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BIRDATHON

Spring
Bird Count

SUNDAY MAY 7, 2017

The Charleston Audubon Spring Bird Count and Birdathon is coming soon! This year's event will be held on Sunday, May 7th. The "Citizen Science" data we collect is extremely valuable for detecting long-term trends in bird populations, and the money we raise during the Birdathon will be used to support ongoing work at our McAlhany Nature Preserve and other local chapter activities.

Our 15-mile diameter Charleston "count circle" is divided into territories, and groups of volunteer observers – led by experienced birders – record the numbers of species and individuals they see or hear in their territory over the course of the day.

Join us! Birders of all skill levels are welcome to participate on the Spring Count. It's a great way to improve your birding abilities! Contact the compiler, Andy Harrison, at 795-6934 or parula23@aol.com for more information.

Whether you join us for the Spring Count, make a donation or take pledges from sponsors to support the Birdathon, you will be taking part in a very worthy cause.

— *Thanks very much!*

SPRING EVENTS - details online: CharlestonAudubon.org

Sat, April 8: Nemours Plantation Field Trip

Wed, April 12, 6 p.m: Lecture: Oystercatchers! Monitoring a Carolina Treasure

Sat, April 22: Edisto Nature Trail Field Trip

Sun, May 7: Spring Bird Count & Birdathon!

Wed, May 10, 6 p.m: Lecture: Red Wolves, Predators & The Environment

PARTICIPATION

There are three easy ways to participate:

1. MAKE A PLEDGE

You can pledge a fixed amount (\$20, \$30 or \$50, for example) or pledge a specific amount per species identified. (We usually observe between 140 and 160 species on a Spring Count). Make your pledge via e-mail to parula23@aol.com (please put **Spring Bird Count** in the subject line) or mail-in the pledge form (see reverse).

You may pay using PayPal through the links on our website – whether you pledge-per-species, or choose to make a fixed donation, PayPal is a safe, secure way to make your donation – and no PayPal account is required.

2. SIGN-UP SPONSORS

Don't hesitate to ask friends, relatives and neighbors to support the Birdathon! You can distribute copies of the small pledge form for donations, or have sponsors sign-up with you and collect their donations or pledged amounts after the Spring Count (totals will be available 7-10 days after the May 7th Count.)

Extra forms can be downloaded from our website: www.charlestonaudubon.org.

3. JOIN THE COUNT

Anyone, whether you're an experienced birder or just getting started, is encouraged to join in the Spring Count. Groups – each led by an experienced birder – will record the numbers of species and individual birds they identify in their assigned territory over the course of the day. Afterward all of the team reports are compiled into a single report.

To join the count, please contact Andy Harrison who is coordinating this year's Count and Birdathon: Call him at **795-6934** or email parula23@aol.com

Charleston Natural History Society 2017 Birdathon and Spring Count Pledge Form

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

eMAIL: _____

Sending your donation now?

MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

The Charleston Natural History Society

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MY PLEDGE

I would like to pledge \$_____ per species seen during the 2017 Birdathon. (i.e. if we find 135 species, a \$.25 pledge would equal \$33.75)

I would like to contribute \$_____ to the 2017 Birdathon effort. (i.e. \$25, \$50, \$75...)

Please Mail all pledges/donations to:

Andy Harrison
 CNHS Birdathon Coordinator
 35 Cross Creek Drive, APT. P-7
 Charleston, SC 29412

Use the form below to sign-up sponsors and take their pledges. (You can use a pad or make your own form as long as you collect all the data.) Contact the Birdathon coordinator, Andy Harrison (at 795-6934 or by eMail at parula23@aol.com) and you'll be contacted after the count is compiled so that you can calculate and collect your sponsors' pledges.

Use the form above to make a pledge or donate a fixed amount. Donations may be paid online with PayPal, or sent immediately. If you return a pledge, you will be contacted, by phone or email, after the Spring Count totals have been compiled, and asked to fulfill the pledge amount.



Charleston Natural History Society 2017 Birdathon and Spring Count Pledge Sign-Up

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE #	PLEDGE INFO			PAID Y/N
			\$/per species	fixed donation	TOTAL	

After collecting all pledges and donations, please mail them, along with your name and contact information, and this form, to:
 Andy Harrison, CNHS Birdathon Coordinator, 35 Cross Creek Drive, APT. P-7, Charleston, SC 29412