

Field Notes

January 2024



Happy New Year Friends!

I hope you are staying warm this week. It is currently -32° F at the Refuge, but the sun is out and you can hear the chickadees chirping outside the Farmhouse.

We are very excited to kick off our 2024 programs with Valentine's Day Craft Night on February 8th from 4pm - 7pm. We will have several nature themed crafts, hot drinks, and sweets. You can learn more by visiting our website or checking out our social media.

Camp Habitat planning is also underway. You can view the 2024 camp dates below. Registration will open on March 18th.

See you on the Refuge!

Grace & Melanie
Friends of Creamer's Field Staff

Photo: The midday sun casts a rosy glow on the front fields at Creamer's Field.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Valentine's Day Craft Night

Enjoy a fun evening of crafts, hot drinks, and sweets at our upcoming Valentine's Day Craft Night!

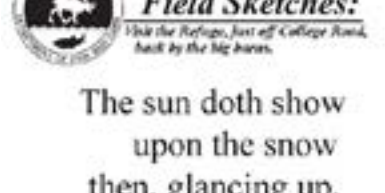
The Friends of Creamer's Field will be hosting a craft night for all ages on Thursday, February 8 from 4:00 - 7:00 pm.

Prepare for Valentine's Day by making Alaskan wildlife cards with funny puns for someone special! This event is FREE to the public.

For more information, please call us at (907) 978-8457.

Field Sketch

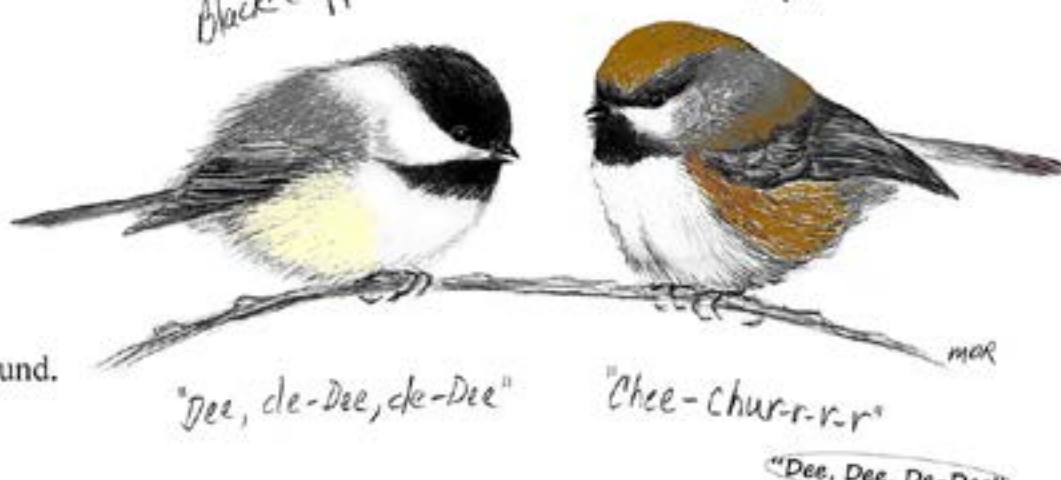
Presented by ADFG Biologist, Mark D. Ross



Color comes with the Sun

Chickadee Songs

The sun doth show upon the snow then, glancing up, a rosy glow upon all these fields and surrounding hills;



their eminence with birds abound and now, the thrilling sound.

for Johnny B. -mdr

Listen:

<https://fm.knsc.org/2024-01-15/creamers-sounds-and-sights-chickadee-calls>

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

Experience the Chickadee Festivity
Chickadees are Singing in the Sun...
at the Farmhouse Visitor Center
it's OPEN at Creamer's Field
Visit and LEARN more about Chickadees and the ways of Refuge Wildlife in Winter
Information- 459-7301, mark.ross@alaska.gov

2024 Camp Habitat Dates

Camp Habitat 2024 is only 5 months away! Check out this year's schedule below. Registration will open on March 18th.



Support Friends of Creamer's Field through your PFD!

You can support Friends of Creamer's Field through your 2024 Permanent Fund Dividend by choosing to Pick, Click, and Give!

PFD applications are available from January 1 to March 31.

For more information about the Pick.Click.Give program, visit the link below.

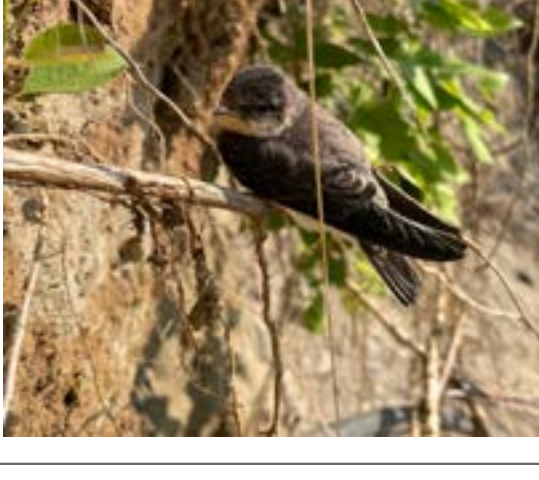
Other Happenings in Fairbanks

Interior Alaska Bank Swallows: Where Do They Go?

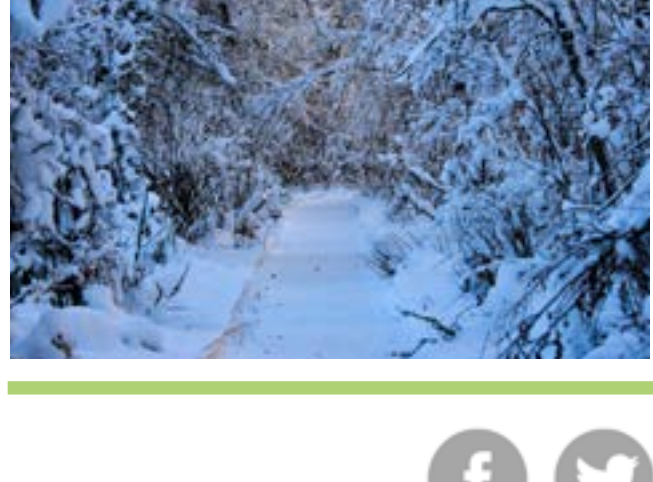
February 5, 2024 at 7:00 PM | Carlson Center Pioneer Room

Presented by Arctic Audubon

Like many birds that feed on insects, our smallest swallow, the Bank Swallow (*Riparia riparia*) is experiencing steep decline. To understand variable population trends across their breeding range, 890 birds have been radio tagged across Canada and Alaska. In this talk, Eva Allaby, Wildlife Technician with Alaska Department of Fish and Game will discuss Bank Swallow ecology, where Bank Swallows can be spotted around Fairbanks, and how modern tracking technologies help scientists monitor small bird migration and movement. As North America continues to experience massive decline in breeding bird populations, this research represents initial steps towards informing conservation actions to reverse decline.



Eva Allaby has been a Wildlife Technician with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game since 2015. She has been working on many projects over the course of her career but has mostly been concerned with their Olive-sided flycatcher and Bank Swallows programs. Eva has a master's degree in soil invertebrates, primarily land snails, from the Masaryk University in the Czech Republic.



Thank you for being a Friend!

As a 100% community funded organization, your support allows us to offer free educational programs to the Fairbanks community and its visitors. This year we intend to expand our educational outreach, resurface the parking lot closest to the barns, improve trail accessibility, and update our interpretive signage throughout the Refuge.



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Mission Statement

"Inspiring environmental stewardship and lifelong learning through experience, awareness, and affection and conservation of the natural and historic resources of Creamer's Field Migratory Waterfowl Refuge."

