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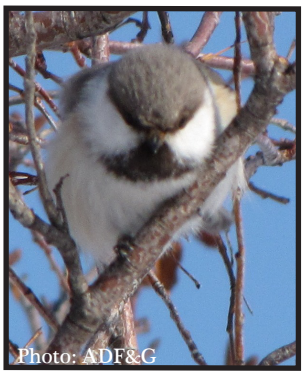
Gray-headed Chickadee Sightings!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If you have a camera, are interested in birds and helping with bird research in AK, then you are deputized!

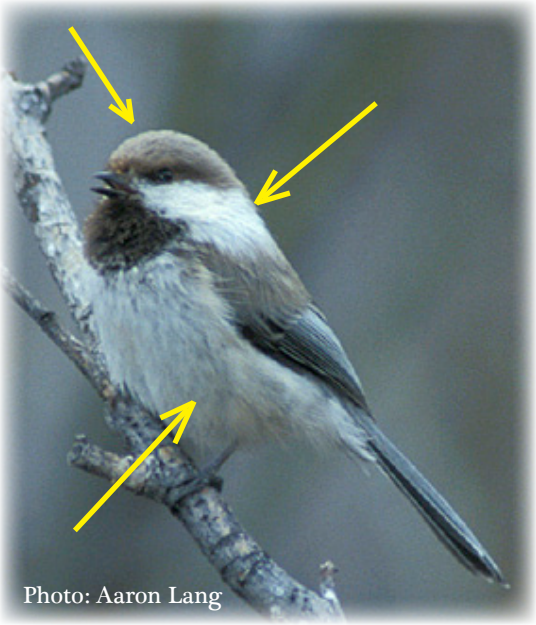
Why: Gray-headed Chickadees are among the rarest breeding birds in North America and occur only in AK and northwest Canada. The distribution of this uncommon, unstudied species is not certain and historical accounts suggest it occurred in Interior Alaska. We want to learn where the species currently occurs in Alaska and need YOU to help us determine this.

What You Can Do: Please photograph any possible sightings of this bird and send the photograph, along with date and location information, to Travis Booms (**travis.booms@alaska.gov**). Because Gray-headed Chickadees look very similar to other chickadees, only photographs that allow positive species identification will be useful.

When: Anytime! The species is a year-around resident.

Description: Gray-headed Chickadees look very similar to the more common Black-capped and Boreal Chickadees. They differ from Black-capped Chickadees by lacking the pure black cap and from the more similar Boreal Chickadee by having:

Gray-headed Chickadee **vs.** **Boreal Chickadee**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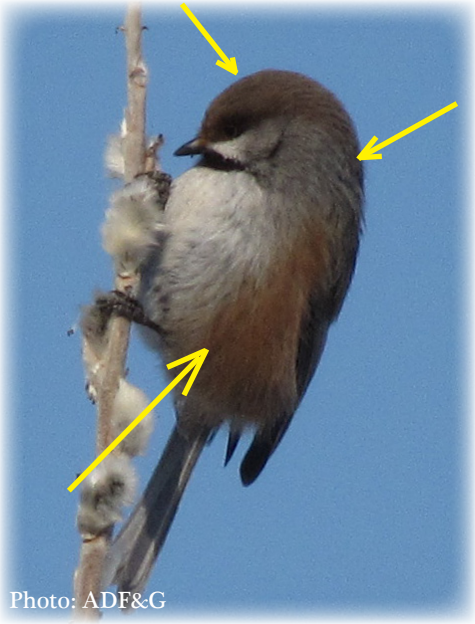
Grayish head instead of brown

Larger white cheek patch that extends towards the back of the neck

Whiter sides instead of buffy brown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