## MATANUSKA VALLEY AUDUBON CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT (CBC)

December 17, 2023

The Matanuska Valley Audubon CBC was first conducted in 1979. The CBC Count Circle is centered at the old Four Corners (junction of Palmer-Wasilla Hwy & Old Trunk Rd / Stringfield Rd), and is subdivided into 25 Areas. These represent a habitat range from urban/industrial, residential neighborhoods, and areas that are near-wilderness in nature.

The southern half of the Circle is largely composed of portions of the Palmer Hay Flats State Game Refuge. Usually there is little unfrozen water within the Count Circle during a normal December, except for some sections of fast-moving streams and at the outflows of some lakes. The Circle encompasses Palmer and Wasilla, the two largest Matanuska Valley towns.

Participants will count birds that they can identify and record the count on a tally sheet.

Count data will be reported at the end of the day (after dark) Participants will submit data using an **online spreadsheet as the preferred** method, OR call in their count, OR email.

- Spreadsheet link -- https://tinyurl.com/CBCdata directions provided on the spreadsheet
- 2. Call in your count or call for support

Robin 907-841-7398 -- Call for tech support!

Tom 907-350-7028

3. email count to matsubirders@gmail.com Matsu Birders Website - https:// matsubirders.org/