2023 Participation Options

Big Day Birdathoner

This is the classic model for Birdathon. Participants have 24 hours to go anywhere in Washington State to identify (sight or sound) as many bird species as they can. The Big Day is perfect for the highly competitive, beginning to intermediate birders who love a challenge, and people who enjoy identifying a wide variety of bird species from many habitats.

The Big Day is open to individuals, as well as teams of up to 10. Teams must stay together during their Big Day and only birds identified while the team is together will count towards the team total.

Single Habitat Birdathoner

*New!* Love Birdathon but don’t have the time or resources to spend all day birding? Our new Single Habitat / single greenspace could be the right fit for you. Select your favorite spot to enjoy birds and spend up to four hours identifying (sight or sound) as many bird species as you can. Some examples of this might include spending up to 4 hours at Union Bay Natural Area, or Seward Park, or Fir Island.

The Single Habitat is open to individuals, as well as teams of up to 10. Teams must stay together during their four hours and only birds identified while the team is together, and at their selected location, will count towards the team total.

Outside Observer Birdathoner

*New!* Is your favorite place to observe birds right at home? Do you prefer watching birds at your feeder, or hearing the songs of spring migrants as they arrive to your neighborhood? The Outside Observer option allows participants to count as many bird species they identify (sight or sound) over the course of the whole Birdathon event (May 13 – 31, 2023). Having bird feeders and bird baths is permitted, but not required. (As always, when you attract birds, be sure to keep them safe by keeping cats inside and treating reflective windows to reduce collision risk).

The Outside Observer is open to individuals, as well as teams that reside within the same household. Teams may not include individuals residing at different locations.