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Seabirds of St. Lawrence Island: Ambassadors for the Northern Bering Sea

slide presentation by Adrian Gall

Monday, November 5, 7:00 pm

Noel Wien Library Auditorium

They fly! They dive! They are the “penguins of the North!” Seabird members of the Alcid family hatch on cliffs and in crevices along remote stretches of coastline and fledge to sea, spending years away from land before returning in subsequent summers to breed. Why are there so many millions of them in the northern Bering Sea? What conditions are shaping their marine environment? How can spending quality time at seabird breeding colonies help biologists and managers understand the oceanography of the Bering Sea? In the spirit of this International Polar Year, come meet some of the representatives of this rapidly changing ecosystem and learn how they are providing a window to their watery world.

Adrian Gall was suckered into studying seabirds while volunteering for the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service on the sunny tropical atoll of Midway. She followed the advice of friends and went to Alaska the following summer (1998) and has been hooked ever since. She has an undergraduate degree in Animal Science from Cornell University and an MS in Wildlife Science from Oregon State University (thesis work conducted on St. Lawrence Island, AK). Adrian is currently working on bird movements and migration with ABR, Inc. here in Fairbanks.

Don't forget...

Comments on Teshekpuk Lake are due November 6th

Thanksgiving Bird Count, November 22, anytime!

More information and a count form can be found on page 5 of the October 2007 newsletter, available at www.arcticaudubon.org.

Christmas Bird Count, Saturday, December 29

Contact Gail Mayo at 479-2954 for more information.