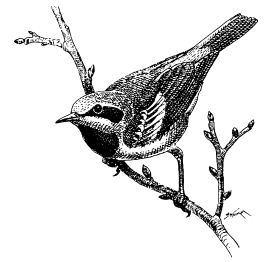


ALAN DEVOE BIRD CLUB



CENTURY RUN/BIRDATHON 2022

Dear Birdathon Participants:

Thankfully, the pandemic has subsided for now and we happily look forward to the Century Run/Birdathon. We hope you will participate in this activity.

Spring has arrived, the snow has melted, and the peepers are peeping. Our birds are coming back. Who isn't happy to see the first red-winged blackbird or other spring migrants? Birding is a nurturing activity and as John Burroughs wrote: "I go to nature to be soothed and healed and to have my senses put in tune once more".

The Club will conduct the Century Run and Birdathon with a mixture of individual/couple or group activity this year. Your choice. The Birdathon will be on Saturday, May 14th. The compilation of lists will take place Sunday, May 15th at a potluck picnic to be held at Marcia Anderson's house at 2383 County Route 21, Valatie, NY 12184 starting at 4 PM. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided.

If you are unable to attend the picnic, please send your bird-sighting lists to Marcia Anderson, 2397 County Route 21, Valatie, New York 12184, or by e-mail to: rander@berk.com.

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 within Columbia and southern Rensselaer Counties. Print out a checklist from the website, www.aladevoebirdclub.org, Bird Resources, Checklist, and one-page Field Checklist. If you are new to the Birdathon you call me at 518-758-6433 or Marion Ulmer at 518-392-4022 for more information.

The Birdathon is our major Club fundraiser. The Birdathon supports the Sanctuary, the mowing and plowing, the seed program, and the Club's website: www.aladevoebirdclub.org. This year is our 65th Century Run and 38th 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 14th. At least 25 cents a species is suggested. In most years, the total species seen has been in the 130s. You may also make a flat donation. All checks should be made out to the Alan Devoe Bird Club. Donations may also be made through the website using PayPal under the "Donate" tab. Contributions are tax-deductible. Persons pledging to specific birders should contact that person. Checks can be sent to Marcia Anderson, 2397 County Route 21, Valatie, NY 12184.

With best wishes for a day of great birding,

Marcia Anderson
Chair, ADBC