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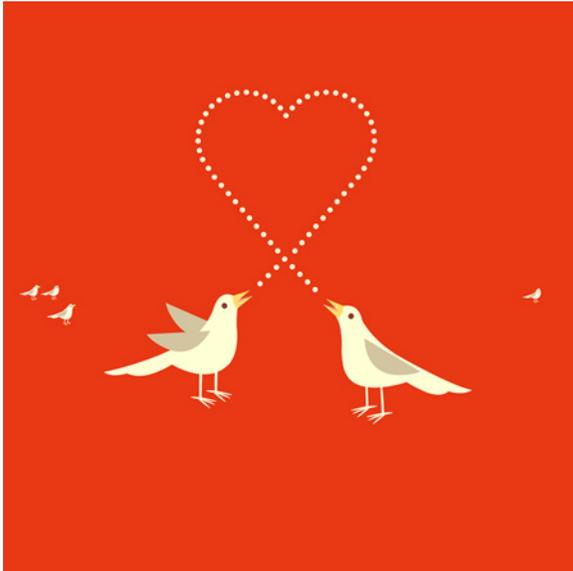
Audubon Alaska eNews

Dear Friend,

Happy New Year! Common Redpolls have been flocking to my feeders; I hope you are enjoying the antics of winter birds as much as I am. A rare songbird showed up recently in Seward—a Siberian Accentor. Apparently it's spending time with its neighbors from the homeland the Bramblings that have also decided to spend the winter in Seward. When you aren't chasing rare birds, February has plenty to keep you busy, with a chance to double any donation you give, the opportunity to vote for Audubon Alaska's 2013 Bird of the Year, and a short Tongass film.

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Double the Love for Alaska Birds in February

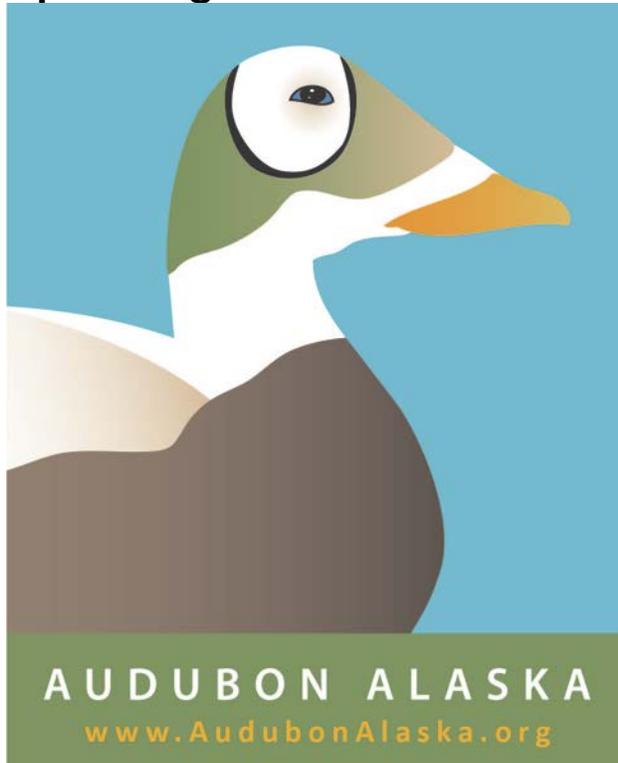


Do you love seeing the birds at your feeder in winter? Does your heart race when you hear geese and cranes returning in the spring? Show the birds you care and want them to be here always!

During the month of February, a generous bird lover and supporter of Audubon Alaska's mission is showing their love of birds by matching any gift you send us, dollar for dollar, up to \$20,000. Your donation will be doubled! Audubon Alaska couldn't achieve successes like protecting 11 million acres of wildlife habitat in the

National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska without the support of members like you. [Donate and show Alaska birds some love today!](#)

Upcoming Bird of the Year Contest



Last year the Spectacled Eider was the poster bird for Audubon Alaska, and the subject of the artwork by Eric Cline on our fantastic window decals. This year YOU choose which bird will be the 2013 Alaska Bird of the Year! Stay tuned for the kick-off in February.

Great Backyard Bird Count Goes Global

Great news! When the next [Great Backyard Bird Count](#) rolls around February 15-18, the GBBC will be integrated with eBird—a worldwide bird data collection program that allows users to keep track of their personal bird sightings and checklists. The change means participants will create a free account in order to enter bird checklists for the GBBC, starting in 2013. So, for the first time, **anyone anywhere in the world can participate!**

If you are already an eBird user (or participate in NestWatch, Project FeederWatch, or other citizen-science projects) you can use the same username and login information to participate in the GBBC. Just go birding during the GBBC period and submit your checklists through the GBBC website or through eBird—your data will appear on all GBBC output. **For more information, or to submit photos** for the GBBC photo contest, [visit the GBBC website](#).

Tongass Short Film Featured at Alaska Forum for the Environment

If you're in Anchorage for the Alaska Forum for the Environment February 4-8, be sure to catch the film *Restoring America's Salmon Forest* at the conference Film Festival. This short film showcases the restoration of a salmon river in the Tongass National Forest damaged by past clear-cut logging. It shows great on-the-ground footage of the dedicated crew working to revive the river. The film festival will take place at the Dena'ina Convention Center located in downtown Anchorage. Screening time for *Restoring America's Salmon Forest* will be 12:25 – 12:40 p.m. All films will be screened in conference room, *Tikahtnu D*, located on the third floor of the convention center on Friday, February 8th, 2013, 8:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

Alaska WatchList Quiz

The quiz questions are pulled from information about species on the [Alaska WatchList](#), which is available on the Audubon Alaska website.

What boreal-wetlands-nesting songbird on the WatchList declined from nearly 13 million birds in 1965 to about 2 million today?

HINT: This bird's squeaky song might make you want to oil the hinges on a gate.

Last Month's Answer to "What Alaska songbird on the WatchList blends into the snow, but its small population is what really makes it difficult to see in North America?" is **McKay's Bunting**.

Happy winter birding!

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