

# Rusty Blackbird

## Spring Migration Blitz



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- \* April 12-May 31 in Alaska
- \* Goal: document migration timing and pattern in North America
- \* Report sightings in **eBird** or on **data sheets**



# Rusty Blackbird

Male, breeding plumage



Cephas (Wikipedia)

Female, breeding plumage



Lloyd Spitalnik

# Rusty Blackbird Sound Track



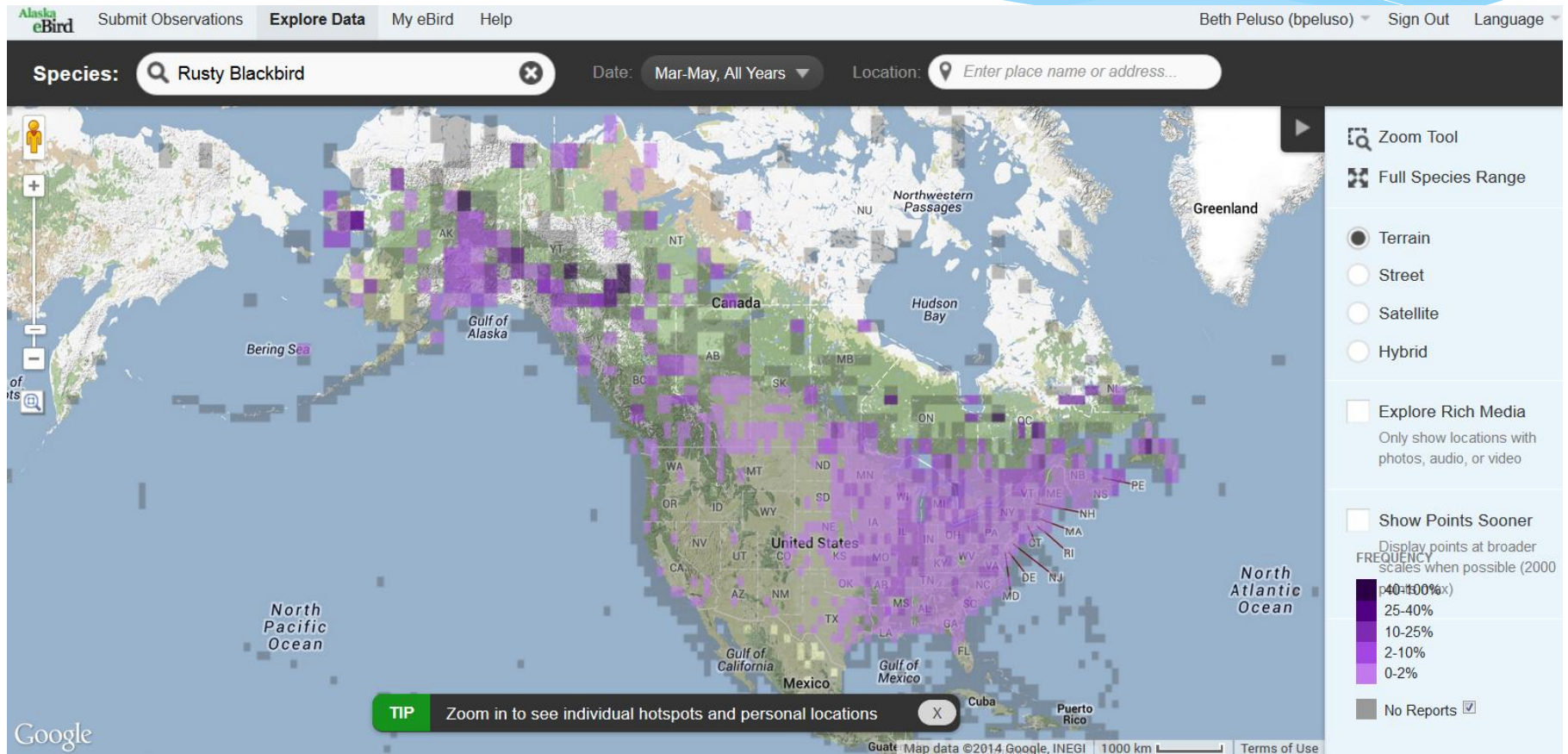
**Sound track not available in PDF format**

# eBird

- \* An online, shared database worldwide
- \* Share your sightings and look at other reports
- \* Keep track of your own bird list
- \* <http://ebird.org/content/ak/>



# Getting Started in eBird



# Exploring eBird

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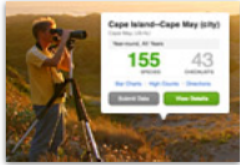
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Alaska eBird


The Chicago Manual

## View and Explore Data



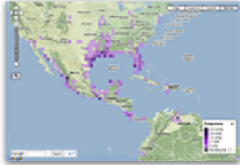
### [Explore a Location](#) BETA

Recent sightings, checklists, birding activity, best hotspots, and top birders for a county, state, province, or country.



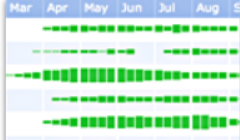
### [Explore Hotspots](#) BETA

Discover the best places for birding nearby or around the world.



### [Range and Point Maps](#)

Explore interactive range maps by species or subspecies — zoom in for details



### [Bar Charts](#)

Find out what birds to expect throughout the year in a region or location

#### Your Totals

Track your totals and compare with other eBirders.

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#### [Yard Totals](#)

How many species and checklists have you submitted for your yard?

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#### [Patch Totals](#)

How many have you submitted for your favorite birding patches?

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#### [Top 100](#)

Compare with the top eBirders in your region.

# Where Did You Go Birding?

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the eBird website. The browser's address bar shows 'ebird.org/ebird/ak/submit'. The page has a navigation bar with links like 'Submit Observations', 'Explore Data', and 'My eBird'. The main content area is titled 'Where did you bird?' and contains several options for identifying the location of observations.

1 2 3 **Where did you bird?**

**Identify the location where you made your observations.**

Select from My Locations

[Edit "My Locations" list](#)

**Find it on a Map**  
Select existing personal locations and hotspots, or plot a new location.

**Use Latitude/Longitude**  
Create a new location using latitude and longitude.

**Select an entire city, county, or state**  
If you were birding across a very large area (e.g., an entire state, county, or city) select this option. **Please consider using more precise locations when reporting to eBird so that your observations are more valuable for analysis .**

**Import Data**  
Import data from a spreadsheet, database, or birding program. [Learn how](#)



ebird.org/ebird/ak/submit/map

Zoom to:

The map displays the city of Anchorage, Alaska, with a focus on fire locations. A search bar at the top allows for zooming to a specific location. The map interface includes a zoom control on the left and a 'Map'/'Satellite' toggle on the right. Red fire icons are distributed across the city, with a notable cluster in the central-northern part of Anchorage. Labeled streets include E 1st Ave, Glenn Hwy, E 4th Ave, Duben Ave, E 10th Ave, Seward Hwy, Interstate A-3, Lore Rd, Bayshore / Klatt, Old Klatt Rd, Jari Dr, Blayton Dr, Cange St, Our Rd, Birch Rd, Hillside Dr, Cox Ur, Creek Rd, Sidorof Ln, Basher Dr, Mudoon Rd, and Sand Lake Rd. Other labels include Kincaid Park, Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport, and Arctic Valley. The map shows a high density of fire incidents in the central urban area, particularly along major thoroughfares like Seward Hwy and near the airport.

For new locations, **zoom in as far as possible** and click on the map to place a green marker. This marks your new location. To reposition the marker, click anywhere on the map.




# When Did You Go Birding?

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1 2 3 **Date and Effort** Anchorage-Audubon Office, Anchorage County, Alaska... Change

**\* Observation Date:** Apr 21 2014  **\* = Required**

**\* Observation Type:**

<input type="radio"/> Traveling	You traveled a specific distance — walking a trail, driving a refuge loop, field birding.	<a href="#">▶ More Info...</a>
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Stationary	You stayed at a fixed location — watching from a window, hawkwatching, seawatching.	<a href="#">▶ More Info...</a>
<input type="radio"/> Incidental	Birding was not your primary purpose or you lack required effort information — noting a bird while driving or gardening, historic records that lack effort info.	<a href="#">▶ More Info...</a>
<input type="radio"/> Other	<input type="text" value="Choose..."/>	

**\* Start Time (AM/PM):** 11 : 45 AM [Use 24-hour Clock](#)


**\* Duration:**  hrs.  min.

**\* Party Size:**  Enter the total number of people in your birding party

**Comments:**

# Rusty Blackbird Blitz on eBird

1 2 3 **Date and Effort** Anchorage home, Anchorage County, Alaska, US [Change](#)

\* **Observation Date:** Apr --- 2014  \* = Required

\* **Observation Type:**

- ☐ **Traveling** You traveled a specific distance — walking a trail, driving a refuge loop, field birding. [▶ More Info...](#)
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- ☐ **Incidental** Birding was not your primary purpose or you lack required effort information — noting a bird while driving or gardening, historic records that lack effort info. [▶ More Info...](#)
- ☒ **Other**
  - Choose...
  - Choose...
  - Area
  - eBird Pelagic Protocol
  - CWC Point Count
  - CWC Area Search
  - Random
  - Greater Gulf Refuge Waterbird Count
  - Oiled Birds
  - Nocturnal Flight Call Count
  - Heron Stationary Count
  - Heron Area Count
  - TNC California Waterbird Count
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- \* Under Observation Type, Other—click on Rusty Blackbird Spring Migration Blitz until May 31.

# Entering Details or Rare Species

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ebird.org/ebird/ak/submit/checklist

Jump to Species...

+ Add Species ▲ Top

↓ Alphabetic

☒ Show Rarities

☒ Show Subspecies

☐ Group by Most Likely ?

📱 Shortcuts ⚙ Preferences

Are you submitting a **complete checklist** of the birds you were able to identify?

☐ Yes ☐ No ?

◀ Submit ▶

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winmorer (American) RARE

Bristle-thighed Curlew RARE

curlew sp. RARE

Hudsonian Godwit RARE

Bar-tailed Godwit RARE

**1 Marbled Godwit RARE** Hide Details

Details: Add text, photos, audio, or video describing the bird, its habitat, and behavior... X

Age & Sex: Juvenile Immature Adult Age Unknown X

Male				
Female				
Sex Unknown				

Breeding: Choose the highest possible code... Help... X

Oiled: ☒ Not oiled ☐ Oiled, obviously sick ☐ Oiled, not obviously sick ☐ Could not determine if oiled X

Add data... Age & Sex Breeding Code Oiled Birds Details

godwit sp. RARE

Ruddy Turnstone RARE

Black Turnstone RARE

Red Knot RARE

Surfbird RARE

Ruff RARE

# More about Rusty Blackbirds

- \* [www.AudubonAlaska.org](http://www.AudubonAlaska.org):  
identification, sounds, printable  
data sheet
- \* Rusty Blackbird Spring Migration  
Blitz Facebook Page
- \* International Rusty Blackbird  
Working Group

Female, winter plumage



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