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SUBJECT: 2013 Soldotna Audubon Christmas Bird Count

The public is invited to participate in the 2013 Soldotna Audubon Christmas Bird Count to be held Saturday, December 14, 2013. The Audubon Christmas Bird Count is an annual early-winter continental bird census, where volunteers count birds they see and hear during the course of the day within the local count circle. The Soldotna count circle encompasses portions of Soldotna, Kenai, and Kasilof.

There is a pre-count meeting at Kaladi Brothers Coffee Company (315 South Kobuk Avenue) in Soldotna the morning of the count starting at 9:00 a.m., to obtain forms, maps, and make teams. The event is free. The birding effort normally commences at first light and concludes at dusk. Participants do not have to be experts, but only have a desire to get outside, find, and record birds. Inexperienced birders will be teamed with more seasoned birders. Remember to dress warmly, bring a pair of binoculars and a bird identification book, if available.

All participants are invited to submit their tally sheets and meet for a potluck social starting at 6:00 p.m. in the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge's Environmental Education Cabin, located next to the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge headquarters on Ski Hill Road. Come and be

part of the 114th Audubon Christmas Bird Count! For more information, contact Toby Burke at the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge, (907) 260-2816, Ken Tarbox of the Keen Eye Birders, (907) 262-7767, or Jack Sinclair the Soldotna Christmas Bird Count Compiler, (907) 262-7817.

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