

Welcome to Bird-a-thon 2026



How this works:

1. Pick a team, register your team name and members with the Club by emailing Kathie Wiley at dujour1@gmail.com .
2. Put together a birding route. How many species do you expect to find?
3. Find some sponsors and record their pledges (\$ per bird species) and contact information. Suggested pledge = at least \$0.25 per species, perhaps \$0.50 for businesses. You will find a pledge sheet on page 2 for your convenience.
4. Go birding on your chosen day (one day between May 8 and May 25, 2026) in your chosen area. Be sure to record how many miles you traveled!
5. Collect pledges based on how many species you found.
6. Turn in funds to the Audubon Club Treasurer.
7. Watch for the top-scoring teams to be announced via BirdAlert! (Most species, Most money raised, Most birds per mile traveled.)
8. If you'd like, send an eBird Trip Report link to Jenny Young for the newsletter in July. Please make the report "public".

RULES:

1. All group members must stay within earshot of each other.
2. Everyone in the group must see 95% of the birds on the final list.
3. All species must be seen or heard within one 24-hour period.

Turn in your collected funds to:

Kathie Wiley, Treasurer GTAC

1513 N. Orchard Drive

Traverse City, MI 49686

Or use our PayPal link: https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=FHUWX38ZB9FWQ

