]:in press).

Additions to the Unsubstantiated List :

Gray Heron. *Ardea cinerea* [Linnaeus, 1758 {Sweden}]. A heron identified as this species was observed at St. Paul Island, Pribilofs, on 1-2 August 1999 by S.D. Smith\* (details on file UAM), M. Greenfelder, K. Burton, and others. No photos were taken.

Ash-throated Flycatcher. *Myiarchus cinerascens* [Lawrence, 1851 {western Texas}]. A flycatcher identified as this species was observed at Auke Bay near Juneau on 20 July 1999 by G.B. van Vliet (details on file UAM, including four color prints) and others. Unfortunately, the only photos, taken in low-light conditions, are unsatisfactory.

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