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## Autumn Bird Migration on Middleton Island

*presentation by Luke DeCicco*

Monday, January 9, 2012, 7:00 pm

Noel Wien Library Auditorium

Middleton Island, located 130 km south of Cordova in the Gulf of Alaska represents a unique location to observe fall migration across the Gulf of Alaska. This poorly known over-water migration route was the focus of work conducted in the 1980s by the University of Alaska Museum and in 2011 by the US Fish and Wildlife Service. These fall seasons on Middleton Island were focused on determining the presence or absence of an over-water migration route across the Gulf of Alaska and identifying the species that use this route. Work in 2011 expanded into determining how passerines respond to weather patterns in the Gulf during their fall migration. Luke will present his findings from the work in fall 2011 as well as an overview of the phenomenal bird migration on this island.



*Luke DeCicco grew up in Fairbanks where his interest in birds was cultivated from a young age by the Alaska Bird Observatory and the University of Alaska Museum. He completed his undergraduate schooling at Acadia University in Nova Scotia where he received a Bsc in biology in 2009. Currently he works for the US Fish and Wildlife Service in Anchorage studying passerines and shorebirds for Jim Johnson and Steve Matsuoka.*

### Announcements

Christmas Bird Count results will be posted on Arctic Audubon Society's website by mid-January and published in the February issue of *The Redpoll*.

The 15th Annual Great Backyard Bird Count is February 17–20, 2012.

Information is available at [www.birdcount.org](http://www.birdcount.org).

Arctic Audubon Society will again offer Small Grants in 2012. Applications will be due in mid-March, and information will be published in the February issue of *The Redpoll* and posted at [www.arcticaudubon.org](http://www.arcticaudubon.org).

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