

## BIRDATHON IS May 16! Gather Sponsors Now!

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**Pledges totaling \$30 or more gets you a free membership!  
Already a member? Give it as a gift!**

*The BIRDATHON is our biggest fundraiser of the year! 100% of pledges is tax-deductible & pays for maintaining free year round public access at our 150-acre Powell Wildlife Sanctuary in Old Chatham--maintenance (trails, pond, bird blind, fields, parking lot, signage, winter bird feeders, etc.) & expenses (educational content for the kiosks, winter bird seed, bird checklists, maps, insurance, etc.). [www.AlanDevoeBirdClub.org](http://www.AlanDevoeBirdClub.org)*



**WHO?? YOU! EVERYONE who cares about nature!** You can participate alone, with friends & family, with anyone. It doesn't matter what your birding level is!

**WHAT?? A BIRDATHON** is like a Walkathon but with BIRDS, held every May across the country. Our May 16<sup>th</sup> Birdathon is our major fundraiser! For fun, we try to spot a total of 100 bird species among all participants—a Century Run!

**WHEN?** May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026 for as long as you're willing & able. Keep track of the different birds you see.

**WHERE?** Bird out your window, on a favorite trail, in a park, anywhere.

**HOW?** Starting now, you persuade friends, family, work colleagues, etc. to sponsor you for every bird species you spot on May 16 AND/OR to donate a flat amount. \$1 per species? \$5 per species? Or you sponsor someone else or make a donation!

### **THEN YOU PAY UP USING ONE OF THESE OPTIONS:**

1. Collect your pledges & either make one electronic donation via PayPal at [www.AlanDevoeBirdClub.org](http://www.AlanDevoeBirdClub.org) at the tiny "Donate" at the bottom of the main page, or
2. Gather your pledges & write one check to the Alan Devoe Bird Club & mail to Marcia Anderson, 2593 Cty Rd 9, Valatie, NY 12184.

**HOW TO COUNT & CELEBRATE?** On May 17 at 4 p.m., come to the potluck picnic at Sue Senecah's house, 435 Bushnell Road, Chatham. Bring something to share if you can. If you are unable to attend the picnic, please email your bird sightings to Sue at [groundwork11@gmail.com](mailto:groundwork11@gmail.com)

**THANKS ON BEHALF OF THE BIRDS & OTHER CRITTERS OF THE SANCTUARY!**