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## JUNEAU AUDUBON SOCIETY

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### JAS March Meeting: Special Place and Time!

Don't miss this month's very special JAS meeting with Ted Murphy-Kelly, founder of the Society of Yukon Bird Observatories. Join JAS on Thursday, March 15th at 7pm in the Egan Lecture Hall at UAS. Note— **this is a different place and time than our usual meeting** to accommodate Ted's travel from Whitehorse. Be sure to mark your calendars so you don't miss out!

As always, these meetings are free and open to the public. Hope to see you there!



Above: Ted Murphy-Kelly with Northern harrier by Jukka Jantunen  
Below: Yellow-bellied sapsucker by Gwen Baluss



### Upcoming Juneau Audubon Society Events:

**JAS Meeting with Ted Murphy-Kelly**  
*Bird Migration Monitoring in the Yukon*

**Mar 15**

**PFD Application Deadline**

*Be sure to pick, click, give for JAS!*

**Mar 31**

### JAS Founder Honored

We are proud to announce that Mary Lou King is being inducted into the Alaska Women's Hall of Fame this May. Mary Lou recently retired from JAS board after a remarkable and successful continuous run of over 40 years. Beyond her work with Audubon, she has been an advocate for

conservation and natural history learning in Alaska for more than 50 years. She has published numerous books on topics ranging from hiking to birding field guides, created student outdoor curricula, and promoted cultural learning.

Thanks, and congratulations Mary Lou!



### **Juneau Audubon by the Numbers**

By Gwen Baluss

Completing our Annual Report is always a spreadsheet chore that I don't look forward to. But once it's done, I'm so excited to see some of our accomplishments totaled up. Here are some highlights I picked out from fiscal year 2017.

Kids reached in bird-based education activities: **140**

Volunteer hours: **925**

Estimate of people hours spent participating in field trips and evening programs: **800**

Number people reached, top JAS Facebook page post of 2017 (an outreach for swallow boxes looking for homes): **2,954**

**We couldn't do it without your support— THANK YOU!**



### Featured Photo

**Left:** A group of long-tailed ducks chatting this winter in Auke Bay by Gwen Baluss

Have you taken a bird photo you are proud of? Email newsletter@juneau-audubon-society.org for a chance to be featured in our newsletter!

# KNOW YOUR AUDUBON

Did you know that Alaska hosts five different Audubon chapters in addition to the state Audubon and the national Audubon? Make sure you know where your valuable donation is going and, if you're in any of these areas, be sure to take advantage of the resources offered by the local chapter!



## **National Audubon Society**

Service Area: Nation-wide

(Funds are shared with local chapters. Membership includes automatic enrollment in local chapter.)

Staff or Volunteer: Staffed

[www.Audubon.org](http://www.Audubon.org)



## **Alaska Audubon**

Service Area: State of Alaska

(Funds are not shared with local chapters.)

Staff or Volunteer: Staffed

[www.AKAudubon.org](http://www.AKAudubon.org)

## **LOCAL CHAPTERS**

### **Anchorage Audubon**

Service Area: Anchorage

Staff or Volunteer: All Volunteer

[www.AnchorageAudubon.org](http://www.AnchorageAudubon.org)

### **Arctic Audubon**

Service Area: Fairbanks

Staff or Volunteer: All Volunteer

[www.ArcticAudubon.org](http://www.ArcticAudubon.org)

### **Juneau Audubon Society**

Service Area: Southeast Alaska

Staff or Volunteer: All Volunteer

[www.Juneau-Audubon-Society.org](http://www.Juneau-Audubon-Society.org)

### **Kodiak Audubon**

Service Area: Kodiak

Staff or Volunteer: All Volunteer

[www.KodiakAudubon.blogspot.com](http://www.KodiakAudubon.blogspot.com)

### **Prince William Sound Audubon**

Service Area: Cordova

Staff or Volunteer: All Volunteer

No Website Available

## Juneau Audubon Society

### Board of Directors

**President:** Gwen Baluss

**Vice President:** Marsha Squires

**Treasurer:** Patty Rose

**Secretary:** Amy Sherwin

**Field Trips:** Jason Colon

**Newsletter:** Sidney Campbell

**Membership:** Amanda Pilley

**Education:** Patricia Wherry

**Programs:** Brenda Wright

**Conservation:** *Vacant*

**At Large A:** Amy Clark Courtney

**At Large B:** Alexia Keifer

## JAS Needs You!

The JAS has an ongoing need for board members and volunteers. Currently we have a vacancy for Conservation Chair. Are you interested in conservation of birds and other wildlife? Contributing just a few hours a month would be a big help. No special expertise required, just some time and interest. Also, we welcome help from Southeast AK communities beyond Juneau. We've been doing very well in community engagement and even with fundraising. However, our "bottleneck" that limits how we can service our community is in people power. Please join us! Contact: [president@juneau-audubon-society.org](mailto:president@juneau-audubon-society.org)

## Be a part of conservation in your community

Juneau Audubon Society's mission 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.** When you become a member, you support this mission.

### **National Membership~**

Join [online](#) and you'll automatically join the Juneau chapter. Memberships start at just \$20. When you join, you receive a one year subscription to the Raven newsletter and support JAS education, research, and more!

### **Local Membership~**

If you don't want to join nationally, you can support JAS directly by mailing your name, address, email, and a check for \$10 to P.O. Box 021725 Juneau, AK 99802

### **Board Seats~**

Think you want to take your love for birds a step further? The JAS board of directors has seats open. Send inquiries via email to [president@juneau-audubon-society.org](mailto:president@juneau-audubon-society.org)

## JAS SEEKS SUMMER INTERN

Juneau Audubon Society seeks locally based volunteer internship. Duties will include Tree Swallow nest box monitoring, assistance with swallow and hummingbird banding research project, data entry and document scanning; may also include assistance with environmental education projects, web design, and help with other wildlife projects. Good work experience for students!

**Deadline:** Open until filled. Review of applicants will begin immediately.

**Dates:** Approximately mid-May through early July 2018

**Compensation:** \$1200 food and expense stipend for a 6-week period.

**Required skills:** Basic bird ID skills and interest in wildlife management and working with non-profit organizations, general computer skills – use of Microsoft Excel and scanner; an introductory college biology or natural resource course passed; ability to hike and bicycle several miles; ability to take neat and complete field data. Volunteer needs to have a cell phone, and health insurance, and be age 18 or older.

For more info contact: Gwen Baluss (president@juneau-audubon-society.org) and Brenda Wright (programs@juneau-audubon-society.org)

## Looking for more ways to support JAS?



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](http://www.fredmeyer.com/community-rewards).

You can search for us by our name or by our non-profit number: **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](http://www.fredmeyer.com/community-rewards). Please take a moment and sign up today!

## Southeast Alaska Birding Resources

**Haines:** [Birds of the Chilkat Valley Checklist](#)

Haines Birders Facebook group

**Juneau:** [Juneau Audubon Society](#) webpage [www.juneauaudubonsociety.org](http://www.juneauaudubonsociety.org)

Links to even more bird lists and quarterly reports about whats hot (and what's not) compiled Steve Heinl and other local experts are archived here: <http://bit.ly/2oNaZPY>

JAS Facebook

**Sitka:** Sitka Nature [bird postings](#)

**Skagway:** [Skagway Bird Club](#)

**Regional:** Join EagleChat to see discussions and birding events taking place in Juneau and the rest of Southeast AK. Contact Gwen Baluss for an invitation! (president@juneau-audubon-society.org)

### Also check out:

[Southeast Alaska Regional Bird Observations—Spring](#)

This quarterly report summarizes seasonal bird sightings complete with locations and photos.

[6th Edition Audubon Guide to the Birds of Alaska](#)

<http://wiki.seaknature.org/Category:Bird>

Ever wonder which community is the best (or worst) place to find a target species? Want to see multiple online lists in one easy spot? Matt Goff's SEAKnature has it!

[www.naturebob.com](http://www.naturebob.com)

Articles, photos and links to free articles and natural history books can be found on local nature writer Bob Armstrong's site.

Pick.  
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When you apply for this year's PFD, don't forget to Pick.Click.Give. to the Juneau Audubon Society!

Help sustain our organization while playing a vital role in local conservation efforts.

*Every gift counts!*