The mission of Juneau Audubon Society is to conserve the natural ecosystems of Southeast Alaska, focusing on birds, other wildlife and their habitats for the benefit and enjoyment of current and future generations.

Please Join Us!

JUNEAU AUDUBON SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, April 13, 2017 | 7:00p.m.
University of Alaska Southeast Recreation Center, Room 116

"The Beauty of Life in the Cold Dead Seas of Alaska”.
Presented by Annette Smith, diver and photographer.

“I thought of this title because I can't even count the number of times I've had tourists say they thought our waters were dead because they are so cold. Come see what really lives in our vibrant ocean!”
– Annette Smith
Spring BERNERS BAY Boat Cruises

Juneau Audubon Society will sponsor two 2017 cruises to Berners Bay this year. On **Saturday, April 29th at 8:30 a.m and May 13th at 8:30 a.m.** All vessels depart Statters Harbor below DeHarts. Boarding begins 15 minutes prior to departure.

Audubon members will be on board to act as naturalist guides.

Steller sea lions, harbor seals, bald eagles, humpback whale, and tens of thousands of gulls are just some of the species observed around this time each year.

Tickets for the 4-hour cruise are available at Hearthside Books beginning April 1.
Adults $70 Students $40 (includes UAS) Children under 12 $25 (must be accompanied by adult)

*This is a vital fundraising event for JAS. Please help us spread the word!*

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BEGINNING BIRD CLASS  Starting Soon!

**APRIL 6, 13, 20, and 27 Mendenhall River School**
Appropriate for novice adults and older students. Register online at Juneau Schools – Community School – **Classes Thursdays 7-8:30pm**

**Identification skills, interesting how-comes, hands on activities**
More info: Patricia Wherry 209-3374

**JAS Spring Field Trips Coming Soon!**
Check out our website and Facebook page for updates.
The first trip will be Fish Creek Trail to wetlands on Douglas Island on April 15.
Meet at 8 AM at the parking lot. For more info in participating or if you are a
learned birder and interested in LEADING a field trip please contact field-
trips@juneau-audubon-society.org

Upcoming Southeast Alaska Bird Festivals

Alaska Hummingbird Festival
Events throughout April in Ketchikan
For more information, call festival headquarters at the Southeast Alaska Discovery
Center at 907-228-6220.

Stikine River Birding Festival
April 27-30, 2017  Wrangell
For a complete schedule see  www.stikinebirding.org

2017 Yakutat Tern Festival
Please see  www.yakutatternfestival.org  visit Yakutat Tern Festival on Facebook,
or call (907) 784-3359 for more information.

For a listing of more Alaska bird festival information see:
https://alaskacenters.gov/bird-festivals.cfm
Or
http://ak.audubon.org/birds/2015-bird-festivals-alaska

Other Items of Interest in Southern Alaska

From “Whats Up” by Peg Tileston

**To see the U.S. FOREST SERVICE ALASKA REGION STRATEGIC PLAN FY 2017
2021, go to  https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd533667.pdf . The Plan
defines clear strategies that they will work on in FY17 and beyond to move them forward in meeting
that intent.

WRANGELL MOUNTAINS CENTER PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS for the summer are
available at  http://www.wrangells.org/2017-schedule
Juneau Community Conservation Event!

APRIL 29 ~ 9:00AM

Juneau Wetlands Community Cleanup

- Join the Juneau Audubon Society for a wetlands cleanup at Sunny Point.
- Kid's activities provided by Discovery Southeast.
- Bring rubber boots, gloves, and friends!
- Event also supported by: Southeast Alaska Land Trust, NorthStar Trekking, Alaska Geographic, Litter Free, Inc., Alaskan Brewing Company, and the Alaska Dept. of Fish & Game
- For more information: SoutheastAlaskaLandTrust.org

Duck beak. Need for a running start with feet far back on body, better to dive for food. Telling eye color. Sharp light/dark patterns. White tear drop at beak. Often seen in area in winter months. Who am I?

(Check your answer in the next newsletter. No guesses? Sign up for a beginner bird class!)
Help the Juneau Audubon Society earn donations simply by shopping with your Fred Meyer Rewards Card!
Fred Meyer is donating $2.5 million per year to non-profits in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington, based on where their customers tell them to give. Here’s how the program works:

Sign up for the Community Rewards program by linking your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to the Juneau Audubon Society at www.fredmeyer.com/community-rewards. You can search for us by our name or by our non-profit number: 90656. You need to re-link your Fred Meyer rewards card to your non-profit of choice every year. If you need to re-link your rewards card, check that it is, in fact, linked, or link it for the first time, you can do so at this link. JAS' nonprofit number is 90656

Then, every time you shop and use your Rewards Card, you are helping the Juneau Audubon Society earn a donation! You still earn your Rewards Points, Fuel Points, and Rebates, just as you do today. If you do not have a Rewards Card, they are available at the Customer Service desk of any Fred Meyer store. For more information, visit www.fredmeyer.com/community-rewards. Please take a moment and sign up today!

AUDUBON MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION *Note there have been some changes in how to join or renew National Audubon Society Membership (includes automatic membership in your local chapter, which is JAS if your zip is anywhere in Southeast Alaska). Memberships begin at $20/year.
• Use the online form to join at https://www.audubon.org/membership
• Current members can renew online at http://www.audubon.org/renew or by emailing audubon@emailcustomerservice.com
• Call National Audubon to renew by phone at 1-844-428-3826
• Locate the latest renewal notice from Audubon in the mail, or the form in Audubon Magazine and return that using the envelope provided
• US Postal Service: Send your name, address, email and payment check made out to National Audubon Society to: Juneau Audubon Society, Membership Chair, PO Box 21725, Juneau, AK 99802.
Juneau Audubon Society Membership only: Please send name, address, and email with a check for $10 (1-year membership) made out to Juneau Audubon Society to the USPS address above.
• All memberships include the Juneau Chapter Newsletter The Raven
• Please consider getting The Raven by e-mail instead of snail mail to save paper, time, and money and view photos in color. Send notification with renewal or email memo to: membership@juneau-audubon-society.org
• Receive too much mail from the National Audubon Society? Ask to be taken off the mass mailing list by emailing Customer Service audubon@emailcustomerservice.com (Opting out of extra mailings will not stop magazine subscription.)
• JAS does not send members any offers, action alerts or share our membership addresses with anyone
• Local or national membership does not include support for Audubon Alaska state group. We encourage members to support that group as well. See http://ak.audubon.org/
Tree Swallow Nest Box Construction and Update April 2017
By Brenda Wright

Last year we put 40 tree swallow boxes up around Juneau and were happy to find we had 15 successful nests. This year we decided to spend a little more money and find out how many nest boxes could be built for ~$300.

After putting some information in our Raven newsletter, a person contacted me from the Juneau Community Charter School. The middle school students were looking for a construction project for February and March. I was very happy to supply them with most of the wood and hardware. The students seemed to enjoy this project and with the help of some parents, they were able to build 24 new nest boxes.

I can’t thank them all enough for completing this project. In May, there will be an update on where all the boxes have been placed in 2017.

Volunteers are needed to monitor the boxes. Please contact Brenda at programs@juneau-audubon-society.org

Photos by Sean Cone
BIRDING RESOURCES


JUNEAU: Juneau Audubon Website (http://www.juneau-audubon-society.org)

SITKA: Sitka Postings (http://www.sitkanature.org/sitka-birds/)

SKAGWAY: Skagway Bird Club (https://sites.google.com/site/skagwaybirdclub/)
          For discussions and latest sightings (http://groups.google.com/group/skagway-bird-club)
          Skagway checklist (https://sites.google.com/site/skagwaybirdclub/home-1/tools-overview/checklists/skagway-bird-checklist)

REGIONWIDE:

For discussions and postings on Juneau and Southeast Alaska birds and events, join EagleChat. For an invitation, please contact Gwen Baluss (gwenbaluss@yahoo.com) Summary of Southeast Alaska Bird Observations Seasonally - Sub-regional Compilers: Steven C. Heinl and Andrew W. Piston. This publication has beautiful bird photos and information for Southeast Alaska and the most recent report is for Fall 2016, which covered the four months August to November. You can view it on our web page at: http://www.juneau-audubon-society.org/SE%20AK%20Birding.html

JAS SEEKS VOLUNTEERS AND IS RECRUITING BOARD MEMBERS

Do you, or someone you know, care deeply about local conservation issues? Do you have substantial time and energy to commit toward a rewarding position in our community? Are you enthusiastic about all things bird? If so, we want to hear from you! We are currently seeking to fill two positions within our Board of Directors: Conservation Chair and At-large. For more information, please email us at: Info@Juneau-Audubon-Society.org
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