

Certificate Application – *Wings Over Alaska* – Please Print Legibly

NAME: _____ YEAR of BIRTH: _____
Mr/Mrs/Ms _____
Print name as you would like it to appear on certificate

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

PHONE: () _____ E-MAIL: _____

Certificate level for which you are applying (select one)

- Ptarmigan (50-124) Gyrfalcon (125-199) Eider (200-274) Bluethroat (275 +)

Number of bird species marked on your checklist : _____ *(Double-check your count)*

Would you like to receive the certificate(s) below the level for which you have applied? Yes No Already Have *(Only one of each certificate per person)*

1. Did you enter any bird observations on www.eBird.org? Yes No

2. Which best describes how you see yourself as a birder?

- Casual (usually birds incidentally to other activities)
 Dedicated (often takes outings or trips for the primary purpose of birding)

3. How do you best describe your birding skills?

- Beginner
 Intermediate
 Advanced
 Expert

4. How many years have you been birding? _____

5. How many years have you kept a life list? _____ or just started for Wings Over Alaska program

6. How did you learn about the Wings Over Alaska program? _____

7. Where do/did you do most of your Alaska birding? (name the community, park, refuge, route, etc.):

- a. _____ c. _____
b. _____ d. _____

8. Within Alaska in the past 12 months have you ...? (Check all that apply)

- Participated in a noncommercial birding walk or outing (ranger, nature center, school, or volunteer-led)
 Taken a commercial birding tour day tour or multi-day tour
 Participated in a birding festival -- which? _____

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PO Box 115526, Juneau, AK 99811-5526.

9. In the past 12 months, about how much have you spent on birdwatching?

- Bird food and feeders \$0 \$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 _____
Bird books, tapes, programs, courses \$0 \$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 _____
Optics (binoculars, scopes, etc.) \$0 \$100 \$250 \$500 \$1,000 _____
Other _____ \$0 \$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 _____
Travel--transportation \$0 \$100 \$250 \$500 \$1,000 _____
Travel--meals, lodging \$0 \$100 \$250 \$500 \$1,000 _____
Travel--tours \$0 \$100 \$250 \$500 \$1,000 _____

10. Did/will you purchase an Alaska hunting license this calendar year? No Yes

11. Visitors to Alaska ► How many trips have you taken to Alaska? _____ Used to live in Alaska
On your most recent trip, how many days were you in Alaska? _____
Was birding a primary objective on your most recent Alaska visit? Yes No

12. To see who our program is reaching, please tell us -- are you? Female Male

African-American Alaska Native Asian White Hispanic Other _____

By signing below, I state that all of the birds I have marked on my "Checklist of Alaska Birds" were observed and identified by myself and all information provided on this application is true and correct. In making this application, I authorize the Alaska Department of Fish and Game to use this information for research, informational, and other public purposes and to contact me for additional information.

A copy of my Alaska CHECKLIST (Wings preferred, other is okay) is enclosed (*lists will not be returned*).

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

For applicants age 15 and younger

Parent's or Teacher's Signature: _____

All checklists submitted may be reviewed to ensure count totals are correct and the rules of the program have been followed. Birders may be asked to reconfirm listings of rare or unusual sightings. Certificates are awarded at the discretion of the department. Information is subject to public disclosure. Data will be compiled without personal identifiers.

Allow four to eight weeks for processing (longer for Bluethroat certificates).

Comments, suggestions, birding highlights are invited.
Please use additional paper or e-mail to wingsoveralaska@fishgame.state.ak.us .

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