

**ALASKA 200 CLUB**

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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, a member of Captain Vitus Bering's Expedition. 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.

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The Alaska 200 Club, formed in 1979, is a membership of people that have recorded 200 or more species of wild, alive and unrestrained birds in Alaska [*Charter members = Roster #'s 1-12*]. In 2000, the Club roster increased by 10, bringing the total membership to 228; welcome Mike and Dixie Overton (#219 & 220; Iowa), Bill Dobbins (#221; District of Columbia), Charles Gifford (#222; Vermont), Jim Fuller (#223; Iowa), Mike Schwitters (#224; Montana), Pat Pourchot (#225; Alaska), Nancy and Bill LaFramboise (#226 & 227; Washington) and Jeff Sauer (#228; Alaska).

Table 1 summarizes the membership status at the end of year 2000, ranked by total species. Thirty-nine members (17.9% of the total roster; excluding new members) submitted updates to their lists in 2000. The total membership presently resides in 37 States, the District of Columbia, three Provinces and one Territory of Canada, and Namibia, Africa; 95 members (41.7% of total) are current or former Alaska residents.

The Club follows the *CHECKLIST OF ALASKA BIRDS*<sup>1</sup>, including the 'Unsubstantiated' listing (excluding introduced or questioned origin species), maintained by the University of Alaska Museum. Table 2 summarizes the changes made in year 2000, in which four species were added to the Checklist (now 461 total species), and one was added to the Unsubstantiated list (now 30 total species).

At year-end 2000, the median Club list stood at 233 species, with the average list at 243.0 (stdev 37.2). Club members have now recorded 435 Checklist species (94.4%) plus 20 on the Unsubstantiated list (92.7% of the combined total). Of special note, Dave Delap (#201, Alaska) and Mark Schwan (#075, Alaska) both ended 2000 with over 300 species -- 20 members have now reached that plateau.

Corrections to the data in Table 1, or updates of new species added to personal lists in 2001, including due to AOU supplements, should be submitted<sup>2</sup> by 15 January 2002 for inclusion in the next annual report.

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<sup>1</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), or postal (Daniel D. Gibson, University of Alaska Museum, Fairbanks, Alaska 99775-6960) – payment due on receipt; make checks payable to Daniel D. Gibson.

<sup>2</sup>E-mail (preferred) corrections or updates to bscher@rmconsult.com, or mail to [address redacted]. Replacement or extra Club patches are also available for members at \$8 each; make checks payable to Robert L. Scher.

TABLE 1 : ALASKA 200 CLUB MEMBERSHIP STATUS - 2000

<u>Member (Roster Number)</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>List</u>	<u>Year Joined (Updated)</u>				
Pete Isleib' (#006)	Alaska	387	1979(93)	Lisa Oakley (#028)	Alaska	321	1980(00)
David Sonneborn (#030)	Alaska	379	1981(00)	Macklin Smith (#152)	Michigan	318	1992(98)
Theodore Tobish (#011)	Alaska	368	1979(00)	Noble Proctor (#048)	Connecticut	317	1982(94)
Dan Gibson (#003)	Alaska	360	1979(00)	Bill Mueller (#153)	New Jersey	314	1992(96)
Steve Heinl (#150)	Alaska	348	1991(00)	George Wagner (#043)	Illinois	311	1982(88)
Robert Scher (#049)	Alaska	347	1982(00)	Dwight Lee' (#105)	Arizona	308	1987(95)
Steven Zimmerman (#086)	Alaska	336	1986(00)	Mark Schwan (#075)	Alaska	305	1985(00)
Richard Gordon (#025)	Alaska	331	1980(00)	George Hall (#005)	Vermont*	303	1979(89)
Terry Doyle (#130)	Florida*	326	1990(00)	Robert Lewis, Jr. (#083)	New Jersey	302	1986(96)
David Delap (#201)	Alaska	322	1998(00)	Lawrence Balch (#018)	Illinois	300	1980(99)
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Jon Dunn (#029)	California	299	1981(98)	Paul Sykes (#019)	Georgia	294	1980(00)
Gordon Tans (#013)	Alaska	298	1980(99)	Jennifer Jolis (#046)	Alaska	292	1982(00)
Peter Walsh (#085)	Arizona*	297	1986(96)	Arthur Bergey (#082)	Pennsylvania	291	1986(98)
Sandy Komito (#097)	New Jersey	297	1987(98)	Vernon Byrd (#001)	Alaska	290	1979(00)
Stan Wulkowicz (#116)	Ohio*	297	1989(96)	Christopher Haney (#110)	Pennsylvania*	290	1988(95)
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Elinor Elder (#033)	Ohio	286	1981(97)	Richard MacIntosh (#010)	Alaska	283	1979(00)
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Jonathan Andrew (#080)	Georgia*	278	1985(89)	David Narins (#134)	Florida	276	1990(98)
Gail Yovanovich (#190)	New Jersey	278	1996	Diane Birsner (#157)	Texas	276	1992(93)
Stephen Johnson (#036)	B. Columbia*	277	1981(98)	Robert Day (#002)	Alaska	275	1979(98)
Kenneth Burden (#091)	Washington	277	1987(98)	Ken Russell (#149)	Alaska	274	1991(00)
Harriet Davidson (#034)	Michigan	276	1981(90)	Helene Parker (#063)	Arkansas	272	1984(95)
Wilbur Davidson' (#035)	Michigan	276	1981(90)	Robert Gill (#071)	Alaska	271	1981(00)
William Rydell (#094)	California	276	1987(98)	Max Parker (#064)	Arkansas	270	1984(95)
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Ben King (#021)	New York	269	1980	B.J. Rose (#120)	Missouri	261	1989(96)
Robert Johnson (#202)	Arizona	269	1998(99)	Betty Siegel (#158)	California	261	1992(00)
Raymond Hadley (#004)	Alaska	268	1979(95)	Sean Smith (#204)	Alaska	261	1998
Dan Guthrie (#122)	California	265	1989(99)	Brina Kessel (#007)	Alaska	260	1979(95)
David Chaffin (#170)	Tennessee	265	1993(99)	John Trapp (#012)	D. Columbia*	260	1979(85)
Jeff Bouton (#171)	Florida*	265	1993(97)	Declan Troy (#045)	Alaska	260	1982(90)
Dan Canterbury (#140)	Florida	263	1991(96)	Fred Zeillemaker (#054)	Idaho*	260	1983(97)
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Peggy Tans (#014)	Alaska	257	1980(99)	Laurel Devaney (#186)	Alaska	253	1995(00)
Dale Herter (#038)	Washington*	257	1981(90)	James Fowler, Jr. (#148)	Michigan	252	1991(00)
Ed Greaves (#118)	California	256	1989(00)	Richard Stallcup (#020)	California	251	1980(81)
Chris Maack (#173)	Alaska	255	1993(99)	Donna Maddox (#138)	Texas	251	1991(95)
Maurice Ward (#060)	Arizona*	253	1984(91)	Lynette Smith (#151)	Michigan	251	1992(98)
Bob Pintner (#174)	Alaska	253	1993(00)	Clayton White (#128)	Utah	250	1989

Monte Taylor (#141)	California	250	1991(96)			
Ed Burroughs (#037)	Virginia*	249	1981(99)	Brian Lawhead (#008)	Alaska	243 1979(94)
Brian Cooper (#062)	Oregon*	249	1984(92)	Philip Martin (#039)	Alaska	243 1981(86)
John Pitcher (#015)	Vermont*	248	1980(84)	Ben Feltner (#115)	Washington	243 1989(95)
Brad Andres (#215)	Alaska	248	1999	Michael Spindler (#050)	Alaska	242 1983(88)
Heathy Walker (#092)	N. Carolina	247	1987(94)	Sharon Rose (#121)	Missouri	242 1989(96)
Michael Austin (#109)	Texas	247	1988(96)	Larry Peavler (#026)	Indiana	241 1980(84)
William A.C. Brooks (#210)	New York	247	1998(00)	Penny Rennick (#032)	Alaska	241 1981(90)
Douglas Kraus' (#022)	Rhode Island	246	1980(82)	Mark Oberle (#093)	Washington	241 1987(96)
Carol Burroughs (#073)	Virginia*	244	1985(99)	Kayo Roy (#165)	Ontario	241 1993(00)
Cindy Lippincott (#090)	Colorado*	244	1987(99)	Stephen MacDonald (#009)	New Mexico*	240 1979(82)
Donna Dewhurst (#168)	Alaska	244	1993(00)	John Sease (#055)	Washington*	240 1983(88)
Delesta Fox (#176)	Alaska	244	1994(99)	Hayden Hannabass (#136)	Michigan	240 1990(93)
Robert Ostrander (#027)	S. Carolina	239	1980(84)	W. Edward Pederson (#156)	Pennsylvania	234 1992(93)
Robert Armstrong (#084)	Alaska	239	1986(88)	Jacqueline Paul (#187)	Washington	234 1995(97)
Ed Smith (#142)	Michigan	239	1991(00)	Richard Flower (#077)	Arizona	233 1985(97)
Gary Hutman (#193)	Michigan	239	1996(00)	Nita Heilman (#103)	Tennessee	233 1987(91)
Joan Wulkowicz (#117)	Ohio*	238	1989(90)	Annie Heilman (#104)	Tennessee	233 1987(91)
Robert Walton (#058)	Indiana	237	1984(89)	Doug Baily (#181)	Alaska	233 1994(98)
Ann Walton (#059)	Indiana	237	1984(89)	Cameale Johnson (#189)	Alaska	233 1995(98)
Donna Traver (#166)	New York	237	1993(96)	F. Thomas Pincelli (#183)	Texas	231 1995(97)
Donald Traver (#167)	New York	237	1993(96)	John Fritz (#198)	New York	231 1997(00)
Pat Pourchot (#225)	Alaska	237	2000	Jim Fuller (#223)	Iowa	231 2000
William Stott, Jr. (#139)	Virginia	235	1991(96)	Robert Purnell (#096)	Wisconsin	230 1987(88)
Roger Linfield (#184)	California	235	1995(97)	Shelli Vacca (#137)	Washington*	230 1990(96)
David Roseneau (#040)	Alaska	234	1981(88)			
Charles W. Gambill (#078)	Texas	229	1985(91)	Timothy Osborne (#051)	Africa*	223 1983(95)
Mary A. Gambill (#079)	Texas	229	1985(91)	Dennis Forsythe (#127)	S. Carolina	223 1989(90)
John Hanagan (#164)	Michigan	229	1993(98)	George Matz (#175)	Alaska	223 1993(98)
James Hawkings (#042)	Y. Territory*	228	1982(89)	Jean Cohn (#197)	California	223 1997
Judith O'Neale (#123)	Louisiana*	228	1989(95)	Robert Stone (#199)	Texas	223 1997
Valerie Elliott (#203)	Washington*	228	1998(99)	Paul Berrigan (#214)	Michigan	223 1999(00)
Nathan Senner (#208)	Alaska	228	1998(00)	Judy Dearborn (#217)	Alaska	223 1999(00)
Jim Logan (#180)	Alaska	226	1994(99)	Warren Woessner (#126)	Minnesota	222 1989(94)
Nicholas Greene (#052)	Connecticut	225	1983	Owen Hughes (#169)	Alaska	222 1993(99)
Kenneth Kertell (#068)	Alaska	225	1984(92)	Ed Clark (#218)	Alaska	222 1999(00)
Bartlett Whelton (#114)	Washington	225	1988	Curtis Marantz (#057)	California	221 1983(94)
Henry Turner (#131)	New York	225	1990(93)	Paul Baicich (#108)	Maryland	221 1988(92)
Glenn Belyea (#162)	Michigan	225	1993(99)	Niroo Patel (#178)	New Jersey	221 1994
Dan Wetzel (#163)	Alaska	225	1993(98)	Stan Senner (#209)	Alaska	221 1998(00)
Michael Tove (#016)	N. Carolina	224	1980	William Bouton (#024)	California	220 1980(92)
William Maynard (#074)	Colorado	224	1985(87)	Jack O'Neale' (#124)	Alaska	220 1989(92)
Jim Bangma (#177)	New Jersey	224	1994	Ernie Whitney (#145)	Florida*	220 1991(95)

Sherry Lewis (#147)	Alaska	220	1991(99)	Alvin Laasanen (#159)	Indiana	220	1992(93)
Robert Woodley (#107)	Washington	219	1988(00)	Bev Agler (#211)	Alaska	216	1999(00)
Michael Schwitters (#224)	Montana	219	2000	Bill Dobbins (#221)	D. Columbia	216	2000
Tony White (#100)	Maryland*	218	1987(89)	William Kemp (#155)	Washington	215	1992(96)
Todd Eskelin (#188)	Alaska	218	1995(98)	Pete Worthington (#191)	S. Carolina	215	1996(97)
Ted Peterson (#192)	Washington	218	1996(99)	Stephen Murphy (#047)	Alaska	214	1982(90)
William Lehnhausen (#056)	Alaska	217	1983(84)	Susan Quinlan (#067)	Alaska	214	1984
Edward C. Murphy (#072)	Alaska	217	1985(88)	Robert Mumford (#135)	Maryland	214	1990(91)
Eugene Hunn (#098)	Washington	217	1987(91)	Betty Priest (#212)	Alaska	214	1999
Ellen Strauss (#101)	California	217	1987	Harold John (#182)	Missouri	213	1995
Amy Schauer (#111)	Oregon*	217	1988	Robert McNeese (#161)	Kentucky	212	1992
Larry Sall (#200)	Texas	217	1997(00)	Mary Rydell (#185)	California	212	1995
Marion Corder (#070)	Oregon	216	1985	Charles Gifford (#222)	Vermont	212	2000
James Strauss (#102)	California	216	1987	John Keenleyside (#053)	Ontario	211	1983
Dollyann Myers (#119)	Tennessee	216	1989	Frank Freese (#066)	Wisconsin	210	1984
Edward Harris (#132)	California	216	1990	Roberta Ward (#069)	Arizona*	210	1984(91)
Shirley Smith (#143)	Michigan	216	1991(00)	Mike Overton (#219)	Iowa	210	2000
Robert Bradley (#154)	Arizona	216	1992(97)				

Homer Eshbaugh (#031)	Wisconsin	209	1981	Karen Friar (#088)	Virginia*	204	1987
Daniel Roby (#044)	Oregon*	209	1982	Betty Fikejs (#144)	Illinois	204	1991
Thomas Smythe (#061)	Michigan	209	1984(94)	Bonnie Long (#216)	Alaska	204	1999
Raymond Prybis (#095)	Pennsylvania	209	1987	Francis Glass (#017)	Alaska	203	1980(84)
John Clancy (#099)	Massachusetts	209	1987(00)	Mary Miller (#041)	Alaska	203	1982
Charles H. Gambill (#112)	Ohio	209	1988	James Friar (#087)	Virginia*	203	1987
Betty Anderson (#081)	Alaska	208	1986(87)	David Hill (#146)	Connecticut	203	1991
Bob Funston (#160)	Oklahoma	208	1992	Richard Eshbaugh (#106)	Ohio	202	1987
Jon Koella (#172)	Tennessee	208	1993	Jeffrey Sauer (#228)	Alaska	202	2000
Frank Hahn (#129)	N. Carolina	207	1990(91)	Daniel Snider (#089)	California	201	1987
Walter Bosse (#179)	Rhode Island	207	1994	Samuel Madison (#133)	New York	201	1990
Joyce Takamine (#194)	New Mexico	207	1996	James Williams (#207)	Wisconsin	201	1998
Ann Toneff (#195)	Ohio	207	1996	Nancy LaFramboise (#226)	Washington	201	2000
Gary Bullock (#205)	Alaska	207	1998(00)	Bill LaFramboise (#227)	Washington	201	2000
Barbara Stewart (#206)	Virginia	207	1998	Carolina Lane (#023)	Georgia	200	1980
Jim Sifford (#125)	Texas	206	1989	Rosa Meehan (#065)	Alaska	200	1984
Robert Kurtz (#196)	New York	205	1996	David Schmidt (#113)	Alaska	200	1988
Mike Mulligan (#213)	Alberta	205	1999	Dixie Overton (#220)	Iowa	200	2000
Bruce Maxwell (#076)	California	204	1985				

! = Deceased

\* = Former Alaska Resident

**TABLE 2 : ADDITIONS TO THE CHECKLIST OF ALASKA BIRDS (YEAR 2000)<sup>(a)</sup>**

Courtesy of Daniel D. Gibson (29 January 2001), University of Alaska Museum (UAM)

- #458 Little Egret *Egretta garzetta*. Specimen (UAM) salvaged at Buldir Island, Aleutians, on 27 May 2000 by M. Renner, I. L. Jones and J. C. Williams.
- #459 Pink-footed Shearwater *Puffinus creatopus*. Photos (UAM) from Gulf of Alaska at Albatross Banks (56° 36'N, 152° 43'W) on 13 August 2000 by D. W. Sonneborn<sup>(b)</sup>. (Species transferred from unsubstantiated list.)
- #460 Black Phoebe *Sayornis nigricans*. Photos (UAM) of bird netted, banded and released at Denali National Park (63° 25'N, 150° 26'W) on 4 July 2000 by C. Kelly; *fide* D. F. DeSante.
- #461 Lazuli Bunting *Passerina amoena*. Photos (UAM) of female at Douglas 5-11 October 2000 by P. M. Suchanek. (Species transferred from unsubstantiated list.)

Additions to Unsubstantiated List :

Rufous-tailed Robin *Luscinia sibilans*. A nondescript chat identified as this species was observed at Attu Island, Aleutians, on 4 June 2000 by S. C. Heint<sup>(b)</sup> and many others (details and photos on file UAM, but the photos are inadequate to substantiate the identification).

Origin Questioned :

Brown Booby *Sula leucogaster*. An adult male landed aboard a ship in the Bering Sea on 13 July 2000, departed, but later returned and ultimately expired on 15 July 2000 (at 58° 44'N, 174° 09'W). Photos, details and specimen (UAM) by K. Swiney.

NOTES:

- (a) Increasingly, additions to the Checklist of Alaska Birds are being substantiated by photograph, and not by specimen. As such, a committee, comprised of D.D. Gibson, S.C. Heint and T. G. Tobish, Jr., was constituted in October 2000 to evaluate photographic evidence obtained as potential substantiation for 'first' Alaska records. To this end the committee solicits photos that can be easily archived—i.e., color slides (preferably, because they can be examined under magnification) or good-contrast color prints, accompanied by substantive written details of the observation. All such photos and written details will continue to be archived in the Ornithology Collection at the University of Alaska Museum.
- (b) Alaska 200 Club member