Details and Rules

Birdathon takes place May 1 – 9, 2021. The count begins at 12:01 a.m. on May 1 and ends at 11:59 p.m. on May 9.

Participants register by filling out a form available on **audubonchc.org/birdathon** and can form teams up to six people. Participants and teams must choose either the 4-hour or 24-hour birding category, and Individual or Team (up to 6 total people). Each team should designate a team lead to set up the team information. Submit forms or information to Sarah Hatfield at shatfield@audubonchc.org or by dropping off or mailing to ACNC. Team profiles are listed on **audubonchc.org/birdathon** and **app.99pledges.com/fund/audubonchc**.

Participants then collect pledges from friends, family, and community members either online at **app.99pledges.com/fund/audubonchc** or in person on the paper pledge sheet available at **audubonchc.org/birdathon.** Pledges can be flat rate or per species. Per species pledges are typically lower amounts based on how many birds the team thinks they will see. For example, someone who pledges 50 cents per species to a team who expects to see 80 species would owe $40. (Per species is more fun for the birders!) ACNC encourages you to collect flat rate pledges at the time of the pledge. Per species pledges are collected after team the event.

Finally, participants go birding, according to their selected options (individual or team, backyard or roaming, 4-hour or 24-hour).

Rules of Birdathon

- Count each species you see and record it. You are not counting individual birds. Any species considered uncommon for the time of year must be corroborated by another birder, photographic evidence, or song recording evidence. These are marked with asterisks on the birding checklist. Questionable or unverified species may be eliminated from the count.
- If you are birding in the 24-hour group, you can split up your time. For example, you can bird every morning for six mornings for four hours each morning.
- Teams must bird together (60%+ of participants) for the time to count.
- Participants must bird in the following locations:
    - Pennsylvania Counties — Warren, Erie, Crawford, and McKean
    - New York Counties — Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, and Erie.

Timelines

Species lists and pledge sheets, with any collected money, need to be returned to ACNC by May 11, 2021.

Winners of the incentives and prizes will be announced at noon on May 13, 2021. ACNC will send letters to people who pledged per species to let them know what they owe.

Opportunities

Audubon is offering Learn-to-Bird programs on their property during the first week of May:

May 3: Pond edges and Big Pond
May 4: Shrubby wetlands and ponds
May 5: Backyard Birding
May 6: Fields and fencerow
May 7: Young forest and pond edges

Questions

If you have questions on how to pledge, join a team, or other issues, please contact Sarah Hatfield at shatfield@audubonchc.org or (716) 569-2345.

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Make a Difference with Audubon

Birdathon is an annual event at Audubon Community Nature Center. It supports two aspects of ACNC's educational operations.

Ryan Exline Memorial Scholarship

Your pledges and efforts help support a local student pursue their passion.

The Ryan Exline Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a an area college-bound student who intends to pursue a degree in an environmental-related field.

Ryan was a part of the Audubon family for many years. He assisted with gardening, eagle care, live animal care, and educational programs. He was pursuing a master's degree at Duke University when he died in a car accident. ACNC honors his legacy through this scholarship.

Pamela A. Westrom Wildlife Habitat

Your pledges and efforts help nurture the next generation of nature lovers and scientists.

Audubon's Animal Ambassador family is growing! The Pamela A. Westrom Wildlife Habitat is under construction now at Audubon. The facility will house additional birds of prey upon completion of the structure, permits, and required staff training.

Birdathon this year is supporting this project, bringing more up-close experiences to the community to foster the connections between people and nature.

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Birdathon Checklist

Birding to support the Ryan Exline Memorial Scholarship and the Pamela A. Westrom Wildlife Habitat.

2021

Audubon Community Nature Center

The connection begins with you.

Loons and Grebes
- ☐ Common Loon
- ☐ Red-throated Loon*
- ☐ Pied-billed Grebe
- ☐ Horned Grebe
- ☐ Red-necked Grebe
- ☐ Eared Grebe*

Cormorants
- ☐ Double-crested Cormorant

Herons and Bitterns
- ☐ American Bittern
- ☐ Least Bittern*
- ☐ Great Blue Heron
- ☐ Great Egret
- ☐ Cattle Egret*
- ☐ Snowy Egret*
- ☐ Green Heron
- ☐ Black-crowned Night Heron

Storks and American Vultures
- ☐ Turkey Vulture
- ☐ Black Vulture

Ducks, Geese and Swans
- ☐ Greater White-fronted Goose*
- ☐ Snow Goose
- ☐ Brant*
- ☐ Cackling Goose
- ☐ Canada Goose
- ☐ Mute Swan
- ☐ Tundra Swan
- ☐ Trumpeter Swan*
- ☐ Wood Duck
- ☐ Gadwall
- ☐ American Wigeon
- ☐ American Black Duck
- ☐ Mallard
- ☐ Blue-winged Teal
- ☐ Northern Shoveler
- ☐ Northern Pintail
- ☐ Green-winged Teal
- ☐ Redhead
- ☐ Ring-necked Duck
- ☐ Greater Scaup
- ☐ Lesser Scaup
- ☐ King Eider
- ☐ Common Eider*
- ☐ Long-tailed Duck
- ☐ Bufflehead
- ☐ Common Goldeneye
- ☐ Barrow's Goldeneye
- ☐ Hooded Merganser
- ☐ Common Merganser
- ☐ Red-breasted Merganser
- ☐ Ruddy Duck

Hawks, Eagles and Allies
- ☐ Osprey
- ☐ Bald Eagle
- ☐ Northern Harrier
- ☐ Sharp-shinned Hawk
- ☐ Cooper's Hawk
- ☐ Northern Goshawk*
- ☐ Red-shouldered Hawk
- ☐ Broad-winged Hawk
- ☐ Red-tailed Hawk
- ☐ Rough-legged Hawk
- ☐ Golden Eagle
- ☐ American Kestrel
- ☐ Peregrine Falcon
- ☐ Merlin

Partridges, Grouse and Turkeys
- ☐ Ring-necked Pheasant
- ☐ Ruffed Grouse
- ☐ Wild Turkey

Rails, Gallinules and Coots
- ☐ Virginia Rail
- ☐ Sora
- ☐ Common Gallinule
- ☐ American Coot

Cranes
- ☐ Sandhill Crane

Plovers, Sandpipers and Allies
- ☐ Semipalmated Plover
- ☐ Piping Plover*
- ☐ Killdeer
- ☐ American Avocet*
- ☐ Greater Yellowlegs
- ☐ Lesser Yellowlegs
- ☐ Solitary Sandpiper
- ☐ Spotted Sandpiper
- ☐ Upland Sandpiper*
- ☐ Willet*
- ☐ Whimbrel*
- ☐ Hudsonian Godwit*
- ☐ Ruddy Turnstone*
- ☐ Red Knot*
- ☐ Sanderling*
- ☐ Semipalmated Sandpiper
- ☐ Least Sandpiper*
- ☐ Pectoral Sandpiper
- ☐ Purple Sandpiper
- ☐ Dunlin
- ☐ Wilson's Snipe
- ☐ American Woodcock

Gulls and Terns
- ☐ Bonaparte's Gull
- ☐ Black-headed Gull
- ☐ Little Gull
- ☐ Ring-billed Gull
- ☐ Herring Gull
- ☐ Iceland Gull
- ☐ Lesser Black-backed Gull
- ☐ Glaucous Gull
- ☐ Great Black-backed Gull
- ☐ Caspian Tern
- ☐ Common Tern
- ☐ Forster's Tern
- ☐ Black Tern*

Pigeons and Doves
- ☐ Rock Dove
- ☐ Mourning Dove

Cuckoos
- ☐ Black-billed Cuckoo
- ☐ Yellow-billed Cuckoo

Owls
- ☐ Eastern Screech Owl
- ☐ Great Horned Owl
- ☐ Snowy Owl
- ☐ Barred Owl
- ☐ Long-eared Owl
- ☐ Short-eared Owl
- ☐ Northern Saw-whet Owl
- ☐ Barn Owl*

Nightjars
- ☐ Common Nighthawk
- ☐ Eastern Whip-poor-will*

Swifts
- ☐ Chimney Swift

Hummingbirds
- ☐ Ruby-throated Hummingbird

Kingfishers
- ☐ Belted Kingfisher

Woodpeckers
- ☐ Red-headed Woodpecker
- ☐ Red-bellied Woodpecker
- ☐ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
- ☐ Downy Woodpecker
- ☐ Hairy Woodpecker
- ☐ Northern Flicker
- ☐ Pileated Woodpecker

Tyrant Flycatchers
- ☐ Olive-sided Flycatcher
- ☐ Eastern Wood Pewee
- ☐ Acadian Flycatcher
- ☐ Alder Flycatcher
- ☐ Willow Flycatcher
- ☐ Least Flycatcher
- ☐ Eastern Phoebe
- ☐ Great Crested Flycatcher
- ☐ Eastern Kingbird

Shrikes
- ☐ Northern Shrike
- ☐ Loggerhead Shrike*

Vireos
- ☐ White-eyed Vireo
- ☐ Yellow-throated Vireo
- ☐ Blue-headed Vireo
- ☐ Warbling Vireo
- ☐ Philadelphia Vireo
- ☐ Red-eyed Vireo

Crows and Jays
- ☐ Blue Jay
- ☐ American Crow
- ☐ Common Raven

Swallows
- ☐ Purple Martin
- ☐ Tree Swallow
- ☐ Northern Rough-winged Swallow
- ☐ Bank Swallow*
- ☐ Cliff Swallow*
- ☐ Barn Swallow

Chickadees and Titmice
- ☐ Black-capped Chickadee
- ☐ Tufted Titmouse

Nuthatches
- ☐ Red-breasted Nuthatch
- ☐ White-breasted Nuthatch

Creepers
- ☐ Brown Creeper

Wrens
- ☐ Carolina Wren
- ☐ House Wren
- ☐ Sedge Wren*
- ☐ Winter Wren
- ☐ Marsh Wren

Kinglets and Gnatcatchers
- ☐ Golden-crowned Kinglet
- ☐ Ruby-crowned Kinglet
- ☐ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

Thrushes
- ☐ Eastern Bluebird
- ☐ Veery
- ☐ Gray-cheeked Thrush*
- ☐ Swainson's Thrush
- ☐ Hermit Thrush
- ☐ Wood Thrush
- ☐ American Robin

Mockingbirds and Thrashers
- ☐ Gray Catbird
- ☐ Brown Thrasher
- ☐ Northern Mockingbird

Starlings
- ☐ European Starling

Pipit
- ☐ American Pipit*

Waxwings
- ☐ Cedar Waxwing

Warblers
- ☐ Worm-eating Warbler*
- ☐ Blue-winged Warbler
- ☐ Golden-winged Warbler
- ☐ Tennessee Warbler
- ☐ Orange-crowned Warbler*
- ☐ Nashville Warbler
- ☐ Connecticut Warbler*
- ☐ Kentucky Warbler*
- ☐ Northern Parula
- ☐ Yellow Warbler
- ☐ Chestnut-sided Warbler
- ☐ Magnolia Warbler
- ☐ Cape May Warbler
- ☐ Black-throated Blue Warbler
- ☐ Yellow-rumped Warbler
- ☐ Black-throated Green Warbler
- ☐ Black-throated Blue Warbler
- ☐ Bay-breasted Warbler
- ☐ Blackburnian Warbler
- ☐ Pine Warbler
- ☐ Prairie Warbler
- ☐ Prothonotary Warbler*
- ☐ Palm Warbler
- ☐ Blackpoll Warbler
- ☐ Black-and-white Warbler
- ☐ American Redstart
- ☐ Ovenbird
- ☐ Northern Waterthrush
- ☐ Louisiana Waterthrush
- ☐ Mourning Warbler
- ☐ Common Yellowthroat
- ☐ Hooded Warbler
- ☐ Yellow-throated Warbler*
- ☐ Wilson's Warbler
- ☐ Canada Warbler
- ☐ Yellow-breasted Chat*

Towhees, Sparrows and Juncos
- ☐ Eastern Towhee
- ☐ American Tree Sparrow
- ☐ Chipping Sparrow
- ☐ Field Sparrow
- ☐ Vesper Sparrow*
- ☐ Savannah Sparrow
- ☐ Grasshopper Sparrow*
- ☐ Fox Sparrow
- ☐ Song Sparrow
- ☐ Lincoln's Sparrow*
- ☐ Swamp Sparrow
- ☐ White-throated Sparrow
- ☐ White-crowned Sparrow
- ☐ Dark-eyed Junco
- ☐ Lapland Longspur
- ☐ Snow Bunting

Tanagers, Cardinals, and Grosbeaks
- ☐ Scarlet Tanager
- ☐ Northern Cardinal
- ☐ Rose-breasted Grosbeak
- ☐ Indigo Bunting
- ☐ Dicksissel

Blackbirds and Orioles
- ☐ Bobolink
- ☐ Red-winged Blackbird
- ☐ Eastern Meadowlark
- ☐ Rusty Blackbird
- ☐ Common Grackle
- ☐ Brown-headed Cowbird
- ☐ Orchard Oriole
- ☐ Baltimore Oriole

Finches, Crossbills and Allies
- ☐ Purple Finch
- ☐ House Finch
- ☐ Pine Siskin
- ☐ American Goldfinch
- ☐ Common Redpoll
- ☐ Hoary Redpoll*
- ☐ Red Crossbill
- ☐ White-winged Crossbill
- ☐ Evening Grosbeak
- ☐ Pine Grosbeak

Old World Sparrows
- ☐ House Sparrow

Notes/Other Species:

*Needs verification, see rules