

 **BIRDATHON 2005!**  **BIRDATHON 2005!**  **BIRDATHON 2005!** 

What is Birdathon? Audubon's annual fund raiser. The Birdathon is like a walk-a-thon, but birds rather than miles are counted to raise funds.

When is it? Saturday, May 14th

Who participates? **EVERYONE!** Birders and non-birders are welcome.

How does it work?

- ☞ Sign up as a Birdathon sponsor using the Birdathon pledge form. Pledge a fixed amount or an amount per species observed on May 14 by you, a team, or the grand WCAS total (205 species in 2004).
- ☞ Make copies of the pledge form and solicit donations from friends, colleagues, and neighbors.
- ☞ (Optional) Sign up to be a Birdathon counter. On May 14 spend from 1 to 24 hours identifying as many species as you can. For further information or if you want to participate with other counters, send in the form below or contact Lou Beck (609-737-0070).

Where? Anywhere in New Jersey. You pick the spot or we'll assign one to you.

How much? **THE BIRDATHON 2005 GOAL IS \$ 10,000.**

Washington Crossing Audubon's major expenditures and accomplishments:

- ☞ *Audubon Adventures* to 60 inner-city classrooms in our area
- ☞ Sixteen workshops & field trips for families, some co-sponsored with the Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association
- ☞ Eight monthly program meetings with informative speakers
- ☞ Hannah Suthers' bird banding studies on Featherbed Lane, Hopewell
- ☞ Carson Road Woods and Alexauken Creek WMA biological inventories
- ☞ Registration fees for about 85 participants in two Christmas Bird Counts, an important national project of National Audubon Society

Special incentives:

- ☞ Bad news first. WCAS's dues shares from National Audubon will be drastically cut over the next few years. Just to stay even, Birdathon receipts must double.
- ☞ Good news! This year, WCAS gets to keep every Birdathon cent pledged and no longer must share half with National Audubon Society!
- ☞ Make your pledge at the April 18 meeting or before and be included in a special prize drawing for "early-birds" at the April 18 meeting.

PLEASE PARTICIPATE THIS YEAR! WASHINGTON CROSSING AUDUBON NEEDS YOUR HELP!

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WASHINGTON CROSSING AUDUBON BIRDATHON 2005 PLEDGE FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ I am sponsoring (name of solicitor): _____

- I (we) pledge \$____ per species observed on Saturday, May 14th, and double that amount for threatened and endangered species. In 2004: 205 species.
- Enclosed is my fixed contribution of \$25 ___ \$35 ___ \$50 ___ \$100 ___ Other \$___
- My employer matches gifts: matching gift form enclosed ___(check if applicable).
- I want to become a member of the National Audubon Society. Enclosed is my separate check, payable to National Audubon Society, for \$20 (special introductory rate for Birdathon supporters)

Please make Birdathon checks payable to **Washington Crossing Audubon Society** and send to:
WCAS, P. O. Box 112, Pennington, NJ 08534-0112

Your donation is tax-deductible.
EVERY DOLLAR YOU GIVE WILL GO TOWARD AUDUBON'S WORK.

BIRDATHON 2005 SIGN-UP SHEET

I want to join in the fun and help Washington Crossing Audubon Society by soliciting pledges and participating in its 2005 Birdathon on Saturday, May 14th.

___ I will bird by myself. ___ I will be birding with _____

___ I plan to bird at _____ (location). ___ Please suggest a location for me.

___ I am an experienced birder. ___ I would be happy to assist a beginning birder.

___ Please assign me a partner. ___ I prefer to be part of a group or group of beginning birders.

___ I am an inexperienced birder; please match me up with an expert.

Name: _____ Please send form to

Address: _____ WCAS

_____ P.O. Box 112

Phone: _____ Pennington, NJ 08534-0112