



April 15 – May 31, 2021

GUIDE TO BIRD CAM WATCHING

Counting birds as you watch various Bird Cams online is another great way to participate in the ANS Bloomin' Birdathon without having to leave your home. Here's how you do it.

- 1) Choose a day or a 24-hour (non-consecutive) period on which you are going to count.
- 2) Register as a counter at: <https://anshome.org/birdathon-register>
- 3) Send a letter or email to your family, friends and colleagues asking them to donate a certain amount per species that you see on various bird cams. You can use language from the Sample Sponsor Request Email/Letter in this packet. If you can, try to give your sponsors a sense of how many species of birds you think you might see.
- 4) Do your count by finding and watching bird cams from around the USA and count how many different species you see within your chosen time period. Here's a couple of links to get you started: <https://www.allaboutbirds.org/cams> <https://www.audubon.org/birdcams>
- 5) Let your sponsors know how many species you saw. Include some fun sightings and stories. Ask your sponsors to make their checks out to Audubon Naturalist Society and note on the check that this is for your Birdathon count.
- 6) Your sponsors can mail their checks directly to Audubon Naturalist Society at:

Audubon Naturalist Society
Bloomin' Birdathon
8940 Jones Mill Road
Chevy Chase, MD 20815

Or they can donate directly online at: <https://anshome.org/Birdathon-donation>

- 7) Watch for your special invitation to a reception later this year recognizing all our Birdathon Counters and their sponsors.

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