

# Field Notes

November 2024



Dear Friends,

We are excited about the final programs of 2024! Thanksgiving for the Birds, is tomorrow, November 16, from 12 PM to 4 PM. Come by to make your own bird feeder and learn about the winter birds in Fairbanks. Three weeks later, we will host two Holiday Craft Nights at the Farmhouse on December 5th and 6th, from 5 PM to 8 PM. On December 7th, we will wrap up our 2024 programs with the Luminary Trail.

We still have tickets available for our Creamer's Holiday Raffle. Be sure to enter for a chance to win one of three amazing prizes! Tickets must be purchased by Saturday, November 16, at 3 PM and can be bought on our website. The drawing will take place on November 16 at 4 PM, and you do not need to be present to win.

2024 has been an incredible year, and it would not have happened without the amazing support from our volunteers, donors, and program participants.

If you would like to contribute to Friends of Creamer's Field and the Refuge this giving season, you can do so through our secure online giving portal by clicking the button below. You can also mail donations to the address listed at the bottom of this newsletter. If you are interested in sharing your talents, please email [director@friendsofcreamersfield.org](mailto:director@friendsofcreamersfield.org) for volunteer opportunities.

We hope to see you at the Refuge or at one of our programs!

Warm regards,

**Grace**  
Executive Director

## LAST CHANCE! Creamer's Holiday Raffle

Enter for your chance to win one of THREE prizes!

#1 Chena Hot Springs & Aurora Ice Museum Family Package: 5 tickets to the Aurora Ice Museum and 5 Chena Hot Springs Day Passes

#2 Mushing Tour for 2 with Douglas Fir Mushing

#3 Fairbanks Holiday Arts Package - Two tickets to the Fairbanks Symphony Orchestra Holiday Show (December 7 at 4PM), North Star Ballet "Nutcracker" (December 8 at 4PM), and Fairbanks Drama Association "Twas the Night Before Christmas" (December 14 at 7:30PM)



Alaska Gaming permit #1894. 1,000 TICKETS AVAILABLE.

Drawing: November 16, 2024 at 4PM. Need not be present to win.

All proceeds support the programs and events at Creamer's Field Migratory Waterfowl Refuge.

## UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS

### Thanksgiving for the Birds November 16<sup>th</sup> | 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Feed all your feathered friends this season!

Join us for Thanksgiving for the Birds on Saturday, November 16 from 12-4 pm at the Creamer's Field Farmhouse Visitor Center. Make bird feeder crafts and learn about the winter birds in Alaska! This event will be FREE and FUN for all ages!

\*All the bird feeder crafts will be peanut free and will be using sunflower seed butter.

For more information, contact the Friends of Creamer's Field at 907-978-8457 or visit [www.friendsofcreamersfield.org](http://www.friendsofcreamersfield.org).



### Holiday Craft Nights December 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> | 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

It's the most wonderful time of the year!

Join us for our Holiday Craft Nights happening December 5 & 6 each evening from 5:00 - 8:00 pm.



Create marvelous holiday ornaments and seasonal cards at the Farmhouse Visitor Center. Free and fun for all ages!

WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!

### Luminary Trail December 7<sup>th</sup> | 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM



Spend a lovely winter night under the stars with holiday lights and lanterns at Creamer's Field!

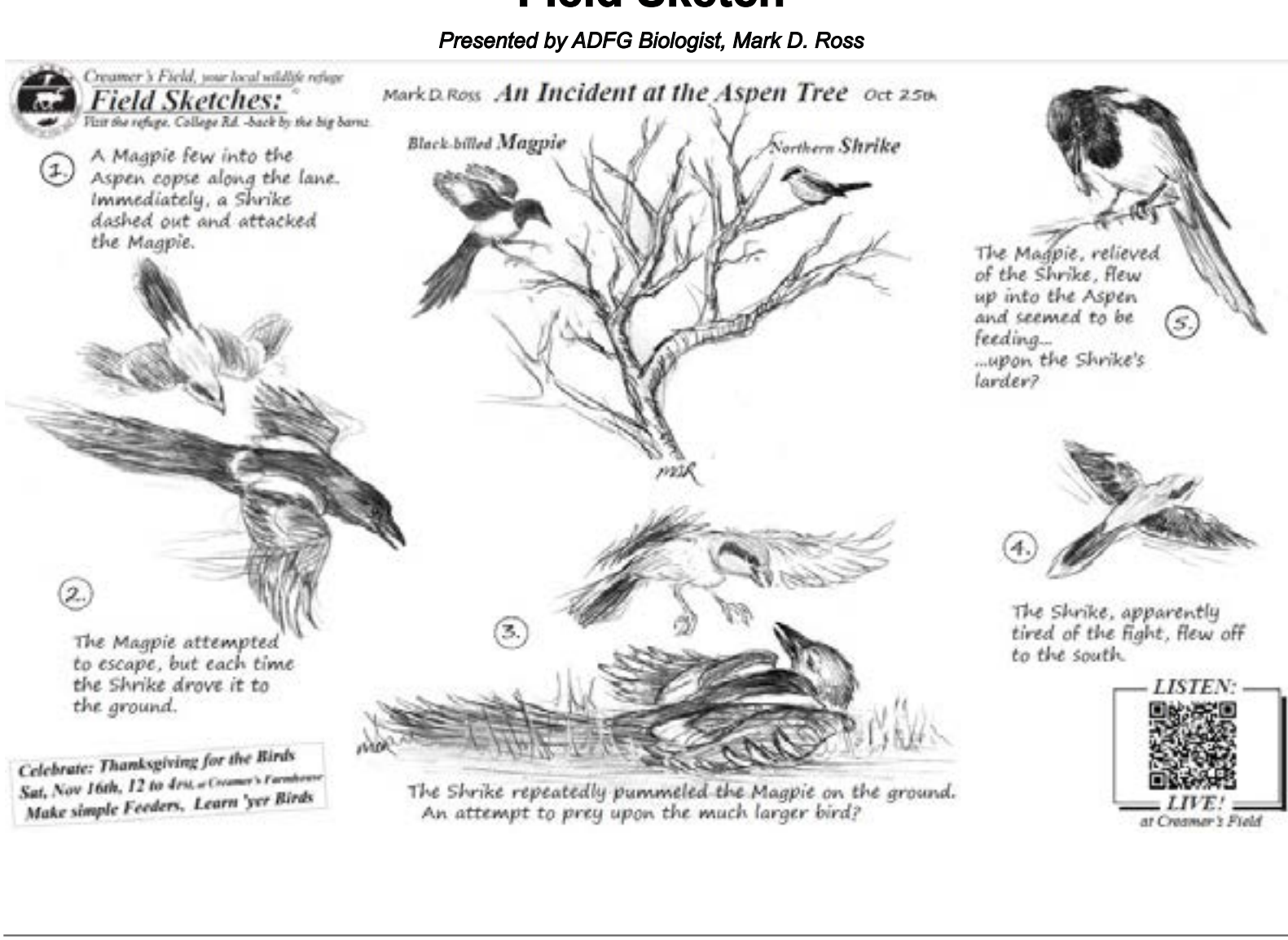
Enjoy a wintertime stroll with the whole family along the 1/2-mile candlelit trail around the historic barn complex.

Hot beverages and treats can be found inside the Farmhouse Visitor Center.

Free and fun for all ages! Dress warm!

### Field Sketch

Presented by ADFG Biologist, Mark D. Ross



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

Black-billed Magpie

Northern Shrike

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

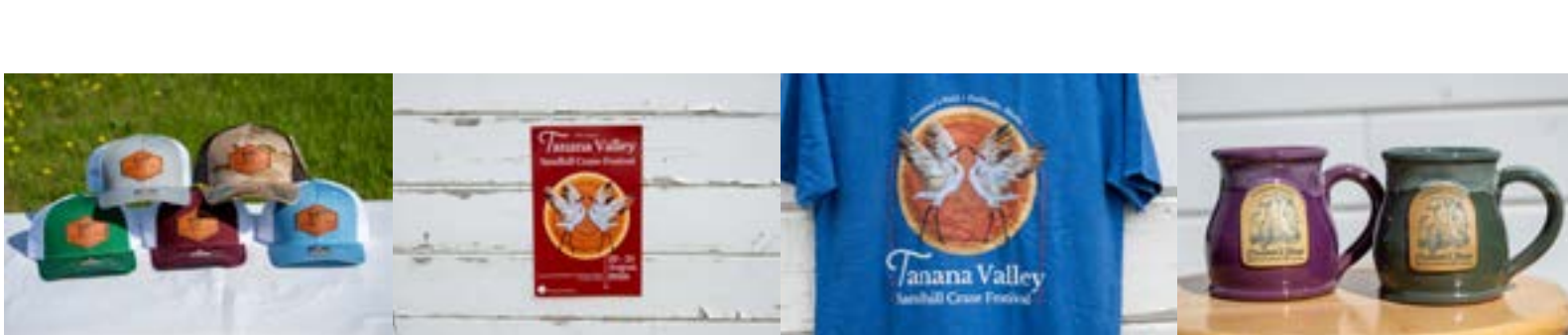
The Shrike, apparently tired of the fight, flew off to the south.

LISTEN: LIVE! at Creamer's Field

## Creamer's Field Online Store

Looking for a perfect gift for the nature lover or Creamer's Field enthusiast in your life? Check out our online store! Orders must be placed by December 15th to ensure orders arrive before Christmas.

Visit the online store here:



## In Search Of: Safeway Employee Sponsor

Are you a Safeway employee who has been positively impacted by Friends of Creamer's Field? If so, we'd love to hear from you! We are looking for a community member to serve as an employee sponsor for our application to Safeway Nourishing Neighbors. The name of the employee sponsor will be included in the application, and they may be contacted during the review process. If you would like to be listed as an employee sponsor, please reach out to [lauren@friendsofcreamersfield.org](mailto:lauren@friendsofcreamersfield.org).

We appreciate your support in securing sponsorship for Friends of Creamer's Field programs and events!

## Other Happenings

### Christmas Bird Count Arctic Audubon December 21st | All Day

Join the local birding community in the 64th Fairbanks Christmas Bird Count on December 21st during the daylight hours! Registration is free and birders of all levels are invited to help! There will be a compilation potluck at 5:30 at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fairbanks, 4448 Pike's Landing Road, Fairbanks, AK 99709



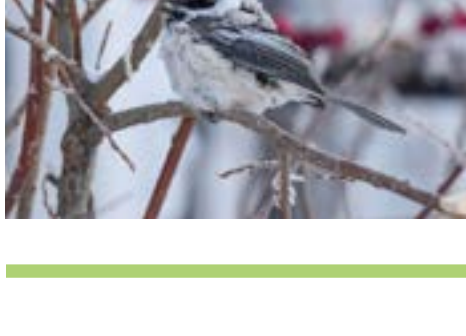
From the Arctic Circle to the mountain valleys of the Andes, tens of thousands of people are gearing up to take part in the world's longest-running citizen science project—the Christmas Bird Count. Birders of all levels have been braving the elements to count birds during a three-week period each year since the count began in 1900. Even though the count is somewhat loosely organized, having 124 years of data on bird species and numbers document important trends.



You don't have to live inside the count circle to participate on a field team! It's fun to join other birders to count our avian neighbors, and it contributes valuable scientific data.

## 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, appreciation and conservation of the natural and historic resources of Creamer's Field Migratory Waterfowl Refuge."