

BIRD TREKS

ST. PAUL ISLAND, ALASKA

Dates Monday, 4 June to Friday 8 June 2012: 5 days & 4 nights

We'll visit **St. Paul Island** in the **Pribilofs**, the most accessible location for **Red-legged Kittiwake**, spectacular nesting colonies of **alcids**, **Northern Fulmars**, and **Red-faced Cormorants**, plus a breeding colony of **Northern Fur Seals**.

Please consider combining this tour with the preceding **Adak Island Tour** or continuing on to the **Kenai Peninsula and Denali Highway**. A discount will be offered if you combine two or more of the Alaska tour segments.

Target Species include . . .

'Eurasian' Green-winged Teal	Thick-billed Murre
Harlequin Duck	Pigeon Guillemot
Long-tailed Duck	Ancient Murrelet
Northern Fulmar	Parakeet Auklet
Pelagic Cormorant	Crested Auklet
Red-faced Cormorant	Least Auklet
Pacific Golden-Plover	Horned Puffin
Bar-tailed Godwit	Tufted Puffin
Rock Sandpiper	Winter Wren
Red-necked Phalarope	Lapland Longspur
Glaucous-winged Gull	Snow Bunting
Red-legged Kittiwake	Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch
Common Murre	



Recent spring vagrants include . . .

Eurasian Wigeon	Slaty-backed Gull
Tufted Duck	Black-headed Gull
Common Snipe	Eastern Yellow Wagtail
Gray-tailed Tattler	Olive-backed Pipit
Common Sandpiper	Eye-browed Thrush
Wood Sandpiper	Gray-streaked Flycatcher
Red-necked Stint	Siberian Flycatcher
'Vega' Herring Gull	McKay's Bunting

Mammals that we hope to see include **Northern Fur Seal**, **Arctic Fox**, and **Reindeer** (domesticated **Caribou**).

Red-faced Cormorant

- - *Jason Horn*

[Day-by-day itinerary is on page 2]

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DAY AGENDA

- 1 We'll fly out of Anchorage and arrive at St. Paul to embark on our Pribilof birding adventure. The birding often begins immediately upon leaving the airport. It's not unusual to see **Red-legged Kittiwakes** shortly after arrival. After dinner, we'll search for more seabirds and seals.

- 2-4 Our daily schedule will depend somewhat upon the weather and what vagrants have been reported, but we will certainly stop at several of the seabird nesting cliffs. You'll want to bring a camera, as we'll be within very close range of **murre**s, **puffin**s, **auklet**s, and perhaps a few other species on their nests. We'll search various locations for Asian vagrants. They could turn up anywhere - around wetlands, in town, or even in the quarry that's on the island. These migrants are scarce - we may encounter only a few during our stay - but the species that we could find are ones we all dream about seeing: **Siberian Rubythroat**, **Common Cuckoo**, **Hawfinch**, **Common Rosefinch**, **Wood Sandpiper**, and **Siberian Flycatcher** are just some of the possibilities. We'll search for **McKay's Bunting**, a species that occasionally breeds here in very small numbers. We found one on the 2006 tour. Some other birds we'll see during our stay include 'Eurasian' **Green-winged Teal**, **Harlequin Duck**, **Rock Sandpiper**, **Red-necked Phalarope**, and **Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch**.

- 5 After one more morning of birding, we'll go to the St. Paul Airport for our return to Anchorage, the end of our St. Paul adventure!

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Eyebrowed Thrush is one of several vagrant passerines that you may see on St. Paul.

- - *John Puschock,*
Alaska tour leader



Leader This tour will be led by **Bob Schutsky**, the owner of Bird Treks. Bob has led previous tours to Adak in the Aleutians. There will also be a guide from TDX, the local native corporation.

Price Approximately \$3595 person based upon a minimum of five participants. All rooms are double accommodation and shared bath. Prices are subject to some fluctuation on St. Paul, but we will do our best to hold to the quoted price.

Includes Expert guide service, lodging for four nights, **ALL meals**, entrance fees and permits, your flight from Anchorage to St. Paul, and all ground transportation on St. Paul. **ALL tips** are also included in the tour fee, except for anything extra that you may wish to give to your tour leaders.

Does not include cost of airfare to and from Anchorage. BIRD TREKS will, upon request, help you obtain the best airfare. Also not included are the cost of alcoholic beverages, items of a personal nature, and motel and meals in Anchorage.

Deposit A \$900 deposit will assure your reservation on the tour. The balance is payable 4 March 2012. St. Paul is a spectacular and exciting birding destination. This tour may fill quickly. Send your deposit soon to insure your reservation and to obtain the best possible airfare to Anchorage.

Extra Services We offer the services of our exclusive BIRD TREKS travel agent, **Lori Heathcote**, in arranging your air travel. Lori has 26 years of experience in the travel industry and is a veteran birder. Contact her directly at Bailey Travel, **1-800-224-5399**, or e-mail Lori in her office at lori@baileytravel.com. By dealing with Lori you have the security of a 24-hour toll-free telephone number in case of any travel emergency. She can also assist you with all pre- and post-tour travel plans. There may be a fee for these services.

Refund and Cancellation Policy With written notice more than 90 days prior to the first day of the tour, 100% of your deposit will be refunded, minus a \$100 service fee. With 30-90 days notice, you will receive a 50% refund of the full cost of the tour. No refund can be made with less than 30 days notice. You will receive a full refund if you provide a replacement for your spot on the tour. No partial refund can be given once the tour begins. **W STRONGLY RECOMMEND** that you purchase trip cancellation insurance to protect your investment. Contact **Allianz Global Assistance** (formerly Access America) and mention **BIRD TREKS ACCAM # F021096**. You can apply via the Internet at www.allianztravelinsurance.com or by phone at **1-800-284-8300**.



Red-necked Stint is a NICE find!

-- John Puschock, Alaska tour leader

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