

*The Helmut Grünberg*

# YUKON BIRDATHON

## 2026 Feature Birder – Kim Selbee

This year's Feature Birder is Kim Selbee. When Kim and her husband moved to Whitehorse in 2017, the first thing she did was join the Yukon Bird Club. "I received a very warm welcome at the annual potluck that January," she recalls.

Now living in Mayo for the past six years, Kim enjoys exploring the many different local habitats that support a wide variety of birds. "The dyke road in Mayo is my favourite place to bird right now," says Kim. She has spotted everything there from great horned owls to spotted sandpipers. One of the most surprising bird visitors in Mayo was a brambling who made an unexpected visit to her backyard in October 2023. She also caught sight of a Nashville warbler on the outskirts of Mayo in October 2024.



Kim has spent time in the interior of BC, where she has spotted long-billed curlews, lazuli buntings and cat birds. Her favourite bird is the white-throated sparrow, a rarity in the Yukon, but whose lovely song she looks forward to hearing in early June.

Kim has participated in several Birdathons and always looks forward to the event each year. Her plan for the upcoming 2026 Birdathon is to hike the usual hot spots in Mayo and travel to nearby lakes. "I love to promote the amazing variety of birds that can be found in Mayo, and I hope to see new ones this year," she exclaims. Kim recommends a good camera or scope for any birders to accurately identify birds without disturbing them. "Protecting the habitats where birds nest has become of the utmost importance to me," she says.

If you can't take part in this year's Yukon Birdathon, please consider sponsoring Kim!

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### 41<sup>st</sup> Annual *Helmut Grünberg* YUKON BIRDATHON 2026

#### FEATURE BIRDER – Kim Selbee – Pledge Form

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