



## **Birdathon Rules**

### **I. Competition Date and Deadline**

- A. Birdathon Competition Date: Saturday, May 12, 2018.
- B. Turn in your team's official birder roster and preliminary estimated fundraising goal (\$250/team minimum) to the Birdathon Coordinator by March 15, 2018. This gives Audubon time to build your team's webpage. The sooner you submit your information, the sooner your webpage will be ready for action.
- C. Pledge sheets for your team must be in by 5pm on Friday May 11, 2018. This gives Audubon time to determine the winning team for most money raised, to be awarded at the Bird Bash.
- D. Team reports and checklists are due at the Bird Bash (tally rally) on Saturday, May 12 by 5:00 PM.

### **II. Competition Objectives**

Audubon Arkansas's BirdLR Birdathon is a team effort with the following objectives:

- A. Raise money for Audubon Arkansas. Funds raised this year will support Audubon Arkansas's bird conservation and environmental education work.
- B. Identify as many bird species as possible during the count period.
- C. Expand community involvement and increase public awareness of birds and birding in Central Arkansas.

### **III. Competition Rules**

Participating teams must abide by the following rules in order to be eligible for prizes:

- A. Two or more participants constitute a team. No more than five people per team. An individual cannot bird for more than one team. Birds reported must be identified by at least two team members. For teams consisting of only two members, both must see or hear each bird.
- B. Team members may come and go during the day, but all team members present must stay within hearing distance of one another during their count and make every reasonable effort to ensure all team members either see or hear each species counted by the team. No solo birding.
- C. All birds counted must be within Pulaski County.
- D. Birds can be identified either by sight or by sound.

E. Birds must be alive, wild, and unrestrained, including those attracted by audio recordings or feeders. Injured birds may be counted if wild and unrestrained. Eggs do not count as birds. Neither ornamental waterfowl nor escaped cage birds can be counted.

F. Count only full species as indicated on the official AAS checklist provided by Audubon Arkansas. Mark all your species and final species tally on this checklist and submit it at the Tally Rally.

G. You are encouraged to use social media to share your sightings during the event. #BIRDLR

H. Each team must raise or contribute a minimum of \$250 to be eligible for prizes. Supporters can contribute prior to the Birdathon (online on the team's web page, check via mail to 4500 Springer Blvd., Little Rock, AR 72206, or cash to be turned in at the Bird Bash) or pledge to contribute after the Birdathon by filling out a team's pledge sheet. Online donations are preferred. Teams will periodically be informed of donations received via mail. Teams should note all donations and pledges on their pledge sheet(s).

I. Each participant should strive to maintain proper birding ethics at all times. Follow the American Birding Association's Code of Birding Ethics. Abide by all endangered or threatened species laws and regulations. Obey posted property rules.

**Birdathon Coordinator: Contact Dan Scheiman at [dscheiman@audubon.org](mailto:dscheiman@audubon.org) or 501-244-2229.**



**BIRDATHON 2018 REGISTRATION FORM**  
**May 12, 2018**

**Team Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Team Captain:** \_\_\_\_\_

<i>Team Members</i>	<i>Address, City, State and Zip</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>Email</i>	<i>T-shirt Size</i>

**Team Description\* A few fun facts about your team. Why are you participating? Why do you love birds? Attach separate page, if needed.**

**E-mail a team photo along with this form. If no photo is provided, a BIRDLR logo will be used in its place.**

Your team's fundraising goal (\$250 min.): \_\_\_\_\_

Your team's species goal: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this form before March 15, 2018 to Dan Scheiman at [dscheiman@audubon.org](mailto:dscheiman@audubon.org) or mail to 4500 Springer Blvd., Little Rock, AR 72206.**

\*Team name, description, and bird/fundraising goals will be uploaded to the BirdLR-Birdathon website.



[ar.audubon.org](http://ar.audubon.org)

4500 Springer Blvd., Little Rock, AR 72206 (501)-244-2229 - (501) 244-2231 (fax)



# BIRDATHON 2018 Pledge Tracker

Team Name \_\_\_\_\_

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PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Sponsor's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_ Amt Pledged \$ \_\_\_\_\_  Per species  Set pledge  
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 City, St Zip \_\_\_\_\_ By: Check  Cash  On-line  Date Paid \_\_\_\_\_  
 -Office Use Only- Confirmed Payment: \_\_\_\_\_

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Total amount due from this page: \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount collected from this page: \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT! To be eligible for prizes, you must turn in ALL FORMS to Audubon Arkansas via email, mail, or in-person by 5:00pm, Friday, May 11, 2018.**

**Online donations are preferred and should be submitted to each team's donation page.**

Instructions: 1) Record all pledges and donations here. Download additional forms at [ar.audubon.org/bird-lr](http://ar.audubon.org/bird-lr) or contact [dscheiman@audubon.org](mailto:dscheiman@audubon.org). Collect as much information as you can. 2) Checks (made out to Audubon Arkansas) should be mailed to 4500 Springer Blvd., Little Rock, AR 72206. Cash should be turned in at the Bird Bash. 3) Keep a copy for your records.



## Tips for Getting Birdathon Donations

Asking people for money can seem daunting, but once you get started, it's not all that hard. Here are tips on how to make YOUR Birdathon fundraising easy.

1. **Make a list** of everyone you know: Neighbors, friends near and far, co-workers, old college roommates, acquaintances from the gym, other parents in your child's school....
2. **Cast a wide net.** Not everyone will give. But the more people you ask, the more "yeses" you'll get.
3. **Think of people whose causes you've supported.** Did you sponsor them in a fundraising walk last year? They'll be more likely to sponsor you in Birdathon.
4. **Don't feel embarrassed.** Most people will respect you for caring enough about birds and wildlife conservation to put your time and effort into the Birdathon.
5. **Approach people!** Share your team's fundraising page through Facebook, email etc. Write them a personal note. Call them. Or better yet, meet them in person for coffee, lunch, glass of wine, or dinner.
6. **Develop talking points** (see below) and tell them why Audubon Arkansas is important to you. Did you attend an event at the Little Rock Audubon Center? Have you learned something from Audubon staff? Do you want your grandchildren to be able to see swifts and warblers when they grow up?
7. **Offer Bird Bash tickets as an incentive.** "For a donation of \$\$ you can enjoy free food and drink while celebrating birds with me and our fellow birders."
8. **Follow up.** If you don't hear a response, email them a second and third time saying, "I want to make sure you got my note about Birdathon." If you are worried about being too pushy, remember how crowded people's inboxes are – the first time, they may not have seen your note, and the second time they may have intended to make a donation but forgot. Third time's a charm!
9. **TALK ABOUT Birdathon.** During your coffee break at work, or in the locker room at the gym, or on your Facebook page, or over lunch with a friend. Tell people how much you're looking forward to the exciting Birdathon big day you're planning.

10. **Be open and serious.** If you let people know you have a fundraising goal, and that you're nervous about how to reach it, some of them will step up to help. Wouldn't you do the same for a friend?

11. **Thank your donors!** Acknowledge their contribution as soon as you receive it. Tell them you will let them know your success in the Birdathon and will send pictures from your field trip. If they don't decide on the spot to support you, thank them for thinking about it.

Again, TALK ABOUT Birdathon. People will respond to your enthusiasm for birds, nature and Audubon. Tell the world. Who knows... you might inspire them not just to donate, but to learn more about their backyard birds or try birding.

## Talking Points

Prepare ahead. Develop a script. Here are some points you can include, but the important thing is to make it your own:

- With a very small staff and dedicated volunteers, Audubon Arkansas leads environmental education field trips at the Little Rock Audubon Center (LRAC) for K-12 students, offers bird-related program and resources, and hosts an after-school and summer program at the LRAC for underserved students from Little Rock's Granite Mountain community.
- Audubon Arkansas has been advocating for birds, restoring vital habitat, and educating people of all ages about birds and other wildlife since 2000. People equate Audubon with birds and birds with Audubon.
- Climate change and ongoing loss of habitat are taking a toll on birds everywhere, no less in Arkansas where 152 of our bird species are threatened by climate change. We need Audubon Arkansas to continue to be a strong voice for protecting birds and natural habitats and to have enough funds to carry out its mission for years to come.
- All funds raised by the Birdathon go directly to Audubon Arkansas. The money stays right here in Arkansas to help our native bird populations survive and thrive, and to inspire and educate current and future generations about the wonders of our natural world. Audubon Arkansas is a 501c3 non-profit so your donations are tax-deductible.
- Birds mean a lot to me because...



## eBirding Your Birdathon

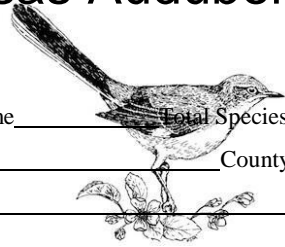
You are not required to enter your Birdathon list into eBird. All we need is the AAS checklist with your species checked.

If you are going to eBird it, please remember the following:

- 1) eBird thrives on location specificity. Keeping track of sightings for each place that you bird throughout the day provides far better information on the birds of an area than a single day-long list entered at the county level. The preferred approach is a separate checklist (with time and effort) for each existing hotspot you bird, e.g. Two Rivers Park, Frazier Pike, Lake Maumelle—Vista Point, with birds seen in between those areas entered at the City level or County level depending on whether you are inside or outside a city's limits.
- 2) If you do use a day-long count to enter your checklist, please use the **Select an entire city, county, state, or country** option at the first step of entering your checklist in eBird.org. On the next screen, enter "Pulaski" in the county box and "AR" in the state box.
- 3) If using the eBird app in the field, an entire city, e.g. "Little Rock, Pulaski County, AR, US," or the entire county "Pulaski County, AR, US" can be found under the option to **Choose a Nearby Personal Location** if you have ever previously entered checklists at these locations. Otherwise **Create a New Personal Location** and name it for the city or county. Later go to eBird.org and edit the locations of those lists from the personal locations you created to the actual cities and counties using **Select an entire city, county, state, or country**.
- 4) Most of your checklists will be traveling counts with accurate mileage and duration. You should subtract your miles spent backtracking. eBird just wants the one way distance of the mileage you covered. For example, if you walk two miles along a trail to check a lake, and then return on the same trail, the total mileage should be 2 (not 4) and the duration should be the entire time spent for the out-and-back trip.
- 5) Be sure to keep your nocturnal (owling/railing) list separate from your other checklists, even if you are covering the exact same site. eBird prefers to keep nocturnal birding efforts distinct from diurnal efforts since there is such a great difference in the species you find.
- 6) After all your lists are in eBird (and you've shared those lists with your teammates), you may wish to compile your species' tallies for the day. Use View & Explore Data—>Summary Tables - Your Data to create a Week Report starting the date of the bird-a-thon. Then select all the relevant locations. The Species Total tab is your final tally for each species for the day.

Questions? Contact Dan Scheiman at [dscheiman@audubon.org](mailto:dscheiman@audubon.org) or 501-244-2229.

# Arkansas Audubon Society



Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ Total Species Observed \_\_\_\_\_  
 Location \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_  
 Observers \_\_\_\_\_

This publication provides information on 415 species of birds currently documented for Arkansas. It is based primarily on bird records maintained by the Arkansas Audubon Society, and secondarily on other sources, including *Arkansas Birds- Their Distribution and Abundance* (James and Neal, UA Press, 1986), Breeding Bird Surveys, Christmas Bird Counts, eBird, and published literature on Arkansas birds. **Since the information that follows is generalized due to space constraints, it may not seem appropriate for a given species in some locales.** Taxonomy and nomenclature follow the *Checklist of North American Birds*, Seventh Edition, AOU, 1998, as amended through the Fifty-sixth supplement, July 2015.

Approximate dates of arrival and departure are indicated by numbers 1-12 for the months of the year and letters A, B, C, D for the weeks of the month. A plus (+) sign immediately following indicates that discontinuous records outside the period are on file. For species that have nested in Arkansas, one of two symbols follows the name: an asterick (\*) means the species currently nests with regularity, either yearly, or at least, with some consistency; an open circle (°) means that the species does not nest regularly and that there are few or no such reports since 1950. Beneath the dates of arrival and departure are codes which categorize seasonal status, relative abundance, and, in some cases, the sections of the state of primary occurrence.

The months of the year are grouped into the following seasons:

- Sp**-spring (March-May)      **S**-summer (June-July)  
**F**-fall (August-November)      **W**-winter (December-February)

In combination with these designations, the following abbreviations are used to denote seasonal status: **P**-Present, species seen in the state each month but not necessarily in all sections (Great Egret) **M**-Migrant, species passes through the state in spring and/or fall (Cape May Warbler) **R**-Resident, species remains for an extended period of time (Painted Bunting) **L**-Local, species occurs in only a few places (Great-tailed Grackle) **V**-Visitor, species usually not present for an extended period of time (Black-legged Kittiwake) **Sa**-Storm-assisted, species appears in the state in association with strong coastal storms; not usually present for an extended time (Sooty Tern)

The categories of relative abundance assume reasonable effort spent in suitable habitat during appropriate seasons and are defined as follows:

- c**-common, always or almost always observed (Killdeer)  
**fc**-fairly common, seen on a majority of trips but usually in smaller numbers (Red-shouldered Hawk) **u**-uncommon, may be difficult to find; seen only on a minority of trips (Golden-winged Warbler) **r**-rare, may be seen annually or nearly so but not in all locales (Golden Eagle)  
**vr**-very rare, encountered at irregular or infrequent intervals (Ruff)  
**occ**-occasional, 3-4 state records overall with at least 2 records since 1950 (Long-tailed Jaeger) **acc**-accidental, 1-2 state records (Fork-tailed Flycatcher)  
**irr**-irruptive, variable in occurrence, number, and distribution (Red-breasted Nuthatch)

The abbreviations in parentheses following the statements of relative abundance indicate the primary but not necessarily the exclusive section of the state where the species occurs: **(n)** north, **(s)** south, **(e)** east, **(w)** west, **(ce)** central, **(nc)** north-central, **(sc)** south-central, **(ec)** east-central, **(wc)** west-central **(ne)** northeast, **(se)** southeast, **(nw)** northwest, and **(sw)** southwest.

<b>Order Anseriformes</b>		Scaup, Greater	10A-4B
<b>Whistling-Ducks, Swans, Geese and Ducks</b>			Mu WRu
Whistling-Duck, Black-bellied*	2D-11D+ SRLu (se, sw, wc, ec) WVvr	Lesser	10D-4D+ Mc WRc
Fulvous*	4A-10C+ VLr SRLr	Scoter, Surf	10B-5B Mr WRvr
Goose, Greater White-fronted	9D-4B+ Mfc WRfc (Le e)	White-winged	10D-5D+ Mr WVr
Snow	10A-4C+ Mc WRc (e, c)	Black	10D-3C Mvr WRvr
Ross's	10D-4C+ Mfc WRc	Duck, Long-tailed	11A-4A+ Mr WVr
Brant	WVacc (1, 1990)	Bufflehead	11A-4C+ WRc
Goose, Barnacle	WVacc (1, 2010)	Goldeneye, Common	11B-4C WRLfc
Cackling	11A-3D+ WRu (Lfc)	Barrow's	WVvr (6, 2014)
Canada*	P c	Merganser, Hooded*	P SRLu WRfc
Swan, Mute	11D-2D+ WVvr	Common	10A-3C+ WVr (n)
Trumpeter	11A-5A WRLc SRLr	Red-breasted	10D-4D+ Mu WVr
Tundra	11C-3D Mr WVvr (Lr nc)	Duck, Ruddy°	10A-4C+ Mc WRc SRr
Duck, Wood*	P c	<b>Order Galliformes</b>	
		<b>Turkey and Quail</b>	
Gadwall	9A-5D+ WRc	Bobwhite, Northern*	P Lu
Wigeon, Eurasian	FWVacc (2, 2013)	Grouse, Ruffed	extirpated
American	9C-4C+ Mc WRc	Prairie-Chicken, Greater	extirpated
Duck, American Black	10A-3B+ WRLr (e)	Turkey, Wild*	P u
Mallard*	P WRc SRu	<b>Order Gaviiformes</b>	
		<b>Loons</b>	
Duck, Mottled*	P SRLu (se, sw) WRLu	Loon, Red-throated	10D-4A Mvr WRr
Teal, Blue-winged*	P Mc SRr (Lu nw) WRr (s)	Pacific	11A-4A+ Mr WRr
Cinnamon	2C-5B 9A-12B SpMr FMvr	Common	10A-5D+ Mfc WRLc
Shoveler, Northern	8D-4C+ Mc WRc	Yellow-billed	FWVacc (2, 2010)
Pintail, Northern	10A-4B+ Mc WRfc (e, sw)	<b>Order Podicipediformes</b>	
		<b>Grebes</b>	
Garganey	SpVacc (1, 1984)	Grebe, Least	FVacc (1, 2008)
Teal, Green-winged	9D-4C+ Mc WRc	Pied-billed*	P WRc SRLu
Canvasback	10D-4D+ Mfc WRu	Horned	10A-4A+ WRfc
Redhead	10D-4A+ Mfc WRu	Red-necked	11D-4B WVvr
Duck, Ring-necked	10C-5B+ Mc WRc	Eared	9A-5A+ Mu WRr (Lu se)
Tufted	WVacc (3, 2007)	Western	10B-3D+ Mr WVr



<b>Order Ciconiiformes</b>		Osprey*	3C-12C+
<b>Storks</b>			Mfc SRLr WRr (s)
Stork, Wood	6B-10B+	Kite, Swallow-tailed°	4A-9D
	FVu (s, e)		Mvr SRLvr
<b>Order Suliformes</b>		White-tailed	3A-4D+
<b>Frigatebirds, Boobies, Cormorants, and Anhinga</b>			SpWVvr
Frigatebird, Magnificent	9B-10D+	Mississippi*	4C-9C+
	Sa FVvr		SRc (Lu wc, nw)
Booby, Brown	Vocc	Eagle, Bald*	P
	(4, 2013)		WRc SRu
Gannet, Northern	SVacc	Harrier, Northern°	8B-5B+
	(1, 2005)		Mfc WRfc
Cormorant, Neotropic°	5C-12D+	Hawk, Sharp-shinned*	P
	Mr SRLr (sw, se) WVvr		Mfc WRu SRr (n)
Double-crested*	P	Cooper's*	P
	Mc SRLu WRc		WRfc SRLu
Anhinga*	3C-12C+	Goshawk, Northern	11A-1B
	SRLu WVvr (s)		WVvr
<b>Order Pelicaniformes</b>		Hawk, Red-shouldered*	P
<b>Pelicans, Herons, Ibis, and Spoonbills</b>			fc
Pelican, American White	P	Broad-winged*	3D-10B+
	Mfc SRLu WRfc		Mfc SRfc
Brown	3C-11B+	Swainson's*	3C-11C+
	Vr (ce, s)		Mu (w) SRLr (nw)
Bittern, American°	3A-5D 9B-12D+	Red-tailed*	P
	Mu WVvr		c
Least*	4A-10A+	Rough-legged	10D-3C
	Mr SRr (Lu s, e)		WVvr
Heron, Great Blue*	P	Ferruginous	10D-2D
	c		WVvr
Egret, Great*	P	Eagle, Golden	9B-4B
	SRLc WRfc (ce, s)		WRr
Snowy*	3B-11C+	<b>Order Gruiformes</b>	
	Mfc SRLfc WVvr	<b>Rails, Gallinules, and Cranes</b>	
Heron, Little Blue*	3B-11C+	Rail, Yellow	9A-5A
	Mc SRLc WVvr		Mvr WVocc
Tricolored*	4A-10C+	Black	9B-10B
	SpMr SRLu (s) FVu (s)		FMvr
Egret, Cattle*	3B-11B+	King*	P
	Mfc SRc WVr (s)		Mr SRLr (ce, s)
Heron, Green*	3B-10D+	Virginia	4A-5D 8D-2D+
	Mc SRc WVvr (s)		MLu WRLr
Night-Heron, Black-crowned*	3B-12B+	Sora	4A-5C 9A-12D+
	Mu SRLu WVvr		Mfc WRr (ec, s)
Yellow-crowned*	3D-11A+	Gallinule, Purple*	4B-10C
	Mu SRLu		SRLr (ce, s)
Ibis, White*	3D-11A+	Common*	4B-12D+
	SRLc (s, sw) FVLc (s, ec) WRvr (sw)		Mr (nw) SRLu (s) WRLr (sw)
Glossy°	4B-5D 7C-9D+	Coot, American*	P
	Mr		Mc WRc SRLr
White-faced	4B-6A 8A-11D+	Crane, Sandhill	10A-5A
	Mr WVvr (se)		Mr WVr WRLu (ne, e)
Spoonbill, Roseate	7A-10D+	Whooping	extirpated
	FVu (ce, s)		
<b>Order Accipitriformes</b>		<b>Order Charadriiformes</b>	
<b>Vultures, Kites, Eagles, and Hawks</b>		<b>Plover, Sandpipers, Gulls, and Terns</b>	
Vulture, Black*	P	Stilt, Black-necked*	3D-10D+
	fc (w) r (e)		SRfc (ec, se)
Turkey*	P	Avocet, American	4A-11D+
	c		SpMu FMfc

Plover, Black-bellied	3C-5D 8B-11D+	Sandpiper, Buff-breasted	4A-5D 7D-10A+
	SpMu FMu		SpMvr FMu
Golden-Plover, American	3A-5D 8C-11B+	Pectoral	3A-6B 6D-11D+
	SpMc FMu		Mc
Plover, Snowy	SpFVocc	Semipalmated	4A-6B 7B-11A+
	(5, 2014)		Mc
Wilson's	SpFVocc	Western	4B-6A 7A-12D+
	(3, 1998)		SpMu FMfc WRvr
Semipalmated	4B-5C 7B-9D+	Dowitcher, Short-billed	4D-6A 7D-10A
	Mc		Mu
Piping	4B-5C 7B-10B	Long-billed	3A-5B 7A-12D+
	SpMvr FMr		Mc WRLr
Killdeer*	P	Snipe, Wilson's	8A-5D+
	c		Mc WRfc
Plover, Mountain	WVacc	Woodcock, American*	P
	(1, 1951)		SpMfc SRr FMu WRu
Sandpiper, Spotted°	3D-6B 7A-12D+	Phalarope, Wilson's	3C-5D 7A-10D
	Mc WVr		Mfc
Solitary	3D-5B 6B-12D+	Red-necked	5B-6A 7B-11B
	Mfc		SpMvr FMr
Yellowlegs, Greater	3B-5D 7A-12D+	Red	8D-11D+
	Mc WRu		FMvr
Willet	3D-5D 6C-9C+	Jaeger, Pomarine	FVacc
	Mu		(1, 1983)
Yellowlegs, Lesser	2D-5D 6D-12D+	Parasitic	9A-12B
	Mc WRu		FVvr
Sandpiper, Upland	3D-5C 6D-9D+	Long-tailed	FVocc
	Mu		(4, 2000)
Curlew, Eskimo	extirpated	Murrelet, Long-billed	FVacc
			(1, 1980)
Whimbrel	5B-5D+ 9A-9B	Kittiwake, Black-legged	11B-3A
	SpMvr FMacc		WVvr
Curlew, Long-billed	4B-4D 10B-12B	Gull, Sabine's	9A-10C+
	Macc		FVlr (sw, wc)
Godwit, Hudsonian	4B-5D 8C-10B	Bonaparte's	10A-4D+
	SpMLu FMvr		Mfc WRfc
Marbled	4B-5D 7C-10A	Black-headed	11C-1B
	SpMvr FMr		WVvr
Turnstone, Ruddy	5B-6B 7C-10B	Little	11D-3C+
	Mr		WVvr
Knot, Red	5C-5D 8B-10A	Laughing	7A-5B+
	SpMacc FMvr		Vr
Ruff	3C-5B 8A-9B	Franklin's	3B-6A 9C-12C+
	SpMvr FMacc		SpMu FMfc
Sandpiper, Stilt	3D-6A 7A-11D+	Ring-billed	8C-5A+
	Mfc		WRc
Curlew	FVacc	California	12A-3B+
	(2, 2004)		WVvr
Sanderling	4C-5D 7C-10D+	Herring	8B-5C+
	SpMr FMfc		WRLu
Dunlin	3B-5D 10A-12D+	Thayer's	11D-3A
	Mfc WRr		WVvr
Sandpiper, Purple	FVacc	Lesser Black-backed	10B-3B
	(1, 1976)		WVvr WRLr (wc)
Baird's	3B-6A 7D-11C	Glauous	11D-3B
	SpMu FMfc		WVvr
Least	7B-6B+	Great Black-backed	WVacc
	Mc WRu		(1, 2015)
White-rumped	4B-6C 8B-10D	Tern, Sooty	Sa FVvr
	SpMfc FMvr		(9, 2014)

Tern, Bridled	Sa FVacc (2, 2008)	Owl, Short-eared	10C-4C WRLu
Least*	5A-9D+ Mu SRLu (Lc e)	Northern Saw-whet	11A-2D WVvr
Gull-billed	SpVacc (1, 2009)	<b>Order Caprimulgiformes</b> <b>Goatsuckers</b>	
Caspian	4A-6C 7A-10C+ SpMu FMfc	Nighthawk, Common*	4B-11A+ SRc
Black	4B-6B 6D-10C+ Mc	Chuck-will's-widow*	3D-9C SRc
Common	4D-5D 7A-10C+ SpMr FMu	Whip-poor-will, Eastern*	3D-9D SRfc (n, ce, wc)
Forster's	7B-5C+ Mfc WRLu (s)	<b>Order Apodiformes</b> <b>Swifts and Hummingbirds</b>	
Royal	Sa FVvr (6, 2012)	Swift, Chimney*	3B-10D SRc
Skimmer, Black	Sa FVvr (8, 2008)	White-throated	SpFWVacc (4, 2012)
<b>Order Columbiformes</b> <b>Pigeons and Doves</b>		Violetear, Green	6A-10A FVvr
Pigeon, Rock*	P c	Hummingbird, Magnificent	SVacc (1, 1993)
Collared-Dove, Eurasian*	P c	Ruby-throated*	3B-11B+ SRc
Pigeon, Passenger	extinct	Black-chinned	10D-3D WVvr
Dove, Inca*	P Lu	Anna's	10C-3B WVvr
Ground-Dove, Common	8C-5A Vr	Broad-tailed	FWVacc (4, 2006)
Dove, White-winged*	P Vr Lu (w)	Rufous	8B-4A FMr WVr
Mourning*	P c	Calliope	FVacc (6, 2010)
<b>Order Cuculiformes</b> <b>Cuckoos, Roadrunners, and Anis</b>		Broad-billed	FWVacc (2, 2009)
Cuckoo, Yellow-billed*	4A-10C+ SRc	Buff-bellied	WVacc (1, 1993)
Black-billed*	4C-6D 8C-10C+ Mr SRvr (n)	<b>Order Coraciiformes</b> <b>Kingfishers</b>	
Roadrunner, Greater*	P Lu (w, ce) Lr (e)	Kingfisher, Belted*	P c
Ani, Groove-billed	5C-5D 9C-11D+ SpVacc FVvr	<b>Order Piciformes</b> <b>Woodpeckers</b>	
<b>Order Strigiformes</b> <b>Owls</b>		Woodpecker, Lewis's	SVacc (1, 1967)
Owl, Barn*	P Lu (e) Lr (w)	Red-headed*	P fc
Screech-Owl, Eastern*	P fc	Red-bellied*	P c
Owl, Great Horned*	P fc	Sapsucker, Yellow-bellied	9B-5B+ WRc
Snowy	11B-1B WVvr	Woodpecker, Downy*	P c
Burrowing	9D-3D WVvr (e, ce)	Hairy*	P fc
Barred*	P fc	Red-cockaded*	P Lr (ec, se, wc)
Long-eared	11A-5D+ WRvr	Flicker, Northern*	P SRu WRfc

Woodpecker, Pileated*	P fc	<b>Family Lanidae</b> <b>Shrikes</b>	
Ivory-billed	Formerly P Recent status unclear	Shrike, Loggerhead*	P SRu (Lfc e, nw) WRfc
<b>Order Falconiformes</b> <b>Falcons</b>		Northern	WVvr (5, 2011)
Caracara, Crested	SpVacc (1, 2015)	<b>Family Vireonidae</b> <b>Vireos</b>	
Kestrel, American*	P Mc SRu WRc	Vireo, White-eyed*	3C-11D+ SRc WVvr (s)
Merlin	9B-4C+ Mu WVu	Belted*	4C-9D Mu SRu
Falcon, Peregrine <sup>o</sup>	8C-5B+ Mu WVr	Yellow-throated*	3D-10C+ SRfc
Prairie	10C-2B+ WVr	Blue-headed	9A-5D+ Mfc WRr (s)
<b>Order Psittaciformes</b> <b>Parakeets</b>		Warbling*	4B-9D+ SRLu Mfc
Parakeet, Carolina	extinct	Philadelphia	4C-5D 9B-10B+ Mfc
<b>Order Passeriformes</b> <b>Family Tyrannidae Flycatchers</b>		Red-eyed*	4A-10B+ SRc
Flycatcher, Olive-sided	4D-6D 8A-10B Mu	<b>Family Corvidae</b> <b>Jays and Crows</b>	
Wood-Pewee, Eastern*	4A-10D SRc	Jay, Blue*	P c
Flycatcher, Yellow-bellied	4D-5D 8B-10C SpMr FMvr	Nutcracker, Clark's	SpVacc (1, 1891)
Acadian*	4A-9D SRfc	Crow, American*	P c
Alder	5A-6A 8A-9B Mu	Fish*	P SRc WRLfc (s)
Willow*	5A-9C SpMu SRLr (nw)	<b>Family Alaudidae</b> <b>Larks</b>	
Least	4C-5D 8B-10B SpMfc FMu	Lark, Horned*	P WRc SRLu
Phoebe, Eastern*	P SRc SRr (se) WRfc	<b>Family Hirundinidae</b> <b>Swallows</b>	
Say's	9C-4D WVr	Martin, Purple*	2A-9B+ SRc
Flycatcher, Vermilion	10A-4B+ WVvr	Swallow, Tree*	2C-11C+ Mc SRLfc
Ash-throated	FWVacc (2, 2010)	Northern Rough-winged*	3A-10D+ SRc
Great-crested*	4B-10A+ SRc	Bank*	4A-5D 7A-9D+ Mfc SRvr
Kingbird, Couch's	WVacc (1, 1995)	Cliff*	3B-10B+ Mc SRc
Cassin's	SpSVacc (2, 1967)	Cave	3D-5D 6D-10A+ SpVvr SFVr (sw, se)
Western*	3D-10C Mu SRLu	Barn*	3A-11D+ SRc
Eastern*	3D-10D SRc	<b>Family Paridae</b> <b>Chickadees and Titmice</b>	
Gray	SpVacc (1, 2007)	Chickadee, Carolina*	P c
Flycatcher, Scissor-tailed*	P SRc	Titmouse, Tufted*	P c
Fork-tailed	WVacc (1, 1995)	<b>Family Sittidae</b> <b>Nuthatches</b>	

Nuthatch, Red-breasted	9B-5B+	<b>Family Mimidae</b>	
	WRirr	<b>Mockingbirds, Thrashers, and Allies</b>	
White-breasted*	P	Catbird, Gray*	P
	c (n, wc)		SRc WRr
Brown-headed*	P	Thrasher, Brown*	P
	c (s, wc)		c
<b>Family Certhidae</b>		Sage	SpFVacc
<b>Creepers</b>			(2, 2004)
Creepers, Brown*	10A-4C+	Mockingbird, Northern*	P
	WRfc		c
<b>Family Troglodytidae</b>		<b>Family Sturnidae</b>	
<b>Wrens</b>		<b>Starlings</b>	
Wren, Rock	10B-4A+	Starling, European*	P
	WRr (w)		c
House*	P	<b>Family Motacillidae</b>	
	Mfc WRu SRfc (nw)	<b>Pipits</b>	
Winter	10A-4D+	Pipit, American	9D-4C+
	WRfc		Mfc WRfc
Sedge*	P	Sprague's	10A-4D
	Mfc SRLfc (e, nw) WRLu		Mr WRr
Marsh	9C-5C	<b>Family Bombycillidae</b>	
	Mfc WRu	<b>Waxwings</b>	
Carolina*	P	Waxwing, Bohemian	1D-3C+
	c		WVvr
Bewick's*	P	Cedar*	P
	SRr (nw) WRr		SRu (nw) WRc
<b>Family Polioptilidae</b>		<b>Family Calcaridae</b>	
<b>Gnatcatchers</b>		<b>Longspurs and Snow Bunting</b>	
Gnatcatcher, Blue-gray*	3C-10C+	Longspur, Lapland	11B-3A+
	SRc WVR		WRfc
<b>Family Regulidae</b>		Chestnut-collared	12D-1D+
<b>Kinglets</b>			WVvr
Kinglet, Golden-crowned	9D-4D	Smith's	11A-3C
	WRc		Mr WRLu (e)
Ruby-crowned	9D-5A+	McCown's	FVacc
	WRc		(2, 1996)
<b>Family Turdidae</b>		Bunting, Snow	11C-12D+
<b>Wheatears, Bluebirds, and Thrushes</b>			WVvr
Wheatear, Northern	FVacc	<b>Family Parulidae</b>	
	(1, 1990)	<b>Wood Warblers</b>	
Bluebird, Eastern*	P	Ovenbird*	4B-10B+
	c		SRc (n, ce, wc)
Mountain	FSpVacc	Warbler, Worm-eating*	4A-9D+
	(2, 2013)		SRu
Solitaire, Townsend's	10C-4A	Waterthrush, Louisiana*	3C-10B
	WVvr		SRfc
Veery	4C-5C+	Northern	4B-5C 8B-10A+
	SpMu		SpMc FMfc
Thrush, Gray-cheeked	4A-5D 9B-10C	Warbler, Bachman's	extinct
	SpMfc FMvr		
Swainson's	4A-5D 9A-10C+	Golden-winged	4D-5B 8D-10B
	SpMc FMu		Mu
Hermit	10A-4D+	Blue-winged*	4A-10B
	WRc		Mfc SRLu (n, ce)
Wood*	4A-10B+	Black-and-white*	3C-10B+
	SRfc		SRc WVvr (s)
Robin, American*	P	Prothonotary*	4A-9C+
	c		SRfc
Thrush, Varied	WVacc	Swainson's*	4A-9B+
	(1, 2010)		SRLu

Warbler, Tennessee	4B-5C 9A-10C+	Towhee, Green-tailed	FVacc
	Mc		(1, 1952)
Orange-crowned	9D-5C+	Spotted	10C-4A+
	Mfc WRu		WVr
Nashville	4A-5C 9A-10D+	Eastern*	P
	Mc		SRfc WRc
Connecticut	4C-5D	Sparrow, Rufous-crowned*	P
	SpMvr		Lr (wc)
Mourning	4D-5D 8D-9D+	Cassin's*	SpFVacc
	Mu		(2, 2011)
Kentucky*	4B-9D+	Bachman's*	4A-9C+
	SRfc		SRLu
Yellowthroat, Common*	4A-10D+	American Tree	10B-4A
	SRc WRu (s, e)		Mr WRr (n)
Warbler, Hooded*	4A-10A+	Chipping*	P
	SRfc		SRc (n, wc) WRc (s)
Redstart, American*	4B-10C	Clay-colored	4B-5B 9A-11B+
	Mfc SRu (Lfc nw)		Mu (w) Mr (e)
Warbler, Cape May	4D-5C 8D-11D+	Brewer's	WVacc
	Mr		(1, 2011)
Cerulean*	4C-9A+	Field*	P
	SRu (Lfc nw)		SRfc WRc
Parula, Northern*	3C-10C+	Vesper	10A-4D
	SRc		Mfc WRu (s, e)
Warbler, Magnolia	4B-5D+ 9A-10B+	Lark*	3D-9D+
	Mfc Mc (e)		SRfc SRu (nw) WVvr (s)
Bay-breasted	4B-6B 9D-10B+	Bunting, Lark	WSpVacc
	Mu		(3, 2013)
Blackburnian	4D-6A 9A-10B	Sparrow, Savannah	10A-5C+
	Mu Mfc (e)		WRc
Yellow*	4B-9D+	Grasshopper*	4A-11D+
	Mfc SRLu (nw)		SRLu SRLfc (nw)
Chestnut-sided*	4D-10B+	Henslow's*	P
	SpMfc FMfc (e) u (w) SRLr (nc, nw)		Mr SRLvr (nw, n, wc) WRr (se)
Blackpoll	4B-5D	Le Conte's	10A-5B
	SpMfc		WRLfc
Black-throated Blue	4C-5B 9C-10C+	Nelson's	5B-5C 9D-10D+
	Mvr		Mr
Palm	4C-5A 9C-11C+	Fox	10B-4C+
	Mfc WRr		WRfc
Pine*	P	Song	10A-5B+
	c WRu (nw)		WRc
Yellow-rumped	9D-5B+	Lincoln's	10A-5C+
	WRc		Mfc (w, ce) WRu (w)
Yellow-throated*	3D-10C+	Swamp	10A-5A+
	SRfc		WRc
Prairie*	4B-9C+	White-throated	10A-5B+
	SRfc		WRc
Black-throated Gray	FVacc	Harris's	10C-5B
	(1, 2005)		WRu (w, ce)
Black-throated Green*	3D-10C+	White-crowned	10A-5D
	Mc SRLu (nc, nw)		WRc
Canada	4D-6A 8D-10A	Junco, Dark-eyed	10B-4B+
	Mu		WRc
Wilson's	4D-6A 8D-10A+	<b>Family Cardinalidae</b>	
	Mu (e) Mc (w)	<b>Tanagers, Cardinal, and Grosbeaks</b>	
Chat, Yellow-breasted*	4C-9D+	Tanager, Summer*	4B-10B+
	SRc		SRc WVvr
<b>Family Emberizidae</b>		Scarlet*	4B-10B+
<b>New World Sparrows</b>			Mfc SRfc (n, wc)

Tanager, Western	8D-5B WVvr	Crossbill, White-winged	1A-4C SpVvr
Cardinal, Northern*	P c	Redpoll, Common	12A-4A WVvr (n)
Grosbeak, Rose-breasted	4C-5C-9C 10C+ SpMfc FMu	Siskin, Pine <sup>o</sup>	10B-5B+ Mirr WRirr
Black-headed	9D-5B+ WVvr	Goldfinch, Lesser	SpSWVacc (4, 2012)
Blue*	4B-10B SRc	American*	P WRc SRc (nw, ce)
Bunting, Lazuli	2D-6B SpVvr	Grosbeak, Evening	11B-5A+ WRvr
Indigo*	4B-11A+ SRc WVvr	<b>Family Passeridae</b> <b>Old World Sparrows</b>	
Painted*	4B-9D+ SRfc	Sparrow, House*	P c
Dickcissel*	4D-10B+ SRc WVvr		
<b>Family Icteridae</b> <b>Blackbirds and Allies</b>			
Bobolink	4C-5D 8C-10B+ SpMfc FMLu		
Blackbird, Red-winged*	P c		
Meadowlark, Eastern*	P c		
Western	10C-4D+ WRu		
Blackbird, Yellow-headed	4A-5C+ 8C-10C+ SpMu FMr WVvr		
Rusty	10C-4C+ WRfc		
Brewer's	11A-4B+ WRfc (e, sw) WRu (nw)		
Grackle, Common*	P c		
Great-tailed*	P Lu (w)		
Cowbird, Brown-headed*	P c		
Oriole, Orchard*	4A-9C+ SRc		
Bullock's	12D-2C WVvr		
Baltimore*	4A-9D+ SRLfc (ce, e, s) SRLu (nw) WVvr (s)		
Scott's	WSpVacc (3, 2013)		
<b>Family Fringillidae</b> <b>Finches</b>			
Rosy-Finch, Gray-crowned	SpVacc (1, 2012)		
Grosbeak, Pine	WSpSVacc (4, 1989)		
Finch, House*	P c		
Purple <sup>o</sup>	10D-4B+ WRfc		
Crossbill, Red <sup>o</sup>	9A-7D+ Vr		

### Reporting Bird Sightings

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- If unexpectedly large or small numbers of a certain species are encountered, that count of individuals should be reported.
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### Dedication

This 2015 edition of the Arkansas Audubon Society field reference honors Dr. Douglas A. James. In the 1930s, when Dr. James was in grade school in suburban Detroit, he was often called upon to lead bird walks, using his 3X opera glasses and Chester Reed's Bird Guide (1931). He came to UA-Fayetteville in 1953, the start of a career that now includes guiding more than 130 MS and PhD graduate students. He is a founder of Arkansas Audubon Society (1955) and its first curator of bird records. As President of the Wilson Ornithological Society (1977-79), he formally saluted the importance of amateurs in ornithology. His statewide collection of vetted bird observations, mostly submitted by amateurs, forms the core of Arkansas Birds (1986) and informs editions of this field list.

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