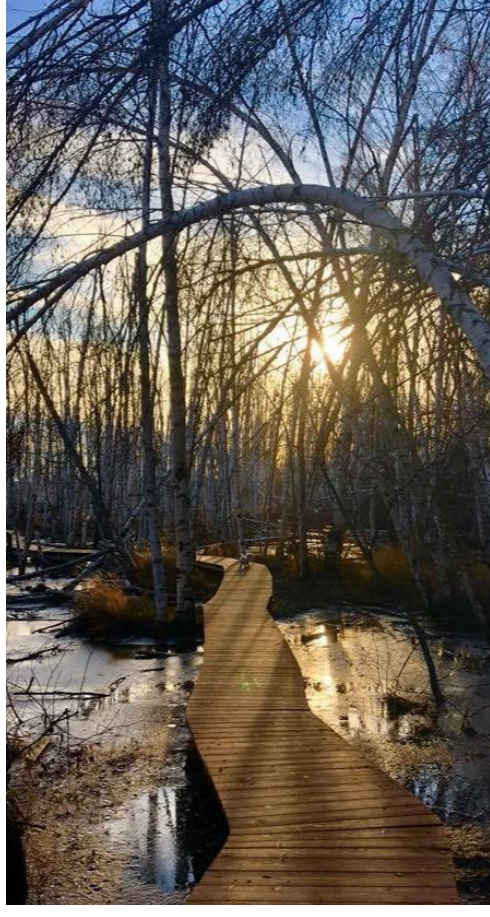


# Field Notes

December 2021



Happy December!

It is hard to believe we are already in the last month of 2021! As this year comes to an end, we take time to reflect.

We celebrated our 30th anniversary this year! That is 30 years of educating the Fairbanks community about the natural and historic resources at Creamer's Field Migratory Waterfowl Refuge.

Despite these challenging times, we were able to safely host some in-person events, including our annual Tanana Valley Sandhill Crane Festival. We also completed several projects around the refuge, such as fixing the Boreal Forest Trail and repainting the letters on the barn roof.

Our greatest blessing is you! With your support, we are able to continue inspiring environmental stewardship and lifelong learning at Creamer's Field. Thank you!

We wish you a safe and happy holiday season!

Best Regards,

*Grace & Melanie*  
Friends of Creamer's Field Staff

## Thanksgiving for the Birds

Make sure your feathered friends are well fed this holiday season!

Check out our Thanksgiving for the Birds story map for photos, materials lists, and directions on how to build these DIY bird feeders with the whole family!



Thanksgiving for the Birds

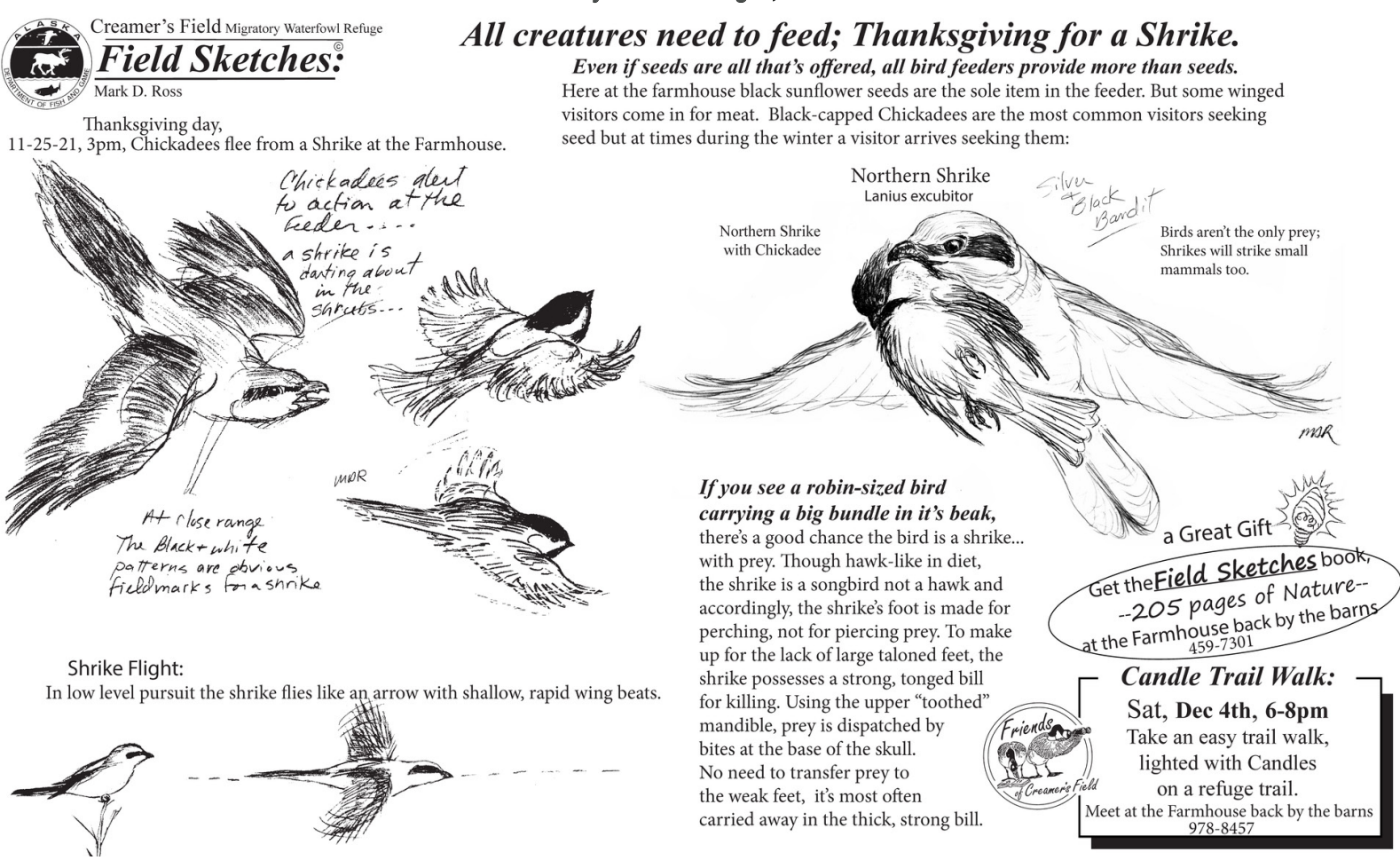
## Field Sketch

Presented by ADFG Biologist, Mark D. Ross

**All creatures need to feed; Thanksgiving for a Shrike.**

*Even if seeds are all that's offered, all bird feeders provide more than seeds.*

Here at the farmhouse black sunflower seeds are the sole item in the feeder. But some winged visitors come in for meat. Black-capped Chickadees are the most common visitors seeking seed but at times during the winter a visitor arrives seeking them:



## Upcoming Events

**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 ½ mile trail.

## Luminary Trail

December 4, 2021  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Trail starts at the Farmhouse Visitor's Center

## Virtual Holiday Ornament Making

December 9-11

**\*VIRTUAL\***

**Holiday Ornament Making**  
December 9-11, 2021

Join us for our virtual Holiday Ornament Making event!

Follow our social media accounts for photos, materials lists, and directions on how to build these DIY crafts inspired by Creamer's Field!

**Winter Solstice Walk**  
December 19, 2021  
1:00 p.m.

The sun is low and the daylight is scarce, but there is a lot of activity on the refuge!

Meet the walk leader outside the Creamer's Farmhouse on December 19 at 1:00 pm. Bring binoculars if you have them. Dress warm! Face coverings are required for participants over the age of 2, regardless of vaccination status.

FRIENDS OF CREAMER'S FIELD

## WINTER SOLSTICE WALK

DECEMBER 19  
1:00 PM

Call 907-978-8457 to register for the walk.



## Latest Boreal Buzz

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

**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.

## 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.

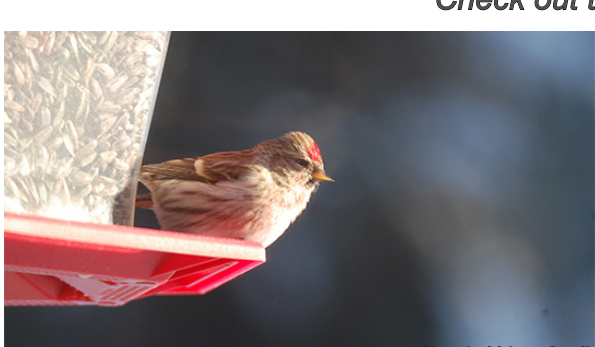


Photo by Melanie Graeff

**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

## Support Friends of Creamer's Field

Thank you for being a Friend!

In this season of appreciation, the Friends of Creamer's Field thanks you for your generous support. Your donations allow us to remain an active and relevant organization during these tough times. Please remember us in your end-of-year giving so we may continue our work as stewards of the Creamer's Field Migratory Waterfowl Refuge.



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### Mission Statement

"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."

