



Dunes-Calumet Audubon Society

2020 Birdathon Rules

With Covid-19 Guidelines

The primary objectives of participating in this event should be:

- to ENJOY the wonderful spring migration of birds in Indiana,
- to IDENTIFY as many bird species by sight or sound as you are able, and
- RAISE funds* for important bird conservation and education in NW Indiana.

*It is not required for participation. See the “How Do You Raise Funds?” section below.

WHO'S ON YOUR TEAM?

Your Team can be just you or include family members. In practicing appropriate COVID-19 social distancing, other team members should travel in separate cars to the same birding spot and remain 6 feet apart while actively birding. Keep your health and safety the first priority. Register your team by visiting www.dunecalaudubon.org.

HOW DO YOU COUNT THE BIRDS?

- ✓ Birds may be identified and counted by sight or sound. Use a field guide, bird app, or take a photo.
- ✓ The use of recorded calls to attract birds must be used sparingly and follow ABA birding ethics guidelines.
- ✓ Record the species on the checklist provided. Exact individual totals are not necessary for this count.

WHEN IS THE BIRDATHON?

Pick a single date for your Birdathon that is between May 1-May 31.

Your Team can start counting birds any time after Midnight on the day you pick. You must finish counting before Midnight so that all sightings are limited to one single date (i.e. 6pm-6pm counts crossing over two different dates are not allowed).

WHERE IS THE BIRDATHON?

Your Team can bird in your backyard, visit nearby parks, travel to birding sites listed on www.dunescalaudubon.org, or elsewhere in Indiana. Out of state birds may be counted if the observer is standing in Indiana.

HOW DO YOU RAISE FUNDS?

Your Team may ask family and friends to pledge an amount per bird species you predict to count. Or you may accept a flat donation amount. We hope you'll consider using the pledge sheet provided. All pledges received should be gathered with your Team Checklist and *mailed by June 15 at DCAS, PO Box Box 36, Wheeler, IN 46393.* *All checks should be made payable to Dunes-Calumet Audubon Society.*

If you are experiencing financial hardships of your own this year, we understand that now is not the best time to give. But if you are able to help, all Teams that raise at least \$25 will receive a Dunes-Calumet Audubon car magnet for each Team member. Teams that raise at least \$250 will receive a Dunes-Calumet Audubon t-shirt.