



2016 SPRING BIRD COUNT and BIRDATHON

Please help us to celebrate "**International Migratory Day**" on Saturday, May 14. We are asking members and friends to spend part of this day enjoying the spring migration by watching birds in their local area or in a nearby natural area.

Chapter leaders will be available in many places to help you in identifying birds, but you may also participate on your own, or by forming your own group.

Our goals are as follows:

1. **Identify** as many species as possible in "Greater Bergen County" on that day, and to count HOW MANY birds of each species are present.
2. **Report** your bird lists and total number per species to David Hall, who will compile a master list of the total species and number of birds identified.
3. **The master list** is the basis for our "Bird-a-thon" fundraiser (see below on how to participate). The more bird species that we identify, the more money BCAS will raise for local conservation and education projects!
4. **Have fun!! May 14th is THE DAY, rain or shine.**

This is the 24nd Annual Spring Bird Count for BCAS! We hope to have leaders covering many areas, including **Garret Mountain, DeKorte Park, Tenafly Nature Center, Allendale Celery Farm, Mehrhof Pond, Teaneck Creek, and Mahwah Green Acres.** We would be very happy if you join one of the above groups, or you may chose your own favorite local bird spot and send back a list of what you see. This is perhaps the most exciting time in the birding year, and we encourage you to take part.

We will have signup sheets and tally sheets at the BCAS meeting on April 13. Call David Hall (evenings) at 973 -226-7825 (email is david.hall@einstein.yu.edu) to join a group or to volunteer to lead an area.

Beginning May 15, call or email David to report your bird list, including the total number of birds per species. We are also ready to send you a tally list by email.

DAVE HALL

Pledge Your Support for BCAS and join us in the GREAT BIRDATHON 2016 SPRING COUNT FUNDRAISER

Fill out our pledge sheet and show your support for our conservation and education efforts with projects such as habitat restoration, nest boxes, new birder classes. etc.

The Spring Count Fundraiser will be based on the total number of bird species seen by our members on May 14, 2016. We hope to find around 100-125 species. You may pledge "X" amount per species and your pledge will then be multiplied by the total number of species seen on that day, or you can pledge a fixed amount. Please consider using a "Matching Grant" from your employer if it is available to you. Your pledge is tax deductible. Monies raised are used to support NJ conservation initiatives and to fund environmental education through our *Audubon Adventures* a classroom based curriculum that is used in our local schools. Last year your dollars helped to reach over 2000 students in classrooms throughout the County.

Please help us continue our efforts.

You can bring your pledge to our next meeting or mail form to: **BCAS Spring Fundraiser, P.O. Box 235, Paramus, NJ 07653-0235** or Use the DONATE button on our website at www.bergencountyaudubon.org.

Checks should be made payable to: "Bergen County Audubon Society"

Pledge per Species _____ or \$ _____ amount.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Contact Peggy O'Neill at (201) 868-5829 if you have any questions.

