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SUBJECT: Refuge Birding Event

The Kenai National Wildlife Refuge and the Keen Eye Peninsula Birders birding club welcomes your participation in the Third Annual Kenai National Wildlife Refuge "Big Sit". The event will be held Saturday, October 13 from sunrise to sunset (8:00 AM to 8:00 PM) on the Refuge next to the Lower Skilak Lake Boat Launch. A "Big Sit" is an annual national bird watching event where participants record all the bird species they see or hear while within a 17' diameter circle for any period up to 24 hours. You won't be required to stay for the whole period of time, and this event is suitable for all levels of birders from beginners to experienced or just curious! New this year – Kenai Park Ranger Tailgate Party from 1:30 – 3:30pm with bird games, activities and refreshments. Follow us on Twitter at **#bigsit**.

Find out more at the national website, <http://www.birdwatchersdigest.com>. This bird watching event kicks off National Wildlife Refuge Week (October 9 - 15). So dress warmly, bring your binoculars or spotting scope, and lots of enthusiasm for finding birds. For more information call the Refuge at (907) 262-7021 or the Keen Eye Peninsula Birders at (907) 262-7767.

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