



November 2021

Meet the Program & Events Coordinator: Melanie Graeff



Melanie joined the Friends of Creamer's Field family back in March 2020. She has since been involved in creating outreach content for in-person and virtual programs, along with content for our website and social media accounts.

Read her full bio at the link below.

Field Sketch

Presented by ADFG Biologist, Mark D. Ross

Creamer's Field, your local wildlife refuge

Field Sketches:
Visit the refuge, College Rd. -back by the big barns.

Mark D. Ross *An Incident at the Aspen Tree* Oct 25th 2021:

Northern Shrike

Black-billed Magpie



The Magpie, relieved of the Shrike, flew up into the Aspen and seemed to be feeding... upon the Shrike's larder?



The Shrike, apparently tired of the fight, flew off to the south.



The Shrike repeatedly pummeled the Magpie on the ground. An attempt to prey upon the much larger bird?

1. A Magpie flew into the Aspen copse along the lane. Immediately, a Shrike dashed out and attacked the Magpie.

2. The Magpie attempted to escape, but each time the Shrike drove it to the ground.

Upcoming Events

VIRTUAL

Thanksgiving for the Birds

The birds are very hungry this time of year!

Join us for our virtual Thanksgiving for the Birds event happening November 18-20.

We will be posting tutorials on how to build bird feeders from upcycled items from around your home.

Follow our social media accounts, Facebook and Instagram, for photos, materials, and directions on how to build these DIY bird feeders to feed your backyard birds!



VIRTUAL

30th Anniversary Raffle Drawing

Join us via Zoom on November 21st at 4:00 pm to see if you are one of our four lucky winners!



2021 Luminary Trail

December 4, 2021

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Get in the holiday spirit with our annual Luminary Trail on December 4th from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm.

Join us outside the Farmhouse Visitor Center and enjoy a hot beverage after walking the 1/2 mile trail.



Latest Boreal Buzz

In case you missed it, check out last month's Boreal Buzz:



Meet the Executive Director: Grace Nelson

Grace joined Friends of Creamer's Field in September as the executive director and is excited to work towards FO-CF's mission of "inspiring environmental stewardship and lifelong learning through experience, awareness, appreciation, and conservation of the natural and historic resources of Creamer's Field Migratory Waterfowl Refuge."

Read her full bio at the link below.

Creamer's Corner

Check out these local citizen science opportunities!

Fairbanks Feeder Count

Presented by: ASI & Arctic Audubon Society

December 4, 2021 - all day

Help ASI and Arctic Audubon track winter bird movement and survivorship around bird feeders in the greater Fairbanks community.



Fairbanks Christmas Bird Count

Presented by: Arctic Audubon Society

December 19, 2021 - all day

Bird watchers of all levels are invited! Get outside and connect with the Fairbanks bird-watching community while participating in the country's longest running wildlife census. To be assigned to an area contact count coordinator Laurel Devaney at 907-750-3027 or devaneylaurel@gmail.com.



Photo by Ken Whitten



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Mission Statement

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