

Creamer's Field Migration Station

Established in 1992, Open to the Public.



Operating since 1992, the Creamer's Field Migration Station, located in Fairbanks, Alaska, is ideally located to study long-term songbird migration ecology at high latitudes. During a time of rapid change, the Creamer's Field Migration Station dataset provides pertinent information for conservation action to reduce the negative impacts of habitat degradation, climate change and other environmental stresses on songbirds. Additionally, our station is open to public visitors and students of all ages, to observe first-hand science in action.

Education and Training – Each year, 35-45 volunteers from the local community, along with 2-3 interns participate in the operation of the migration station, ecological education, and public outreach. This program not only provides a launching pad for careers in conservation at nonprofits, government agencies, and academia, but also develops stewardship in the local communities. In addition, approximately 2,500 Interior Alaska students and teachers visit the station each year – learning about conservation and the scientific process by interacting with biologists, interns, and volunteers. To learn how you can participate visit <http://aksongbird.org>.



Trained community volunteers help extract captured birds from the mist nets.



Biologist with a Varied Thrush

Bird Ecology Research – Through our mist netting in wetland, shrub, and boreal forest habitat, we annually band over 4,000 birds during spring and fall migration. Our long-term data set helps us understand songbird population health, the relationship of birds to their habitats, and how natural and human-caused change affects songbirds over time. Through collaborations with non-profits, Universities, and state and federal agencies we have also studied Avian Influenza, Avian Malaria, bird safety using mist nets, species specific breeding ecology, and parasite loads between the wintering and breeding grounds.

Funding – Support comes from numerous sources, including individuals, corporate donations and grants. To learn more on how you can support the Alaska Songbird Institute's Creamer's Field Migration Station Education and research, please contact April Harding Scurr at 907-888-2121 or April.HardingScurr@aksongbird.org.



Measuring the wing length of a Yellow-rumped Warbler.

Come See Science in Action

Learn About Birds and Conservation!



A spring capture, a male Black-poll Warbler

Visit ASI Creamer's Field Migration Station to:

- Join banders in checking the mist-nets for birds.
- Watch as birds are banded and measured.
- Learn about the Alaska Songbird Institute's science.
- Experience a walk on nature trails.
- Meet our interns, apprentices, and volunteers.

Banding Demonstration Schedule:

- Come by early (between 8-11 am) for the best chance of seeing birds!
- Nets are not open on rainy or windy days.
- Call to check weather conditions at 907-888-2121

Spring: ~ April 20-end of school year
Monday - Friday

Fall: ~ August 1 - September 30
Monday - Friday

Weekends: Visit <http://aksongbird.org/about-us/our-projects/cfms/cfms-schedule/> for updates.

The Creamer's Field Migration Station is located on Creamer's Field Migratory Waterfowl Refuge, 1300 Creamer's Road, Fairbanks, Alaska.

The Alaska Songbird Institute mission is the conservation of boreal songbirds through ecological education and outreach. The Alaska Songbird Institute is an independent non-profit, member-supported organization. Visit <http://aksongbird.org> to learn more.



A banding demonstration

