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Kittlitz's Murrelet

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Public Policy

Advocating for the conservation of nationally and internationally significant wildlife populations and their habitats.

- Advocated for protection of the **Teshekpuk Lake** wetlands in the Western Arctic, and **won a 10-year deferral of oil and gas leasing** north and east of the Lake. Helped generate more than 150,000 public comments in opposition to leasing. Played a leadership role in the conservation community, and worked with North Slope residents in support of a **balanced approach** to oil and gas in the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska.
- Promoted conservation of high-value watersheds in the **Tongass National Forest** through the Tongass Futures Roundtable and the Tongass Conservation Collaborative. Appealed the revised Tongass Land Management Plan for its failure to protect the ecological integrity and habitat diversity of the Forest.
- Challenged in court a massive oil and gas lease sale in the **Chukchi Sea**, in conjunction with other conservation and Alaska Native groups. Opposed new attempts to open off-shore areas to oil and gas, and built support for new legislation for a **time-out for leasing in the Beaufort and Chukchi seas**.
- Defended our country's **National Wildlife Refuges**. Testified before the Senate Public Lands Subcommittee against authorization of a road through Wilderness areas in the **Izembek Refuge**. Worked to thwart attempts to include **Arctic Refuge** drilling in various legislative vehicles, and joined community opposition to a proposed land exchange in the **Yukon Flats Refuge**.



St. Lazaria Island
Photograph by John Schoen

Conservation Science

Synthesizing and applying the best available science to identify and understand conservation issues, priorities, and solutions.



More than a dozen Alaska WatchList species nest, molt, or stop around Teshekpuk Lake during migration, including Long-tailed Ducks (above), Spectacled Eiders, King Eiders, Red-throated Loons, Dunlins, Buff-breasted Sandpipers, and Yellow-billed Loons.

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The Chukchi Sea provides summer habitat for much of the Pacific walrus population. Walrus typically rest on ice floes, but in the summer of 2007, as sea ice retreated to record levels, unprecedented numbers of walrus “hailed out” to shore in Alaska and Russia, killing thousands of animals in crowded stampedes.

Photograph by Dave Cline

- Completed a scoping report and preliminary science assessment for the **Beaufort and Chukchi seas** off Alaska’s northern and northwestern coasts—the first step in a project to identify, map, and describe sensitive ecological resources as development pressures mount in the **warming Arctic Ocean**.
- Acquired and launched an in-house **Geographic Information System (GIS)**, giving Audubon the means to analyze and map ecological and climate change data. Updated maps and evaluated geospatial data in the Tongass National Forest and the Western Arctic.
- Led a **science expedition to the Tongass National Forest** to familiarize a team of prominent conservation biologists and forest ecologists with the Tongass. On the trip, conducted a field-based peer-review of Audubon’s recent Tongass Conservation Assessment, resulting in a scientific consensus of findings.
- Continued to identify, nominate, and recognize **Important Bird Areas (IBAs)** throughout Alaska for inclusion into the international network of essential habitats for birds. Recognized St. Lazaria Island (shown on front), Creamer’s Field, Alaska Range Foothills, Iditarod River Lowlands, Ivanof Bay, and several other sites as new IBAs. Upgraded Chiniak Bay, Mendenhall Wetlands, Copper River Delta, and several others to global significance. Completed the IBA GIS database.



Arctic Ocean
Photograph by Milo Burcham

Outreach and Education

Raising public awareness about the natural world, and growing and strengthening our conservation community.

- Promoted the conservation of **Important Bird Areas (IBAs)**, **WatchList species**, and other wildlife populations and habitats in Alaska. Designed and distributed a poster-sized map of **Alaska's IBAs**. Produced a DVD about **Teshkepuk Lake** with the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and Wildlife Conservation Society.
- Sponsored a **marine ornithology course** with the University of Alaska Southeast, and provided scholarships to three students to participate, with support from the Studebaker Environmental Education Fund.
- Encouraged participation in **citizen science projects**. Maintained the **Alaska eBird** website (www.ebird.org/ak), and encouraged thousands of birders to enter their birding records into the eBird database.
- Promoted the enjoyment of **birds and birdwatching**. Published and publicized the **Anchorage Birding Map**, now sold in nine retail outlets in the Anchorage area. Partnered with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game to record **seasonal podcasts of birds and other wildlife of Potter Marsh**.
- Delivered more than **60 presentations on Alaska public lands issues** in the Lower 48 states. Held Audubon's first Alaska public lands **activist training** in Washington, DC for 14 activists from target states. Reached thousands of Audubon members through presentations and action alerts, and inspired **tens of thousands of citizen letters** on critical conservation issues in Alaska.



Christina Mounce, shown above, one of the three students who received an Audubon Studebaker Scholarship in 2008 for a marine ornithology field course at the University of Alaska Southeast. The students surveyed Marbled and Kittlitz's murrelets in Icy Strait in the Tongass National Forest.

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Jeremy Brown, below, another Audubon Studebaker Scholar.

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