

# YAKUTAT NATURE SOCIETY (YNS) PRESENTS THE 12TH ANNUAL YAKUTAT TERN FESTIVAL



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### Meet our Keynote Speaker from Alaska Audubon!



Tory Elmore is Audubon Alaska's GIS Analyst. Tory has worked in conservation GIS for ten years, creating maps to tell stories, support policy decisions, inform scientific research and land management practices, promote sustainability and

habitat conservation, and inspire others. Inside and outside of work, she is an avid cartophile: reading, studying, and creating with maps. She is passionate about GIS education, radical geography, and participatory GIS. On weekends and holidays you can find her, map in hand, on a long distance backpacking trip, climbing a big wall, or rappelling through a slot canyon.



**Come learn more about:  
What's New with the Southeast Alaska  
Birding Trail on Saturday June 3rd at  
645PM at the ANB Hall-- Yakutat, AK**

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### Featured Artist:

### Dustin Newman Unignax

Dustin is Unangax and Deg Hit's Athabascan. He grew up in King Cove, Alaska along the Alaska Peninsula. Dustin is the son of Rebecca Demoski and Harlen Newman, his paternal grandparents Robert "Babe" Newman and Clara Smith, and Maternal Grandparents Rudy Demoski and Agnes Gould. His art represents his culture and the environment that he grew up in. Dustin first started painting on bentwood visors and later started building kayaks under his mentor Marc Daniels.

Dustin will be sharing his art and culture with Tern Festival goers this year, through workshops for both kids and adults, bringing a unique and valued, cross-cultural connection to Yakutat.

### Special Guests & Collaborators

Carrie Wittmer is the Public Affairs Officer and Team Lead for Interpretation and Education at Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve. Her career spans 20 years of dedication to the fields of interpretation and education, working both within and alongside National Park Service units across the country such as Crater Lake National Park, Grand Canyon National Park, and Chesapeake and Ohio National Historical Park. She holds a BS in Biology and an MS in Environmental Education.



At Wrangell-St. Elias, she leads a team of interpreters and educators focused on engaging local and visiting audiences in shared park stewardship



### Southeast Alaska Birding Trails

A birdwatching trail connects people to birds and the environment. Birdwatching on National Forests allows people to get outside, get fresh air and exercise, explore, and learn about wildlife, forests and ecosystems; often in a deeply personal way. The Southeast Alaska Birding Trail provides a unique opportunity for people to take part in an educational, self-guided trip through the largest national forest in the United States.



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New partnerships, cross-cultural education opportunities, The Southeast Alaska Birding Trail, and meaningful connections. This past year has been like emerging from the nest and spreading our wings. We're heading towards our third year as Yakutat's newest local nonprofit and we are so proud to be here.



**Featured Workshop: Wildlife Photography: Tips, Techniques, and Settings for Success with Don Kluting**  
Saturday, June 3rd: 3:30PM - 5:00PM - Indoors

Learn how to use the settings on your camera to get the photos you desire. Cameras to be covered include basic point-and-shoot to DSLR's and everything in between. Covered topics will include going beyond the automatic settings, the basics of shutter speed, aperture, and ISO. Don will go into detail about how to capture landscape and wildlife, including those challenging bird photos. Participants are more than welcome to bring their cameras and questions regarding settings, and mentor Don Kluting will be happy to help with a hands-on follow up to the classroom session.



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