

## **RULES OF THE ROAD AAAS 2019 BIRDATHON**

### Pledges

Pledges may be made at a set amount or on a per species basis, either of which is to be determined by the donor. If the "per species" option is chosen, the donor is free to set an upper limit, i.e., \$.50 per species up to \$50.00. Other options include a set amount per species, with the donation increasing if a higher goal is reached, i.e., \$.25 per bird, increasing to \$.50 for every one over 150.

Donations by participants are encouraged, but are not required.

A pledge sheet will be provided to participants. Feel free to hit up anyone and everyone: family, friends, colleagues, people who owe you because you donated to their favorite cause, your stockbroker....

### Participants

Anyone may participate, but inexperienced birders may want to hook up with a team consisting of members with more expertise. It can be an excellent way to learn to identify birds.

### What to Count and How to Document

The count will be conducted on Wednesday, April 24, and Saturday, April 27, 2019, from midnight to midnight. Counts for each day are unique and cannot be combined. It was decided to make this a two-day event to accommodate birders who will be counting in heavily visited areas, such as the mountains and beaches.

Both seen and heard birds are countable.

Any birds that appear on eBird's rarities list for a particular location in late April should be documented and described in a manner that would be acceptable to eBird. The Birdathon coordinator will determine if a sighting is countable. Photographs are encouraged!

A bird list will be provided, which will include space for location seen/heard. A general location is fine, i.e., Silver Bluff, Aiken State Park, my backyard, etc. eBird lists are encouraged. They can be emailed to Alice Walker at carolinawren211@yahoo.com. If you're birding more than one location, they may be submitted as one trip list.

### Deadlines and Contact People

All species tallies should be submitted by May 6. This short deadline is necessary so we can establish a grand total, and those people who have pledged based on the number of species counted will know how much their donation will be.

Contact **Alice Walker at 803-649-5929 or carolinawren211@yahoo.com** to receive pledge forms, and bird count lists. Please notify Alice if you plan to participate, and also if you want to join a team.

All donations should be submitted by May 25, 2019, and should be mailed to:

Augusta-Aiken Audubon Society  
4542 Silver Bluff Road  
Jackson, SC. 29831

Please do not send cash! Checks should be made payable to "Audubon". If a pledge sponsor makes a check payable to you, endorse the back of the check with, "Pay to the order of Audubon." The Augusta-Aiken Audubon Society is a 501(c)3 organization, and all contributions are tax deductible