



Here are the details for the 2020 Fall Flight:

- **What's New?**

We will be allowing team members to bird separately this year! If you do chose to bird together, please wear face masks and practice social distancing.

If your donors contribute on-line thru the OAS website, be sure to ask them to include your team name in the notes so that your team will be credited. [onondagaaudubon.com/about/contribute](http://onondagaaudubon.com/about/contribute)

- **Where & When?**

Fall Flight 2020 will take place over the entire 24 hours of Saturday September 19th, that is, from midnight to midnight. You may bird anywhere in the counties of Jefferson, Lewis, Onondaga, Oswego, Madison, Oneida, Herkimer, and Cayuga to the north of Route 31. If you're not sure whether a place you want to bird is within the boundary, please call or e-mail us. Team members have to bird together — no splitting up.

- **Register.**

Please get in touch with us prior to the event to let us know that you will be participating. We will need your team name, member names, address, a telephone number and an E-mail address to which we can send the computerized reporting form. This form makes reporting easy and greatly simplifies the tally. Contact us at:

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- The traditional day-after compilation picnic is cancelled this year due to COVID. We will have a virtual compilation on Tuesday, September 22. There, we will learn who takes custody of the coveted Clark(e)'s Nutcracker for the "Best Bird", and we will again recognize teams for finding the most species in the three categories of Overall, Low Carbon Footprint, and Yard List and everyone can tell fun tales from their birding adventures!
- **Report** You will need to provide your counts prior to **4 PM Sunday** to be included in the awards. Call us to make arrangements if you think you will have trouble making this deadline. For those attending the picnic, counts may be reported in advance or revealed at the picnic.
- Funds raised are due by November 15 for totals to be included in *The Kestrel*, but late funds will be gladly accepted through the end of December for credit toward this year's event. An envelope is enclosed for sending in your checks to our address above.

Here's what's in this package:

- This cover sheet
- Birdathon announcement page
- Birdathon species checklist
- Fundraising tip sheet
- Sponsor pledge sign-up sheet
- Remittance sheet to be sent back with checks
- Envelope for return of checks and Remittance sheets

**Sign up now for this exciting event**  
**Onondaga Audubon's LOCAL education and bird sanctuary priorities.**

**Onondaga Audubon Society's 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Birdathon & 1<sup>st</sup> Annual**

# **FALL FLIGHT**

**Saturday September 19, 2020**

**Don't be shy, give the Fall Flight a try!**

Bird enthusiasts one and all are invited to participate in this year's Fall Flight quest. Timed to take place at the peak of fall migration, this is the perfect opportunity to go out and find some great birds. Through your participation, you can help document the occurrence of birds throughout Onondaga Audubon's service area and provide financial support for the important work of Onondaga Audubon, all while enjoying a day of birding. So, mark your calendar, contact your bird-watching teammates, and start making plans for Birdathon!

## **How Birdathon Works**

**Date and Time:** Go afield on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> for as many (or as few) hours as desired between midnight and midnight. — no rain date!

**Boundaries:** Anywhere you like within Jefferson, Lewis, Onondaga, Oswego, Madison, Oneida and Herkimer Counties, plus Cayuga County north of Route 31.

**Teams:** Join another, form you own, or go solo. No assigned territories. Splitting up is allowed this year – please wear face masks when around others and maintain social distancing!

**Count:** Carefully identify species by sight and/or ear — the honor system please!

**Fund-raising:** Lining up sponsors (flat donations or so much per species) is optional, but definitely encouraged! We hope you will make a goal of ~\$100 per team member.

**Bird List Deadline:** Submit your results by 4 pm Sunday.

**Final Bird Results:** Birding and fundraising results will appear in *The Kestrel* newsletter and on the OAS web site.

**Dollars Deadline:** Turn in to Birdathon Coordinator by November 15.

### **Records to Beat**

**Most Participants** – 43 teams, 116 members (1999)

**Most Money Combined** – \$7,500 (2001)

**Most Money for a team** – \$2,001.11 (2017)

**Most Species Combined** – 209 (2011)

**Most Species for a team** – 158 (2013)

### **Contact**

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