



# MICHIGAN AUDUBON BIRDATHON

*Community Powered,*  
**SCIENCE DRIVEN**

**MAY 18-25, 2026**

Birdathon is back! This year we're transforming our traditional Birdathon Big Day into a week-long celebration of birds, research, and community-powered conservation.

From May 18-25, chapter teams will each select a 24-hour period to count as many birds as possible at Michigan Audubon sanctuaries, Michigan Nature Association properties and/or established eBird hotspots around the state. Every species documented contributes to a clearer understanding of bird diversity and habitat use during spring migration.

## **SUPPORT RESEARCH**

Funds raised during the Birdathon support long-term migration monitoring and field research at Whitefish Point Bird Observatory in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, as well as research efforts at Michigan Audubon sanctuaries across the state.

The work of WPBO, provides vital insight into raptor, waterbird, and songbird movements through the Great Lakes region. Birdathon donations help sustain research staff, equipment, housing, and expanding initiatives such as acoustic monitoring and morning flight studies.



# SUPPORT CONSERVATION

Additionally, Birdathon funding supports new initiatives using acoustic monitoring via Autonomous Recording Units (ARUs) to evaluate habitat restoration work at our sanctuaries and to better understand the annual cycle of Chimney Swifts.

Our research programs are powered by donors and Birdathon plays a critical role in ensuring this work continues and grows.



# SUPPORT COMMUNITIES

Birdathon is also an investment in Michigan's local birding communities. Each chapter team will receive 10% of the funds they raise. Chapters with the most donations and the most recorded bird species will each receive 25% of the funds they raise.

Your donation not only advances statewide research — it strengthens the chapters that connect people to birds in their own communities, building the engaged network of birders and community scientists that makes this work possible.



# DONATE TODAY!

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