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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.

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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 #'s 1-12*]. In 2001, the Club roster increased by three bringing the total membership to 231; welcome Bill Rodstrom (#229; California); James Levison (#230; Alaska); and Ian McGregor (#231; Washington).

Table 1 summarizes the membership status at the end of 2001, ranked by total species. Forty-nine members (21.5% of the total roster – excluding new members) submitted updates to their lists in 2001. The total membership presently resides in 37 States, the District of Columbia, three Provinces and one Territory of Canada, and Namibia, Africa; 97 members (42.0% of total) are current or former Alaska residents.

The Club follows the *CHECKLIST OF ALASKA BIRDS*¹, including the 'Unsubstantiated' listing (excluding species introduced or of questioned origin), maintained by the University of Alaska Museum. Table 2 summarizes the changes made in year 2001 in which four species were added to the Checklist, bringing the total to 465 species; none were added to the Unsubstantiated list (total now at 28).

At year-end 2001, the median Club list remained at 233 species, with the average increasing to 244.3 (stdev = 38.8). Club members have now recorded 438 Checklist species (94.2%), plus 18 on the Unsubstantiated list; or 92.5% of the combined total. Of special note, Gordon Tans (#013; Alaska) ended 2001 with over 300 species - 21 members have now reached that plateau.

Corrections to your existing data in Table 1, or updates for new species added to personal lists in 2002, including due to AOU supplements, should be submitted² by 15 January 2003 for inclusion in the next annual report.

- April 2002

¹The 1999 Checklist (9th Edition) is available (\$1 each for < five, or \$0.75 each for ≥ five) - Order vis email <fnddg@uaf.edu>, or USPS (Daniel D. Gibson, University of Alaska Museum, Fairbanks, Alaska 99775-6960 - payment due on receipt; make checks payable to Daniel D. Gibson.

²E-mail (preferred) corrections or updates to <bscher@rmconsult.com>, or mail to R.L. Scher, [address redacted].

TABLE 1 : ALASKA 200 CLUB MEMBERSHIP STATUS - 2001

<u>Member (Roster Number)</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>List</u>	<u>Year Joined (Updated)</u>				
Pete Isleib' (#006)	Alaska	387	1979(93)	Macklin Smith (#152)	Michigan	318	1992(98)
David Sonneborn (#030)	Alaska	383	1981(01)	Noble Proctor (#048)	Connecticut	317	1982(94)
Theodore Tobish (#011)	Alaska	370	1979(01)	Bill Mueller (#153)	New Jersey	315	1992(01)
Dan Gibson (#003)	Alaska	360	1979(01)	George Wagner (#043)	Illinois	311	1982(88)
Steve Heiml (#150)	Alaska	351	1991(01)	Dwight Lee' (#105)	Arizona	308	1987(95)
Robert Scher (#049)	Alaska	348	1982(01)	Mark Schwan (#075)	Alaska	307	1985(01)
Steven Zimmerman (#086)	Alaska	341	1986(01)	Gordon Tans (#013)	Alaska	304	1980(01)
Richard Gordon (#025)	Alaska	338	1980(01)	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	326	1998(01)	Lawrence Balch (#018)	Illinois	300	1980(99)
Lisa Oakley (#028)	Alaska	323	1980(01)				
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Jon Dunn (#029)	California	299	1981(98)	Paul Sykes (#019)	Georgia	294	1980(00)
Peter Walsh (#085)	Arizona*	297	1986(96)	Jennifer Jolis (#046)	Alaska	293	1982(01)
Sandy Komito (#097)	New Jersey	297	1987(98)	Arthur Bergey (#082)	Pennsylvania	291	1986(01)
Stan Wulkowicz (#116)	Ohio*	297	1989(96)	Vernon Byrd (#001)	Alaska	290	1979(00)
Sean Smith (#204)	Texas*	295	1998(01)	Christopher Haney (#110)	Pennsylvania*	290	1988(95)
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Stephen Johnson (#036)	B. Columbia*	288	1981(01)	Richard MacIntosh (#010)	Alaska	284	1979(01)
Dan Canterbury (#140)	Florida	287	1991(01)	David Narins (#134)	Florida	282	1990(01)
Elinor Elder (#033)	Ohio	286	1981(97)	Ken Russell (#149)	Alaska	280	1991(01)
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Jonathan Andrew (#080)	Georgia*	278	1985(89)	William Rydell (#094)	California	276	1987(98)
Gail Yovanovich (#190)	New Jersey	278	1996	Diane Birsner (#157)	Texas	276	1992(01)
Kenneth Burden (#091)	Washington	277	1987(98)	Robert Gill (#071)	Alaska	274	1981(01)
Robert Day (#002)	Alaska	276	1979(01)	Helen Parker (#063)	Arkansas	272	1984(95)
Harriet Davidson (#034)	Michigan	276	1981(90)	Max Parker (#064)	Arkansas	270	1984(95)
Wilbur Davidson' (#035)	Michigan	276	1981(90)				
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Ben King (#021)	New York	269	1980	Betty Siegel (#158)	California	263	1992(01)
Robert Johnson (#202)	Arizona	269	1998(99)	B.J. Rose (#120)	Missouri	261	1989(96)
Raymond Hadley (#004)	Alaska	268	1979(95)	Brina Kessel (#007)	Alaska	260	1979(95)
Chris Maack (#173)	Alaska	267	1993(01)	John Trapp (#012)	D. Columbia*	260	1979(85)
Dan Guthrie (#122)	California	265	1989(99)	Declan Troy (#045)	Alaska	260	1982(90)
David Chaffin (#170)	Tennessee	265	1993(99)	Fred Zeillemaker (#054)	Idaho*	260	1983(97)
Jeff Bouton (#171)	Florida*	265	1993(97)	Laurel Devaney (#186)	Alaska	260	1995(01)
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Peggy Tans (#014)	Alaska	258	1980(01)	Bob Pintner (#174)	Alaska	253	1993(01)
Dale Herter (#038)	Washington*	257	1981(90)	James Fowler, Jr. (#148)	Michigan	252	1991(00)
Ed Greaves (#118)	California	256	1989(00)	Delesta Fox (#176)	Alaska	252	1994(01)
Pat Pourchot (#225)	Alaska	255	2000(01)	Richard Stallcup (#020)	California	251	1980(81)
Maurice Ward (#060)	Arizona*	253	1984(91)	Donna Maddox (#138)	Texas	251	1991(95)

Lynette Smith (#151)	Michigan	251	1992(98)	Monte Taylor (#141)	California	250	1991(96)
Michael Austin (#109)	Texas	250	1988(01)	Gary Hutman (#193)	Michigan	250	1996(01)
Clayton White (#128)	Utah	250	1989				
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Ed Burroughs (#037)	Virginia*	249	1981(99)	Philip Martin (#039)	Alaska	243	1981(86)
Brian Cooper (#062)	Oregon*	249	1984(92)	Ben Feltner (#115)	Washington	243	1989(95)
William A.C. Brooks (#210)	New York	249	1998(01)	Michael Spindler (#050)	Alaska	242	1983(88)
John Pitcher (#015)	Vermont*	248	1980(84)	Mark Oberle (#093)	Washington	242	1987(01)
Brad Andres (#215)	_*	248	1999	Sharon Rose (#121)	Missouri	242	1989(96)
Heathy Walker (#092)	N. Carolina	247	1987(94)	Larry Peavler (#026)	Indiana	241	1980(84)
Donna Dewhurst (#168)	Alaska	247	1993(01)	Penny Rennick (#032)	Alaska	241	1981(90)
Douglas Kraus' (#022)	Rhode Island	246	1980(82)	Kayo Roy (#165)	Ontario	241	1993(00)
Brian Lawhead (#008)	Alaska	244	1979(01)	Stephen MacDonald (#009)	New Mexico*	240	1979(82)
Carol Burroughs (#073)	Virginia*	244	1985(99)	John Sease (#055)	Washington*	240	1983(88)
Cindy Lippincott (#090)	Colorado*	244	1987(99)	Hayden Hannabass (#136)	Michigan	240	1990(93)
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Robert Ostrander (#027)	S. Carolina	239	1980(84)	W. Edward Pederson (#156)	Pennsylvania	234	1992(93)
Robert Armstrong (#084)	Alaska	239	1986(88)	Jim Logan (#180)	Alaska	234	1994(01)
Ed Smith (#142)	Michigan	239	1991(00)	Jacqueline Paul (#187)	Washington	234	1995(97)
Ed Clark (#218)	Alaska	239	1999(01)	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)
William Stott, Jr. (#139)	Virginia	235	1991(96)	Jim Fuller (#223)	Iowa	231	2000
Roger Linfield (#184)	California	235	1995(97)	Robert Purnell (#096)	Wisconsin	230	1987(88)
David Roseneau (#040)	Alaska	234	1981(88)	Shelli Vacca (#137)	Washington*	230	1990(96)
Richard Flower (#077)	Arizona	234	1985(01)				
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Charles W. Gambill (#078)	Texas	229	1985(91)	Dan Wetzel (#163)	Alaska	225	1993(98)
Mary A. Gambill (#079)	Texas	229	1985(91)	Owen Hughes (#169)	Alaska	225	1993(01)
Judith O'Neale (#123)	Louisiana*	229	1989(01)	Paul Berrigan (#214)	Michigan	225	1999(01)
Sherry Lewis (#147)	Alaska	229	1991(01)	Michael Tove (#016)	N. Carolina	224	1980
John Hanagan (#164)	Michigan	229	1993(98)	William Maynard (#074)	Colorado	224	1985(87)
Ted Peterson (#192)	Washington	229	1996(01)	Jim Bangma (#177)	New Jersey	224	1994
James Hawkins (#042)	Y. Territory*	228	1982(89)	Timothy Osborne (#051)	Africa*	223	1983(95)
Valerie Elliott (#203)	Washington*	228	1998(99)	Dennis Forsythe (#127)	S. Carolina	223	1989(90)
Nathan Senner (#208)	Alaska	228	1998(00)	George Matz (#175)	Alaska	223	1993(98)
Michael Schwitters (#224)	Montana	227	2000(01)	Jean Cohn (#197)	California	223	1997
Judy Dearborn (#217)	Alaska	226	1999(01)	Robert Stone (#199)	Texas	223	1997
Nicholas Greene (#052)	Connecticut	225	1983	Bill Dobbins (#221)	D. Columbia	223	2000(01)
Kenneth Kertell (#068)	Alaska	225	1984(92)	Warren Woessner (#126)	Minnesota	222	1989(94)
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

Stan Senner (#209)	Alaska	221	1998(00)	Jack O'Neale ¹ (#124)	Alaska	220	1989(92)
James Levison (#230)	Alaska	221	2001	Ernie Whitney (#145)	Florida*	220	1991(95)
William Bouton (#024)	California	220	1980(92)	Alvin Laasanen (#159)	Indiana	220	1992(93)

Robert Woodley (#107)	Washington	219	1988(00)	Bev Agler (#211)	Alaska	216	1999(00)
Jeffrey Sauer (#228)	Alaska	219	2000(01)	Bill Rodstrom (#229)	California	216	2001
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)
Ian McGregor (#231)	Washington	218	2001	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 Friest (#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	Bruce Maxwell (#076)	California	204	1985
Daniel Roby (#044)	Oregon*	209	1982	Karen Friar (#088)	Virginia*	204	1987
Thomas Smythe (#061)	Michigan	209	1984(94)	Betty Fikejs (#144)	Illinois	204	1991
Raymond Prybis (#095)	Pennsylvania	209	1987	Bonnie Long (#216)	Alaska	204	1999
John Clancy (#099)	Massachusetts	209	1987(00)	Francis Glass (#017)	Alaska	203	1980(84)
Charles H. Gambill (#112)	Ohio	209	1988	Mary Miller (#041)	Alaska	203	1982
Betty Anderson (#081)	Alaska	208	1986(87)	James Friar (#087)	Virginia*	203	1987
Bob Funston (#160)	Oklahoma	208	1992	David Hill (#146)	Connecticut	203	1991
Jon Koella (#172)	Tennessee	208	1993	Richard Eshbaugh (#106)	Ohio	202	1987
Gary Bullock (#205)	Alaska	208	1998(01)	Daniel Snider (#089)	California	201	1987
Frank Hahn (#129)	N. Carolina	207	1990(91)	Samuel Madison (#133)	New York	201	1990
Walter Bosse (#179)	Rhode Island	207	1994	James Williams (#207)	Wisconsin	201	1998
Joyce Takamine (#194)	New Mexico	207	1996	Nancy LaFramboise (#226)	Washington	201	2000
Ann Toneff (#195)	Ohio	207	1996	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

¹ = Deceased

* = Former Alaska Resident

TABLE 2 : ADDITIONS TO THE ALASKA CHECKLIST (Year 2001)^(a)

Courtesy of Daniel D. Gibson (*in litt* 13 February 2002), University of Alaska Museum (UAM)

#462 European Golden-Plover *Pluvialis apricaria*. First-winter male at Ketchikan (Gravina Island) on 13-14 January 2001 by A.W. Piston and S.C. Heinl^(b). Specimen at UAM - See Piston and Heinl 2001 (*Western Birds* 32:179-181). [Species transferred from 'unsubstantiated' list.]

#463 Little Gull *Larus minutus*. Summer adult at Ketchikan from 28 April through 11 May 2001 by S.C. Heinl^(b) and A.W. Piston. Photos (NAB 55:340 and UAM). [Species transferred from 'unsubstantiated' list.]

#464 Greater Shearwater *Puffinus gravis*. One in Prince William Sound, off Montague Island, on 3 August 2001 by J.M. Pearce. Photo (UAM).

#465 Black-throated Blue Warbler *Dendroica caerulescens*. Male at Auke Bay (Tee Harbor) from 22 November through 5 December 2001 by R.A. Wood and many others. Photos (UAM) by R.H. Armstrong^(b), P.M. Suchanek, D.W. Sonneborn^(b), and E. Clark^(b); details of observation (UAM) by G.B. vanVliet and E. Clark^(b).

Additions to Unsubstantiated List : None

NOTES:

- (a) Increasingly, additions to the *Checklist of Alaska Birds* are being substantiated by photograph, and not by specimen. Accordingly, a committee comprised of D.D. Gibson, S.C. Heinl and T.G. Tobish 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 (preferred 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 Ornithological Collection at the University of Alaska Museum.
- (b) Alaska 200 Club member.