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SUBJECT: Refuge Birding Event

Kenai National Wildlife Refuge and the Keen Eye Peninsula Birders welcome your participation in the Fifth Annual Kenai National Wildlife Refuge "Big Sit". The event will be held Saturday, October 11, from sunrise to sunset: (8:00 AM to 7:00 PM), along the Skilak Lake shoreline near the Lower Skilak Lake Boat Launch. A "Big Sit" is a 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 need not stay for the whole event. It's suitable for all levels of birders from beginners to experienced, or the curious!

Find out more at <http://www.birdwatchersdigest.com/bwdsite/connect/bigshit/index.php#>, the national website. This bird watching event kicks off National Wildlife Refuge Week (October 12 - 18). It is recommended to dress warmly, bring your binoculars or spotting scope, and lots of enthusiasm for finding birds.

For more information call the Toby Burke at the Refuge at (907) 262-7021 or the Keen Eye Peninsula Birders at (907) 262-7767.

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