



# Field Notes

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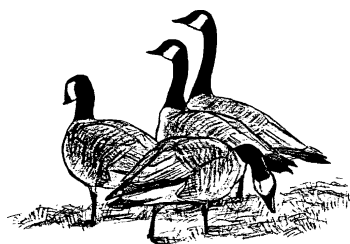
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## Boreal Forest Trail boardwalk gets repairs before the winter season.

A special thanks to Tim Carder from ADFG and Jim Trombley for the many of hours of work that went into this project.



Photo by Amy Geiger



## Our Mission:

Inspiring environmental stewardship and lifelong learning through experience, awareness and appreciation of the natural and historical resources of Creamer's Field Migratory Waterfowl Refuge.



Photo by Ken Whitten

**Fairbanks  
Christmas  
Bird Count  
December 15th**

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## Board President's Report

Hello Friends,

Do you bring friends, family and other visitors for nature walks at Creamer's Field? Do your children attend Babes in the Woods, Preschool Nature Discovery, or the Owl program in the spring? Do you enjoy the Tanana Valley Sandhill Crane Festival? Will you be joining us for holiday ornament making or the Solstice Walk?

Do you want to see these programs continue? How much are these programs worth to you, your family, and our community? Now is the time to consider making a charitable contribution to support these and many other programs offered by Friends of Creamer's Field.

Each summer when friends and family visit Fairbanks, I take them to Creamer's Field for a nature walk, or to the Design Alaska Wild Arts Walk to buy local art. I see children learning about nature and good stewardship at Camp Habitat. I look at the farmhouse,

the garden, the barns, and I think about the history of Creamer's Field and its importance to our community.

Friends of Creamer's Field works towards its mission of "Inspiring environmental stewardship and lifelong learning through experience, awareness and appreciation of the natural and historical resources of Creamer's Field Migratory Waterfowl Refuge", and I give time and money to support these efforts because I feel connected to something greater.

The season of giving is upon us. If you already contribute to Friends of Creamer's Field, please consider increasing your gift, making a donation in the name of another, or providing support to a particular program or event. Together we can make a difference in our community by contributing to Friends of Creamer's Field. Thank you all for your continued support!

See you on the field!

*Laurie*

Laurie Trotta,  
Board President

Friends of Creamer's Field answering phones for KUAC's fall fundraiser (Left to right, Laurie Trotta, Cathie Harms-Tordoff, Janet Schichnes, Amy Geiger, Lissa Hughes and David Weissman (Photo by Lissa Hughes).





# 18th Annual Alaska Bird Conference

Registration is now OPEN for the 18th Alaska Bird Conference, March 4-8, 2019 in Fairbanks!

The first Alaska Bird Conference was held in 1985, in Anchorage. It grew from the often-expressed need for exchange of information among those in government, universities, non-government organizations, and the private sector who are working with Alaska's diverse and abundant birds. The conference has been held on an approximately biannual basis ever since.

2019 marks the 18<sup>th</sup> Alaska Bird Conference. The Conference regularly attracts between 150 and 200 participants reporting on their latest findings and new initiatives. By design, the conference retains a familiar and friendly atmosphere, welcoming new students and ornithologists into the fold, and providing a much-anticipated gathering for those who work with and care for Alaska's birds. This year's conference is hosted by the Alaska Songbird Institute with significant contributions from a local organizing committee. The conference will be held at the Westmark Hotel & Conference Center.

Registration includes coffee/beverage breaks and snacks on the four main conference days (March 5-8). Registration also includes a ticket for the evening poster session (Tuesday, March 5).

Boreal Partners in flight, the Alaska Shorebird Group, and the Alaska Raptor Group will hold side-meetings on March 4. Attendance for these meetings is free, but participants are responsible for their own food. Tickets for the awards banquet (March 7) can be purchased separately. There are limited banquet tickets, so please purchase early. For more information, contact the Alaska Songbird Institute at (907) 888-2121.



## Fairbanks Feeder Count

**2018-19 Count Days**–November 10th, December 8th, and March 2nd.

Visit the Alaska Songbird Institute at [aksongbird.org](http://aksongbird.org) for data sheets, free bird feeding resources, and identification assistance.

**Who to count**– Count only the birds attracted to your bird feeder.

**How to estimate numbers**– Count the maximum number of each species around your feeders at any one time.

Mail completed forms to the Alaska Songbird Institute at PO Box 80235, Fairbanks, AK 99708 or email forms to [tricia.blake@aksongbird.org](mailto:tricia.blake@aksongbird.org)



# 2018 Sandhill Crane Festival

Friends of Creamer's Field closed out the summer season and welcomed fall with the 21st annual Tanana Valley Sandhill Crane Festival on August 24th-26th. We would like to thank our featured guests, Hank Lentfer and Frank Keim, our community partners, the Sandhill Crane Festival Planning Committee, our generous sponsors for financial support, and the many individual volunteers who continue to make this event a huge success year after year.



Gail Mayo and Featured Guest, Hank Lentfer lead an interpretive walk on Sandhill Cranes during the 2018 Sandhill Crane Festival (Photo by Craig Dorman).

## Thank You

### 2018 Volunteers!

Gail Mayo, George Happ, Susan Grace, Craig Dorman, John Wright, Beth Grassi, Roger Marty, E. Tom Robinson, Mary Zalar, Brenda Sadler, Kathy Dudek, Jeannie Creamer-Dalton, Sherry Lewis, Ron Teel, Mary Teel, Marilyn Mount, Jim Hunter, Jan Mishin, Stan Mishin, Mary Beth Smetzer, Karen Pyne, Joyce Potter, Mary Fenno, Betsy Ross Smith, Karen Toland, Nancy Wood, Susanne Billings, Jay Worley, Mary Lesten, Laurie Trotta, Dave Vick, David Weissman, Amy Geiger, Claire Stuyck, Tricia Blake, April Harding-Scurr, Mike Taras, Elisabeth Dabney, Susan McHenry, Carol Johnson, Max Goldman, Louise Biderman, Susan Campbell, Bennett Wong, Randall Compton, and Dave Lorrington.

### 2018 Community Partners

Alaska Department of Fish & Game, Audubon Alaska, Arctic Audubon Society, Alaska Songbird Institute, Alaska Falconers Association, Camp Habitat, The Northern Alaska Environmental Center and Ducks Unlimited.

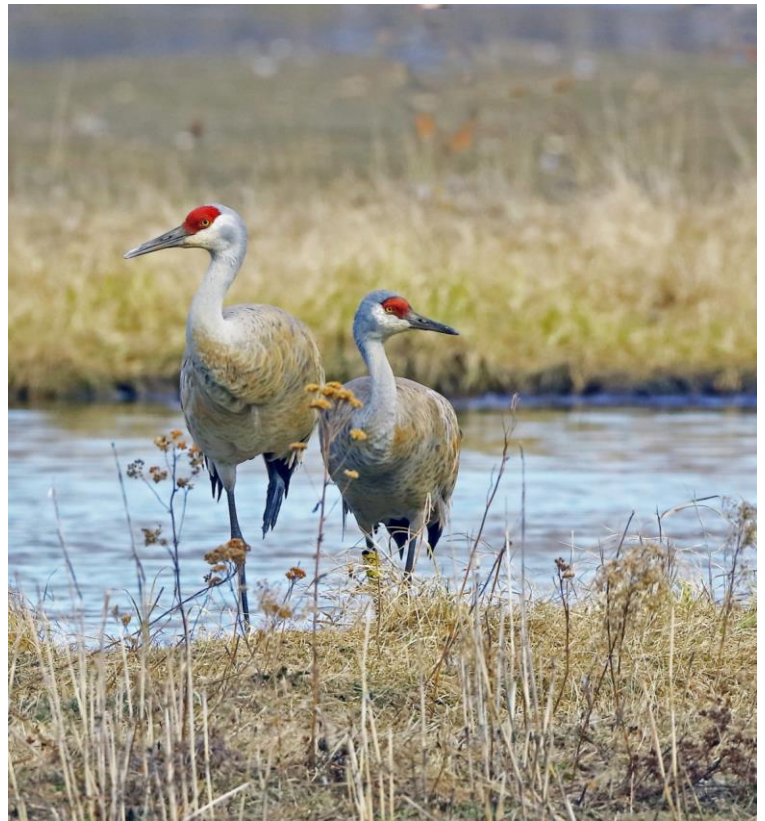
### 2018 Sandhill Crane Festival Committee

Gail Mayo, Susan Grace, George Happ, Craig Dorman, John Wright, Beth Grassi, Tricia Blake, Mark Ross, Roger Marty and Lissa Hughes.

A special thanks to Tim Carder from ADFG and Creamer's Refuge Hosts, Bob & Becky Heeney for all the extra help!



## THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS



(Photo by Bud Marschner)

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(Photo By Jim Hunter)

**Happy Gap Farm,  
George & Christy Happ, Donna Krier,  
and John & Kathleen Wright.**

# ***Holiday Happenings at Creamer's Field***



November 17th	Thanksgiving for the Birds	Noon-4pm
December 1st	Babes in the Woods	11am-Noon
December 1st	Luminary Trail & Open House	6pm-8pm
December 8th	Holiday Ornament Making	Noon-4pm
December 15th	Preschool Nature Discovery	11am-Noon
December 15th	Holiday Ornament Making	Noon-4pm
December 22nd	Holiday Ornament Making	Noon-4pm
December 22nd	Winter Solstice Walk	1pm
January 5th	Babes in the Woods	11am-Noon
January 19th	Preschool Nature Discovery	11am-Noon
January 26th	Winter Track Walk	1pm

**Join us for a  
OPEN HOUSE  
and a walk on the  
Luminary Trail  
December 1st  
6pm-8pm**







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## Join Friends of Creamer's Field with a tax deductible donation

*You can also donate online at [www.friendsofcreamersfield.org](http://www.friendsofcreamersfield.org)*

**Membership Donation Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_** *Do you wish to have this donation remain anonymous? YES ☐*

☐ \$15-34 Chickadee    ☐ \$35-49 Swallow    ☐ \$50-99 Canada Goose    ☐ \$100-249 Wigeon

☐ \$250-499 Peregrine Falcon    ☐ \$500-999 Swan    ☐ \$1000 or more\* Sandhill Crane

☐ \*For donations of \$1000 or more, please check here if you would like to receive a historic Randall Compton print of Creamer's Dairy signed by the Creamer family (valued at \$150).

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☐ If renewing, I have a new mailing address, phone number or email address.

☐ I would like to receive my Newsletter and Event Announcements via email.

☐ I would like to volunteer. Please contact me with information about volunteer opportunities.

*Friends of Creamer's Field is a 501(c)(3) organization. Your donation is fully tax deductible to the extent allowable by law.*

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