2022 Birdathon
Saturday, May 14 – Tuesday, June 28, 2022

How does a Birdathon Work?
A Birdathon is similar to a walk-a-thon, but instead of collecting pledges per mile walked, you spend a
great spring day outdoors with fellow birders, scanning skies, trees, shrubs, fields and water - even your
backyard feeder - for birds. The challenge is to identify as many bird species as possible within one 24
hour period between May 11 - June 23, 2019. You collect pledges per bird species and the money raised
benefits Southwestern Montana birds and other wildlife.

To add to the fun - by participating you could win prizes and awards. Check-out the Birdathon Rules and
Prize & Award information sheets in the Birdathon Kit you can find online at www.sacajawaeaudubon.org or call (406) 600-6666.

How Can You Participate in the Birdathon?
Participation is easier: You don't have to be an expert - some people even do Birdathons by counting the
visitors to their feeder. Others cover dozens of miles in a day, racking up over 100 species. The key to
Birdathon is to have fun!

- Join a Team
  Contact the Birdathon Committee, we have birdathon teams that would love for you to join them.
  Even if you can't tell a goose from a grouse, we can teach you how. We also, have celebrity birder
teams.

- Form a Team
  Get a few of your birding friends together and schedule a 24 hour period to go birding. Contact us
  for a Birdathon Kit and register your team. *(see registration form for details)*

- Take a Business "Bird Break"
  Trade in your briefcase for binoculars, grab co-workers and count birds on your lunch hour! Contact
  us for more information on getting your business involved in Sacajawea Birdathon - becoming an
event sponsor, creating a company team, or specific levels and benefits of event sponsorship.

- Be a Backyard Birder
  Gather pledges and watch birds in your neighborhood park, or at your own backyard feeder. Com-
  pete for our “Sitting Duck” award. Contact us or go online at www.sacajawaeaudubon.org for a Bir-
dathon Kit.

- Sponsor a Team Member
  Support your favorite team or team participant by making a pledge.

The Birdathon Committee has maps, field guides, fundraising tips, and plenty of experience to share.
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2022 Key Birdathon Dates

May 14 - First Day of Birdathon
June 28 - Last Day of Birdathon
June 29 - Team Reports and Pledge Forms Due
June 30 - Birdathon Award & Celebration Party

Award Categories

**Most Species Identified:** This award recognizes the team that identifies the most species in a 24-hour period. All members of the team must see or hear 95% of the birds reported.

**Most Species Identified In A Half Day:** This award recognizes the team that identifies the most species in a morning or evening. All members of the team must see or hear 95% of the birds reported.

**Most Money Raised:** This award recognizes the team that raises the highest total dollar amount in donations.

**Most Pledges Collected:** This award recognizes the team that solicits the highest number of individual pledges.

**Sacajawea Audubon Award:** This award recognizes the team that sees the most Hawks on their Birdathon Day.

**Most Magpies Award:** This award recognizes the team that sees the most Magpies on their Birdathon Day

**Best Bird Award:** This award recognizes the team that records the "best" bird as determined by an outside judge. This could be a rare bird for a specific habitat or a bird that is difficult to find in its habitat.

**Important Bird Area (IBA) Sighting Award:** This award recognizes the team that observes the most bird species in a Montana IBA. The Team Report submitted must indicate on which IBAs the birds were seen.

**Sitting Duck Award:** This award is given to the team whose members identify the highest number of species while staying within an imaginary circle 200 feet in diameter during their count.

**Carbon Neutral Award:** This award is given to the team who is the most energy efficient or the smallest carbon footprint.

**Mentor Award** - Each Team Leader will be entered for a prize.

**Rookie Award** - If you’re new to birdwatching you will be eligible for a prize at the awards celebration

*Sacajawea Audubon Birdathon ....*
… the most fun you'll ever have helping to protect Southwest Montana’s natural heritage.

For a Birdathon Kit or more information:
sacajaweaaudubon.org or
contact Loreene Reid at loreener5@gmail.com or 600-6666.