

2023 Birdathon - April Update
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Birdathon for 2023 will be held **April 15** through **May 31**. For those who have participated in the past, you know that it is perhaps the most fun way to raise money for the Club. It is our hope that, with a few more teams and a non-Covid outlook, we can bring in over \$1,000 for the Club, as we have done pre-Covid.

Little has changed for this year. Basically, you 1) Form or join a team of fellow birders, 2) Solicit pledges, and 3) Compete for the various prizes while birdwatching. Birdathon prize categories are as follows:

Rock Dove - Most species in 6 hours. (Use your favorite 6 hour data bracket)

Wild Card - Most sightings of this year's Target Bird - **Ruby-throated Hummingbird**.

Charity's Rarities - Rarest bird spotted

Fledgling - Youngest average age of a team

Big Fun Funders - Most money raised by a team

Big Fun Funder Individual - Most money raised by an individual

Big Sit / Feeder - prize similar to 'Rock Dove' for number of species.

Big Sit / No Feeder - Ditto

Wall Plaques will be awarded after May 31, which winners may take home for 1 year.

During the Birdathon time, the time segment you choose must be of a planned time total of no more than 6 hours (see website for further elaboration). If you have done nothing to date, despair not - you can still join a team, or form a team (2 people or more) anytime during the Birdathon period. Regarding soliciting pledges, know that the key to easy fundraising is simply to *ask!* (Also remember, some people who have no interest in your cause may still give you \$20 just because birding is cool).

More detailed information can be found on the entry forms. To get your official forms for Birdathon, go to the GRAC website home page for information (www.graud.org). If you have questions, or don't 'do computers', contact Birdathon Committee members Ed Bolt, Tom Leggett, or Jill Goodell - we can help. Do try it!