

31st Annual Alaska Shorebird Group Meeting

February 23rd, 2026

Glenn Olds Hall, USGS Alaska Science Center, 4210 University Drive

Hybrid in-person/virtual Meeting

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AGENDA

Time	Topic	Speaker	Affiliation
9:00-9:05	Welcome and Announcements	Arin Underwood	Alaska Department of Fish & Game
9:05-9:15	Shiloh Schulte Remembrance	Rick Lanctot, Sam Wolfe	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Manomet
Shorebird Activities of Interest Updates			
9:15-9:20	Road to Recovery Opportunities	Amy Gambrill	Road to Recovery
9:20-9:25	Pacific Shorebird Conservation Initiative Western Hemisphere Shorebird Group	River Gates	Audubon
9:25-9:30	East Asian-Australasian Flyway Partnership's Shorebird Working Group	Rick Lanctot	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
9:30-9:35	Copper River International Migratory Bird Initiative	Erin Cooper	U.S. Forest Service
9:35-9:40	Copper River Delta Shorebird Festival		
9:40-9:45	Kachemak Bay Shorebird Festival	Marcy Melville	Kachemak Bay Shorebird Festival
9:45-9:50	Expanding Manomet's International Shorebird Survey in Alaska	Dan Ruthrauff	Manomet
9:50-9:55	Q&A		
Shorebird Outreach Updates			
9:55-10:00	Shorebirds for Today and Tomorrow: Culture- and Place-Based Learning at Yup'ik Schools and Communities	Liliana Naves	Audubon
10:00-10:05	3 Billion Birds Committee	Callie Gesmundo	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
10:05-10:10	Alaska Bird Signs		
10:10-10:15	Anchorage Bike to Work Day		
10:15-10:20	Audubon Birding Trails	Lauren Cusimano	Audubon
10:20-10:25	Alaska Festival Coordination		

Break			
10:25-10:40	Coffee/Tea and light refreshments (Donations welcomed)		
Research Presentations			
10:40-10:50	Red Knot abundance and diet at an important Alaskan stopover: Controller Bay	Jenell Larsen Tempel	Alaska Department of Fish & Game
	Environmental DNA Application to the Red Knot (<i>Calidris canutus</i>)	Christiana Teye*	University of Maine
10:50-11:00	Lesser Yellowlegs with a greater impact: identifying stopover habitats for conservation within the Prairie Pothole Region	Hannah Vincelette	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
11:00-11:10	What's up with Uplands in Alaska? Understanding breeding population structure and potential threats	Kirsty Gurney	Environment and Climate Change Canada
11:10-11:20	Environmental Responsiveness of Hudsonian Godwit Chicks	Feipeng Huang*	University of Massachusetts
11:20-11:30	Direct and indirect effects of agriculture and drought on shorebird refueling in the Prairie Pothole Region	Shelby McCahon*	University of Idaho
11:30-11:40	Update on EAAFP Sister Site Exchange Activities: A Visit to Higashiyoka-Higata	Kayla Shively	Wildlife Conservation Society
Leveraging eBird to supplement and extend structured monitoring programs			
11:40-12:00	Kylee Dunham		Cornell University
Lunch and Shorebird Trivia			
12:00-1:30	Provided by Moose's Tooth, \$10/person		
Election of Officers			
1:30-1:45	Three Executive Committee Members up for election		
Annual Summary			
1:45-1:50	Shiloh Schulte Photo Contest Results	Sarah Saalfeld	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
1:50-1:55	Synopsis of annual project/ initiative summaries		
Research Presentations <i>Continued</i>			
1:55-2:05	Evidence of egg size variation in Utqiaġvik shorebirds	Hunter Wells*	Iowa State University

2:05-2:15	Multi-species fall migration tracking project	Rozy Bathrick	UMass Amherst
2:15-2:25	Surfbird Habitat Use in Interior Alaska	Sam Simon*	University of Alaska Fairbanks
2:25-2:35	Ecology and connectivity of migrating Surfbirds	Scott Flemming	Environment and Climate Change Canada
2:35-2:45	Comparing migratory bird surveys on the Teshekpuk Lake Special Area: 2006-2008 versus 2023-2024	Rick Lanctot	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
2:45-2:55	Estimating shorebird abundance on Alaska's North Slope using passive acoustic monitoring	Morgan Ziegenhorn	Manomet
2:55-3:05	Trends in boreal wetland birds and the value of citizen science in southcentral Alaska	Arin Underwood	Alaska Department of Fish & Game
	Q&A if time allows		
Break			
3:05-3:20	Coffee/Tea and light refreshments (Donations welcomed)		
The Alaska Bird Conference			
3:20-4:20	Details and committees of the 2026/7 ABC	John Pearce	
ASG Goals: Website Expansion			
4:20-5:00	ASG website audience expansion and update	Arin Underwood	Alaska Department of Fish & Game
ASG/BPIF Birdfeeder Social at King St Brewery			
6:30	9050 King Street, Anchorage. All welcome!		

*Indicates a current student or recent graduate

Events of Interest to ASG on Feb 24

- 2:00pm-3:00pm: Boreal Partners in Flight guest speaker: Patrick Donnelly
- Assessing functional wetland loss and its emerging risks to waterbird habitat networks in the Pacific Flyway
- Glenn Olds Hall, USGS Alaska Science Center

Events of Interest to ASG on Feb 25

- 9am-5pm: Road to Recovery Shorebird Workshop
- Click [HERE](#) to register
- CoWork: 205 E. Benson Blvd, Anchorage, Alaska 99503

