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BIRDATHON

SATURDAY, MAY 19

Here are the details for the 2018 Event:

- **What's New?**

We will try out the “**Yard List**” category again, and see how it goes. We define the “yard” as less than one fourth of a square mile (160 acres), and including your “residence” (house, apartment, camp, etc). The intent is to create a more level playing field for stay-around-home birders, so the size of the “yard” is somewhat limited in size, and the location is constrained to prevent cherry picking on where to bird.

**This packet** is now available on <https://onondagaaudubon.com/birdathon> and is available in either paper form or as a link by email. If you receive one, but prefer the other, please let us know and we will update your preferences.

The bird checklist has been updated to current AOU order, and includes new species found in recent years.

**If your donors contribute on-line** thru the OAS website, be sure to report the gift to us so that your team will be credited. [onondagaaudubon.com/about/contribute](https://onondagaaudubon.com/about/contribute)

- **Where & When?**

Birdathon 2018 will take place over the entire 24 hours of Saturday May 19th, that is, from midnight to midnight. You may bird anywhere in the counties of Jefferson, Lewis, Onondaga, Oswego, Madison, Oneida, Herkimer, and Cayuga to the north of Route 31. If you're not sure whether a place you want to bird is within the boundary, please call or e-mail us. Team members have to bird together — no splitting up.

- **Register.**

Please get in touch with us prior to the event to let us know that you will be participating. We will need your team name, member names, address, a telephone number and an E-mail address to which we can send the computerized reporting form. This form makes reporting easy and greatly simplifies the tally. Contact us at:

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- The traditional day-after compilation Picnic will be on Sunday May 20 at 4 PM at the North Lookout at Derby Hill. Please bring a dish to pass, and your own place settings and drinks. Grilled hotdogs and burgers will be provided. There, we will learn who takes custody of the coveted Clark(e)'s Nutcracker for the “Best Bird”, and we will again recognize teams for finding the most species in the three categories of Overall, Low Carbon Footprint, and Yard List.
- **Report** If you aren't attending the compilation picnic, you will need to provide your counts prior to **11 AM Sunday** to be included in the awards. Call us to make arrangements if you think you will have trouble making this deadline. For those attending the picnic, counts may be reported in advance or revealed at the picnic.
- Funds raised are due by June 15, but late funds will be gladly accepted through the end of July for credit toward this year's event. An envelope is enclosed for sending in your checks to our address above.

Here's what's in this package:

- This cover sheet
- Birdathon announcement page
- Birdathon species checklist
- Fundraising tip sheet
- Sponsor pledge sign-up sheet
- Remittance sheet to be sent back with checks
- Envelope for return of checks and Remittance sheets