

ALASKA 200 CLUB

The Alaska 200 Club is a membership of individuals who have identified 200 or more wild, alive, and unrestrained bird species in Alaska. Members are entitled to wear the Alaska 200 Club emblem, which portrays the Steller's Jay, new to ornithology in July, 1741 when discovered at Kayak Island (in Southcoastal Alaska) by naturalist Georg Wilhelm Steller. Shown in the background is the vessel St. Peter, upon which the great Danish explorer Vitus Bering and his naturalist Steller, reached Alaska. Steller was convinced by the presence of this bird, that he was indeed in the New World. The Steller's Jay thus became the first bird on the Alaska bird list.

Requirements for Membership

1. Submission of a copy of the University of Alaska's Checklist of Alaska Birds with those species marked that you have recorded in the State (including those on the Unsubstantiated List). Please note that the Club always has and continues to strictly follow this checklist which does not include introduced species such as Rock Pigeon, Chukar, Ring-necked Pheasant, Northern Bobwhite or escaped exotics and species of questioned origin. There are also other differences between the Alaska Checklist and current AOU and ABA checklists (e.g. Iceland Gull includes Thayer's Gull). In order to avoid listing birds that cannot be counted in Alaska please submit your data using the latest edition of the Checklist (14th edition; 2008—or the 15th edition when it becomes available in 2009).

A link to the Checklist may be found on the Alaska 200 Club Website (http://home.gci.net/~juneaubird/club_index). Please provide some details (such as date, place, other observers, photos, specimens collected, written notes, etc.) for those species that you have identified which are noted on the checklist as Rare, Casual, Accidental or Unsubstantiated. Submitted lists are generally accepted "as is" however, they are scanned for any observations that the State records authority may not be aware of.

2. Submission of a check for \$11.00, which pays for the patch and future annual reports. Communication with members is most efficiently done by e-mail. Please be sure to provide your e-mail address if you have one.
3. Submit your UAF Checklist of Alaska Birds and your check (made payable to Steven T. Zimmerman) to:

Steve Zimmerman
P.O. Box 20058
Juneau, Alaska 99802

4. Updates to your list may be mailed to the address above or e-mailed to: stevezimmerman@gci.net. Please send updates so that they arrive by January 10th of the following year (i.e. send your updates through 2009 so that they arrive by January 10, 2010). Because of frequent travel away from computers, it is requested that updates not be sent before December in any year.