

Field Trips and Events Calendar

Anchorage Audubon field trips and events are open to the public unless stated otherwise in the field trip announcement! We welcome all ages and levels of birders and non-birders on our trips. Contact trip leader for more information about each field trip, or contact Field Trip Coordinator Sirena Brownlee, 929-8051. We strongly encourage carpooling on all our field trips if possible.

Anchorage Audubon is very grateful to the wonderful field trip leaders who volunteer their time and share their extensive knowledge of birds and natural history. We could not offer these excellent field trips without you! Thank you to Chris Maack, Delesta Fox, John Wenger, Dianne Toebe, Mr. Whitekeys, Kenna Sue Trickey, Bob Dittrick, and Cecily Fritz!

The calendar includes Audubon sponsored field trips, monthly membership meetings, and other events and trips that may be of interest to the members of the Chapter. Field trips are in blue text.

September 2010:

Monthly Meeting: Annual Fall Potluck and Photo Party

Date and Time: Thursday, September 16, 6:30pm

Location: BP Energy Center

Description: Join us for Anchorage Audubon's Annual End-Of-Summer Potluck Party and bring your favorite photos of your summer adventures. Get together with your birding pals and share photos, tasty treats, and tall tales. Bring a dish to share—Hot Or Cold but no plug-in heating devices are allowed in the room. Plates, utensils & beverages will be provided as well as napkins for any sloppy eaters who attend.

Bring photos to share on CD or Thumb Drive. Bring your own laptop if it makes your show better, or take a chance with ours. Projector will be provided. Presentations will be limited to 3 minutes on the first round. When all presenters have had their turn, we'll start at the top once again. A \$5 donation/fine to Audubon will be assessed for anyone who goes over the 3 minute time limit.

We'll re-cap summer Audubon outings like the Smackdowns, The Chiswell Trip, and Seward's Big Ocean Voyage. Fabulous Prizes will be awarded. Please note the early meeting time of 6:30 because it's a pot luck dinner.

October 2010:

Monthly Meeting Topic TBA

Date and Time: Thursday, October 21, 7:00pm

Location: BP Energy Center

Description: TBA

November 2010:

Monthly Meeting Topic TBA

Date and Time: Thursday, November 18, 7:00pm

Location: BP Energy Center

Description: TBA

Alaska Bird Conference

Date and Time: Tues-Thurs, Nov. 16-18

Location: Hotel Captain Cook

Description: Every two years, researchers and managers convene to report on all aspects of bird biology, management and conservation in Alaska. Anchorage Audubon is pleased to host the 14th Alaska Bird Conference at the Hotel Captain Cook in Anchorage, Alaska.

Keynote Speaker will be World renowned shorebird and evolutionary biologist, Professor Theunis Piersma, Avian Ecologist from The Netherlands. Special Sessions include Movement Ecology and Long-term Raptor Datasets, Communicating Bird Data Using Google Mapping Applications, and Side Meetings of The Alaska Shorebird Group, Boreal Partners in Flight, and The Kittlitz's Murrelet Technical Committee. Registration rates are adjusted for The Full Conference, 1 Day, 2 Days, Students, and Single Sessions. All Bird Enthusiasts are invited to attend. For details and registration, go to www.alaskabirdconference.com

December 2010:

Monthly Meeting featuring The Christmas Bird Count Preview

Date and Time: Thursday, December 16, 7:00 pm

Location: BP Energy Center

Description: Our December monthly program is the final countdown to the 111th Audubon Society national Christmas Bird Count. The Christmas Bird Count is the largest single birding event anywhere, and Anchorage has one of the highest participations of any American city! And of course, the meeting will feature "The Bird Of The Month," members' bird sighting reports, and Cookies!!

The Anchorage Christmas Bird Count

Date and Time: Saturday, December 18, Sunrise til Sunset

Location: All Over Town

Description: We will scour the Anchorage area in search of every bird of every species. Teams will blanket the area in the name of science, and everyone is invited to the data-tabulating party to be held from 4:30—7:30. There will be chili, holiday cheer, and a rollicking good time. To volunteer as a Citizen Scientist for the Christmas Bird Count, watch this site for Contact information.

The CBC has produced 110 years of data on avian ranges, migrations, and populations that have been used by researchers in countless studies nationwide. We’d love to have you join us. For more details, follow the "Christmas Bird Count" link on our Home Page.