

 **BIRDATHON 2010!**  **BIRDATHON 2010!**  **BIRDATHON 2010!** 

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 8th

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 below. Pledge a fixed amount or an amount per species observed on May 8 by you, a team, or the grand WCAS total (169 species in 2008).
- ✔ Make copies of the pledge form and solicit donations from friends, colleagues, and neighbors.
- ✔ (Optional) Sign up to be a Birdathon counter. On May 9 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 20 meeting and be included in a special prize drawing for a bird feeder for "early-birds" at the April 20 meeting.
- ✔ On May 17th 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 2010 chairman: Brad Merritt (609 921-8964; BALMERRITT@aol.com)
Birdathon 2010 birding coordinator: Lou Beck (609 737-0070; Louisloubeck@aol.com)

Fill this in and send in...

BIRDATHON 2010 SIGN-UP SHEET

I want to join in the fun and help Washington Crossing Audubon Society by soliciting pledges and participating in its 2010 Birdathon on Saturday, May 8th.

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

Pass this along to a friend...

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2010 BIRDATHON APPEAL

The WCAS' Birdathon funds programs that make a difference: Audubon Adventures for fourth grade classrooms, educational programs open to the public, Hannah Suthers' bird banding/research, and field trips for inner city children. Let your dollars make a difference by giving to Birdathon and supporting WCAS. Our programs contribute to the quality of life in our community and help to preserve and protect wildlife and their habitat. Join the fun! Please help by making a pledge today. Thank you.

WASHINGTON CROSSING AUDUBON BIRDATHON 2010 PLEDGE FORM

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ email _____

I am sponsoring (name of birder/solicitor): _____

- I (we) pledge \$_____per species observed on Saturday, May 9th (In 2008: 169 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).
- Local WCAS membership is also available at \$10__(Basic)\$20__(Supporting) with check payable to WCAS

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.
THANK YOU, VERY MUCH.