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The Augusta-Aiken Audubon Society is a local group of people with an interest in conservation and a shared love of wild birds. In addition to watching and photographing birds, the club has been involved with providing environmental resource materials for children and adults, water quality work on streams and rivers, cleanup days, field trips and more. Your support can ensure that our efforts will continue to make a difference.

Soon, the Augusta-Aiken Audubon Society will be engaging in BIRDATHON 2019 in an effort to raise money for The Silver Bluff Audubon Center and Sanctuary. This is how the BIRDATHON works: I am seeking sponsors who will pledge dollars and cents for each bird species our chapter teams can find during a birdwatching blitz held over a two-day period (each day is a unique count and will not be combined). It's OK to set an upper limit!. Some folks prefer to contribute a specific dollar amount, which is great too! Either way, when the results are tallied from our days afield, I'll send to you an account of the days, a list of bird species seen, and a reminder of your pledge amount, which is tax-deductible. Please make your check payable to "Audubon," and return it to me, along with the attached pledge form or if you're donating on a "per bird species" basis, fill in the amount you wish to pledge, and I will let you know the final tally after the event.

This year's BIRDATHON is scheduled for April 24 and 27, when our teams will wade through thicket and swamp, searching high and low, to locate as many bird species as possible. We're hoping to see or hear between 180 and 200 species in South Carolina and Georgia in one day! We decided to make it a two-day event to accommodate those birders counting in heavily-visited areas, such as the mountains and beaches.

So, how about making a pledge? The money we raise through the Augusta-Aiken Audubon Birdathon goes to the Silver Bluff Audubon Center & Sanctuary—a local education center, wildlife sanctuary, and favorite birding destination.

I look forward to a pledge from you. Proper care of our environment is everyone's concern. I hope you can help us protect it. Thanks!

Sincerely,

