

 **BIRDATHON 2007!**  **BIRDATHON 2007!**  **BIRDATHON 2007!** 

What is Birdathon? Our Birdathon is Washington Crossing Audubon's only annual fund raiser. The Birdathon is the birdwatching equivalent of a walkathon. People who love birds and the environment convince birders and non-birders alike to pledge money for every species of bird seen by Birdathoners on Birdathon day.

When is it? Saturday, May 12th

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

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 12 by you, a team, or the grand WCAS total (204 species in 2006).
- ☞ Make copies of the pledge form and solicit donations from friends, colleagues, and neighbors.
- ☞ (Optional) Sign up to be a Birdathon counter. On May 12 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.

Washington Crossing Audubon's educational and environmental programs:

- ☞ *Audubon Adventures* for over 100 school classrooms in our area
- ☞ Workshops and field trips for families
- ☞ Monthly program meetings with informative speakers
- ☞ Hannah Suthers' bird banding studies on Featherbed Lane in Hopewell
- ☞ Biological inventories
- ☞ Registration fees for participants in two Christmas Bird Counts, an important national project of National Audubon Society

Special incentives:

- ☞ Make your pledge at or before the April 16 meeting and be included in a special prize drawing for a birdhouse for "early-birds" at the April 16 meeting.
- ☞ On May 14th or soon after, Grand Prizes will be awarded to:
 - ☞ Individual giving the highest dollar amount
 - ☞ Solicitor who brought in the highest dollar amount
 - ☞ Individual or team who observed the most species of birds
- ☞ This year, WCAS gets to keep every Birdathon cent pledged and no longer must share half with National Audubon Society!

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

Birdathon 2007 chairman: Brewster Young (609 466-3361; Youngm6@attglobal.net)
Birdathon 2007 birding coordinator: Lou Beck (609 737-0070; Louisloubeck@aol.com)

WASHINGTON CROSSING AUDUBON BIRDATHON 2007 PLEDGE FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

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

- I (we) pledge \$ _____ per species observed on Saturday, May 12th, and double that amount for threatened and endangered species. In 2006: 204 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 2007 SIGN-UP SHEET

I want to join in the fun and help Washington Crossing Audubon Society by soliciting pledges and participating in its 2007 Birdathon on Saturday, May 12th.

___ 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: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Please send form to

WCAS

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