

# COME AND JOIN US FOR ADBC'S FIRST EVER - "BIG SIT" SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2021



On Saturday, October 2, ADBC will hold a Big Sit as a fundraiser to support the New York State Breeding Bird Atlas. What is a Big Sit, you ask? A Big Sit is a 24-hour bird count undertaken entirely from the confines of a 17-foot circle. Unlike Birdathons, which require planning, mobility and stamina, a Big Sit is the perfect event for the more laid back, less agile birder. Just bring your bins, pull up a lawn chair, and count the birds. You don't need to be an advanced birder. All ages are welcome. You can look for birds, count them, or just enjoy sitting with birding friends. Snacks and water will be provided.

Our committee has decided to place our circle on public land near the gazebo at Stockport Station on Station Road, a location that offers views of the Hudson River along with parts of the marsh and surrounding shoreline. We'll raise money for the Atlas by collecting pledges for the total number of species seen or heard from the circle in the 24-hour period between midnight and 11:59 pm on October 2nd. You can help by collecting pledges toward the club total or counting the birds. If you want to be a counter, contact Marian Sole to set up a time slot so we don't overcrowd the circle, phone (203) 710-9096. Our committee is also seeking pledges from local businesses to support our fundraising for the Atlas. Since our circle is in a public place that is visited by nature lovers, we expect lots of visitors, and we see this as a unique opportunity to teach people about birds, the Bird Atlas, and the Alan Devoe Bird Club. Even if you don't want to count, drop by, and give us some encouragement.

Why is ADBC so interested in raising money for the Breeding Bird Atlas? New York started its third breeding bird atlas in January of 2020. The project is designed to map the distribution and abundance of New York's breeding birds over the next five years. Data from the first two bird atlases has been used time and time again to evaluate a species' conservation status, to manage public land, to inform land protection, and to guide development. The DEC has provided a small budget for the first three years of the project but funding to complete the field surveys and data analysis and produce a final product is not guaranteed. Ongoing fundraising is critical to the completion of New York's third Breeding Bird Atlas, and we hope our Big Sit fundraiser will allow ADBC to make a big donation.

YOU CAN HELP JUST BY SITTING AND LOOKING AT BIRDS.  
IT DOESN'T GET ANY BETTER THAN THAT!

Make checks payable to the **Alan Devoe Bird Club, Inc.** with a notation for the "**Big Sit**".

Mail to the Alan Devoe Bird Club, P.O. Box 20, Chatham, NY 12037.

Or go to: [alandevoebirdclub.org](http://alandevoebirdclub.org), click about us, click donation, other, fill in and note for Big Sit.