

ALAN DEVOE BIRD CLUB



CENTURY RUN/BIRDATHON 2021

Dear Birdathon Participants:

The pandemic has been challenging and difficult but we happily look forward to a return normal life. We are awakening to Spring and a return to bird club activities. We hope you will participate in the Century Run/Birdathon this year.

Spring has arrived and our birds are coming back, a most welcome sight. We know that birding is a nurturing activity and a way to cope. As John Burroughs wrote: "I go to nature to be soothed and healed, and to have my senses put in tune once more".

Because of health guidelines, the Club will conduct the Century Run and Birdathon on an individual/couple basis again this year. We will not go out in groups. The Birdathon will be on Saturday May 15th, 2021. The compilation of lists will take place soon after on Sunday May 16th, through e-mail, the regular mail and a virtual Global.gotomeeting format. We will not be conducting a potluck picnic. Please send your bird sighting lists to: Marcia Anderson, 2397 County Route 21, Valatie, NY 12184 or by e-mail to: rander@berk.com. We urge you to log in to the virtual format. See instructions at the end of this letter.

If you are a former participant, it's time to begin thinking about your sponsors. You will need to create a sponsor sign-up sheet. There are no official boundaries for birding, but we try to stay with Columbia and southern Rensselaer Counties. Print out a checklist from the website, www.alandevoebirdclub.org, Bird Resources, Checklist, one-page Field Checklist. If you are new to the Birdathon you can call me at 518-758-6433 or Marion Ulmer at 518-392-4022 for more information.

The Birdathon is our major fundraiser. The Birdathon funds support the Sanctuary, the mowing and plowing, the seed program, insurance and physical repairs. The Birdathon funds also support the Club's website: www.alandevoebirdclub.org. This year is the 64th Century Run and 37th Birdathon. Our goal this year is \$1,500.

We ask you to pledge a certain amount per species for the total number of species seen by the birders on May 15th. At least 25 cents a species is suggested. Most years, the total number seen has been in the 130s. You can also make a flat donation. All checks should be made out to the Alan Devoe Bird Club. Contributions are tax deductible. Persons pledging individual birders should send their money to the person they are sponsoring. Sponsors should send their money to Marcia Anderson, 2397 County Route 21, Valatie, New York 12184.

With best wishes for a day of great birding,

Marcia Anderson
Chair, ADBC

Instructions for the virtual meeting:

Birdathon Add Up - Sunday, May 16 @ 4pm
Sun, May 16, 2021 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (EDT)

Please join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

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