

COMPETITION



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AUDUBON
SOCIETY

LEVEL I: Team Competition

If you want to raise glasses with some of birdings best, gather a team (minimum of 3) and become a part of the competition. Pick your turf and how you want to play:

- The entire state – cover the state from High Point to Cape May Point and anywhere in between. Teams with the highest total number of species are eligible for the 1st Place **Urner Stone Cup**, the 2nd place **Stone Award**, and the 3rd place **Stearns Award**.
- A single county – pick a single county and compete for the Limited Geographic Area. These teams are eligible for the **LGA Award** for the highest total species “par” for a single county
- Cape May County Only – stay within the boundaries of Cape May County. These teams are eligible for the **Cape May County Award** for highest total species identified in Cape May County only.
- Cape Island – bird Cape Island and be eligible for the **Cape Island Cup** for highest total species found South of Cape May Canal.
- Pick a spot and do a “Big Stay” for the **Big Stay Award** for highest total species identified within the Big Stay parameters.
- Get in shape and go green. Find as many species as you can without the use of any motorized vehicles. Walk, run, bike, skate, row a boat or any combination to win the newest Level I category – **Carbon Footprint Cup**.
- Grab your digital camera or your digiscope setup and do a “Digi Big Day” and compete for the **Swarovski Digi Day Award**. An award for the highest species identified and photographed for each category: with a digital camera, through a digiscope, or with digibinoculars.



LEVEL II: Non-Competing Team or Individual

Open to individuals and non-competing teams. Bird on your own or with friends. Anyone participating in the World Series of Birding must register; there is no registration fee. Any pledges raised must benefit New Jersey Audubon Society. Anyone wishing to raise pledges for any organization *other than New Jersey Audubon Society*, must register as a competing team and pay the appropriate registration fees. All registered participants are welcome to join us at Finish Line. Awards Brunch and official WSB shirt available for additional fee.

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LEVEL III: Youth Team

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**Schools • Scouts • Youth Groups
Environmental Clubs
Science Clubs • Education Centers**

Level III Youth Competition is open to all youth groups within Grades 1 through 12. There are three divisions:

- Elementary School – Grades 1 through 5,
- Middle School – Grades 6 through 8, and
- High School – Grades 9 through 12.

Teams may be comprised of mixed ages, grades, and schools but must remain within the same division. Competing teams are eligible for the **Zeiss Youth Birding Award** for the highest total species in each division.

New Jersey Audubon Society education staff works with these groups to make the event an educational experience as well as a fund raiser for school, youth, or scout group's conservation projects.

Entry Fees

Sponsorship is a both a financial and publicity advantage. You can obtain Corporate Sponsorship for your team; Corporate Mentor Sponsorship in conjunction with a participating Level I team, or the help of local businesses to help offset your expenses.

How Does It Work?

All Rules of Competition apply. Teams have 24 hours to count as many bird species as they can identify by sight or sound within the state of New Jersey in accordance with the Rules of Competition. Youth Teams may conduct their World Series of Birding on a designated day prior to the official competition in order to fit with a

school or teacher schedule. Checklists must be submitted before the official midnight deadline. **Adults (over the age of 21) may accompany the team and/or be designated drivers but cannot participate, aid or contribute in location or identification of birds in any manner during the competition or the team will be disqualified.**

The World Series of Birding is a perfect fund-raising vehicle.

Register for the event and gather pledges for your team and raise money for conservation. The money you raise on your teams effort is yours – all of it! It can go to whatever conservation cause you choose (i.e., a wildlife garden in a city park or school grounds; a science project within your school; setting up a bird feeding station at a local nursing home; or a "clean-up" project at a local watershed).

Organize a community fund raiser (i.e., car wash, bake sale) to promote your participation. Make copies of the official Pledge Sheet and distribute as needed. If you would like any of your pledges to go to one of New Jersey Audubon's centers, just check off the box on the pledge sheet and mail your check to us.



WSB COMPETITION



LEVEL IV: Senior Competition

Senior Centers • Nature Clubs • Garden Clubs • Education Centers

Level IV Senior Competition is open to anyone age 60 and older birding in New Jersey. All participating members must be at least 60 except for the designated driver who can be under 60 but over 21. Teams are eligible for the Floyd P. Wolfarth Award for highest total species by a Senior Team.

The World Series of Birding is a perfect fund-raising vehicle. Take the fun of the event and make it a fund raiser as well. Raise pledges – the money you raise on your teams effort is yours – all of it! It can go to whatever conservation cause you choose (i.e., a wildlife garden in a city park or nature center; setting up a bird feeding station at a local nursing home).

Entry Fees

Sponsorship is a both a financial and publicity advantage. You can obtain Corporate Sponsorship for your team; Corporate Support Sponsorship in conjunction with a participating Level I team, or the help of local businesses to help offset your expenses.

How Does It Work?

All Rules of Competition apply. Teams have 24 hours to count as many bird species as they can identify by sight or sound within the state of New Jersey in accordance with the Rules of Competition. **Designated drivers (may be under 60 but must be over 21) cannot participate, aid or contribute in location or identification of birds in any manner during the competition or the team will be disqualified.**

Pledges

Organize a community fund raiser to promote your participation. Register for the event and gather pledges for your team. Make copies of the official Pledge Sheet and distribute as needed. If you would like any of your pledges to go to New Jersey Audubon's Centers, just check off the box on the pledge sheet and mail your check to us. ■

