

Field Notes

December 2022



Photo: Refuge staff in front of the Creamer's Christmas tree. L-R: Robert Snowden (ASI), Nate LaShomb (ADFG), Melanie Graeff (FOCF), Grace Nelson (FOCF), Mark Ross (ADFG).

Greetings Friends,

2022 has flown past! Thank you for joining us for the journey!

We were able to host all of our normal programs in-person, the Tanana Valley Sandhill Crane Festival celebrated 25-years, and Camp Habitat returned after a 3-year hiatus.

With 2023 right around the corner, we are excited to put on another full year of programs, including some new events which will be announced in January.

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

See you on the Refuge!

Grace & Melanie
Friends of Creamer's Field Staff

Holiday Ornament Making... at home

Did you miss our Holiday Ornament Making event? No worries!

Check out these holiday ornaments you can make in the comfort of your own home. Be sure to share your creations on social media and tag us! @friendsofcreamersfield on Facebook and Instagram.



Flying Goose Ornament

Color, cut, and assemble your very own flock. Download the ornament template at the link below.

Creamer's Christmas Critters

Color, cut, and fold to create this beautiful ornament. Download the ornament template at the link below.

Ornament courtesy of ADFG Biologist, Mark D. Ross.



Be sure to Pick.Click.Give. in 2023!

Pick.Click.Give. to support Creamer's Field Migratory Waterfowl Refuge when filing for your 2023 Permanent Fund Dividend. Click the link below for more information:

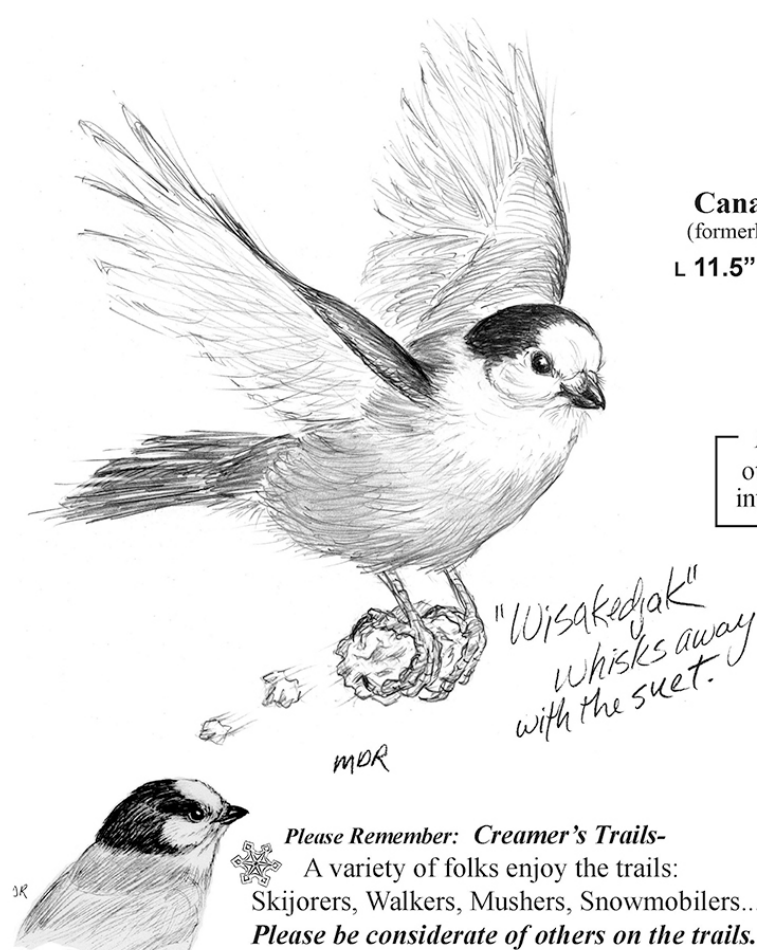
Shop Friends of Creamer's Field this Holiday Season!

Get a head start on your Christmas shopping and check out the new items available on our online store or at the Farmhouse Visitor Center! You are sure to find the perfect holiday gift for you loved ones. All proceeds fund the programs of Friends of Creamer's Field.



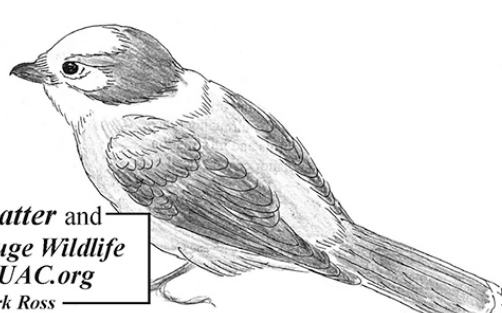
Field Sketch

Presented by ADFG Biologist, Mark D. Ross



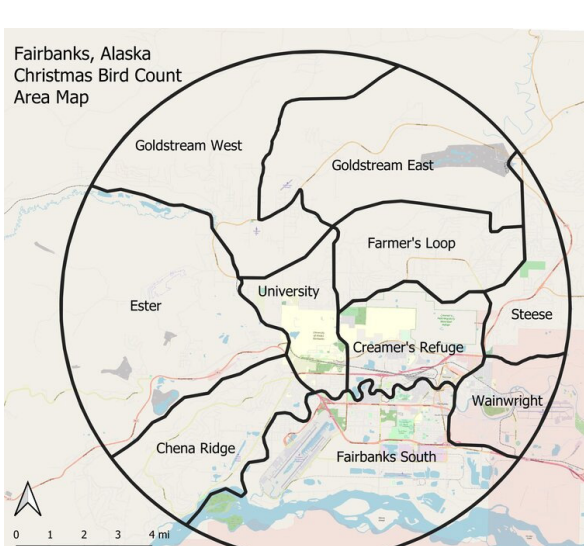
Canada Jay
(formerly Gray Jay)
L 11.5" WS 18"

Hear the Jay's chatter and other Creamer's Refuge Wildlife internet search: fm.KUAC.org or KUAC images Mark Ross



Learn more:
Farmhouse Visitor Center
is OPEN at Creamer's Field
Get a Winter Bird Booklet:
Find a Booklet in Farmhouse entryway:
Information- 459-7301, mark.ross@alaska.gov

Please Remember: Creamer's Trails-
A variety of folks enjoy the trails:
Ski-jorers, Walkers, Mushers, Snowmobilers...
Please be considerate of others on the trails.



Christmas Bird Count

The Fairbanks Christmas Bird Count is happening on December 17! Join in contributing valuable scientific data to the longest-running citizen science bird project in the US! Participation is free and birders of all levels are invited to help.

Participants can count birds at their bird feeder or join in a field team (you don't have to live inside the count circle to participate on a field team).

Contact an area coordinator for more information at the link below.



Thank you for being a Friend!

In addition to allowing us to provide our Refuge programs and events at no charge, your donations have allowed us to do much more! Additional projects include outhouse cleaning to enable four outhouses to remain open year-round, dairy roof painting, and trail repair. With your help, we have so much more planned for 2023!

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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."

