### **Conservation Impact Report**

July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2018

Your Audubon ALASKA Dollars Make a Difference

or more than 40 years, Audubon Alaska has been at the forefront of bird conservation in Alaska. And, you have been with us every step of the way. Together, we have worked to ensure the most significant habitats for birds and other wildlife remain protected and plentiful. You allow our work to continue year after year, even during challenging times. Please take pride in these highlights from the past two years because you made them all possible. Thank you for your continued dedication, tireless advocacy, and generous support of science-based conservation in Alaska.



Michelle LeBeau Interim Executive Director

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## Financial Summary



The information provided is a 2-year summary of Audubon Alaska's financial data. Detailed financial information is available upon request.

# Habitats in Alaska Are Important to Birds around the World

Approximately 6.5 million birds breed in the Western Arctic (NPR-A) Half a million

birds breed in the Arctic Refuge and millions more migrate through the area

Roughly 570 million birds come to Alaska to feed and/or breed each year

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Alaska is the summer home to over half a billion birds. Millions of which breed, rest, and raise their young here before migrating south. The migratory birds of the Arctic can be found in every one of the lower 48 states as well as on six continents. More than 10 million birds breed on the Arctic Coastal Plain

#### Thank You for Supporting Audubon Alaska

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the individuals, foundations, and organizations who supported our work over the past two years. Thanks to all of you who made a donation or funded a project. Every dollar given directly to Audubon Alaska went to work here in Alaska— protecting birds, other wildlife, and the habitat they rely on. We appreciate your generosity and dedication to bird conservation in Alaska.

# Highlights



#### 131 MAPS, 3 AWARDS, 1 AMAZING ATLAS

Thanks to the generous support of donors like you, Audubon Alaska released the *Ecological Atlas of the Bering, Chukchi, and Beaufort Seas* in 2017. Winner of three Esri Awards, this Ecological Atlas is a comprehensive, trans-boundary atlas containing over 100 maps of Arctic marine mammals, seabirds, sea ice, subsistence, and more. It allows people to explore this area of the Arctic by visually describing the seasonal use, activity, and movement of marine species, such as puffins, Pacific walruses, and yellowfin sole. Data in the Atlas can help identify ecological hotspots and can support conservation efforts in and around the three seas. The Atlas is free to the public thanks to the generosity of a supporter.

#### **PUBLIC SERVICE COMMENDATION**

In 2017, your support funded Audubon Alaska's work on the Bering Strait Port Access Route Study, a process to identify the best routes for ships and large boats to take when traveling through the Strait. Our team of experts provided the analysis and mapping that delineated "Areas to be Avoided" by vessel traffic to lessen the impact on crucial areas for birds and mammals. These recommendations were also formally adopted by the international maritime community, making them the new standard for transiting vessels. Audubon Alaska received a Public Service Commendation from the Coast Guard for our efforts. And, your support made it possible.





#### 171,313 ACTIONS TAKEN BY YOU

Thousands of Audubon supporters, friends, and partners raised their voices to let policy makers, legislators, and government agencies know that habitats in Alaska are critically important to birds and other wildlife. Your dedication to keeping ecologically significant areas protected was evident in the number of actions taken over the past two years. Emails to congress, public commentary, letters to the editor and op-eds, petitions, contributions, and other actions have all been taken by bird enthusiasts and advocates like you. Together we have voiced our concerns to influence decisions and support efforts to keep important Alaska habitats wild for generations to come.

#### **70 SPECIES OF BIRDS TO WATCH**

With your support, Audubon released the Alaska WatchList in 2017. This publication identifies the most vulnerable and at-risk bird populations in the state using best available data. The WatchList provides a detailed listing of species that are either declining in numbers, depressed from a previous decline, or showing other vulnerabilities. It acts as a warning system, indicating the birds with the greatest possibility of becoming threatened or endangered in the future. Using this information, bird conservation efforts in Alaska can be more focused, efficient, and effective.



"A true conservationist is a man (or woman) who knows that the world is not given by his fathers, but borrowed from his children." - John James Audubon

### Meet Our Flock



Kneeling left to right: Evie Witten<sup>®</sup>, Julianne Lamsek<sup>®</sup>, Milo Burcham<sup>®</sup>, Liz Gustafson<sup>®</sup>, Michelle LeBeau<sup>®</sup> Standing left to right: John Schoen<sup>®</sup>, Jerome McCluskey<sup>®</sup>, Susan Culliney<sup>®</sup>, Matt Kirchhoff<sup>®</sup>, Heidi DeCoeur<sup>®</sup> Erika Knight<sup>®</sup>, Dick Monkman<sup>®</sup>, Melanie Smith<sup>®</sup>, Ben Sullender<sup>®</sup>, Nils Warnock<sup>®</sup>, Max Goldman<sup>®</sup>, Mason Morfit<sup>®</sup> Gordon Orians<sup>®</sup>, Eric Myers<sup>®</sup>, LaVerne Smith<sup>®</sup>, Erik Schneider<sup>®</sup>, Dave Secord<sup>®</sup>

# We Need Who?

We need you! When you invest in Audubon Alaska, you make a difference for birds across the globe who rely on habitat in Alaska. CLICK HERE to visit our Ways to Help webpage to make a donation and get involved today.



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