



Charleston's Natural History
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BIRDATHON

and Spring Bird Count

May 6, 2007

www.CharlestonAudubon.org

PARTICIPATION

There are three easy ways to participate:

1. MAKE A PLEDGE

You can pledge a fixed amount (\$10, \$25 or \$50, for example) or pledge a specific amount per species identified. (We usually observe between 150 and 170 species on a Spring Count). Use the small pledge form (see reverse) or send your pledge via e-mail to andy@charlestonaudubon.org (please put Spring Bird Count in the subject line).

2. SIGN-UP SPONSORS

Anyone donating \$20 or more, who is not already an member, is entitled to a one-year introductory membership in the National Audubon Society – which includes local membership and a subscription to *Audubon Magazine*.

Don't hesitate to ask friends, relatives and neighbors to support the Birdathon! You can distribute copies of the small pledge form for donations, or have sponsors sign-up on the larger form and collect their pledged amounts after the Spring Count (totals will be available 7-10 days after the May 6th Count.)

Extra forms can be downloaded from the website: www.charlestonaudubon.org.

3. JOIN THE COUNT

Anyone, whether you're an experienced birder or just getting started, is encouraged to participate in the Spring Count. Groups – each led by an experienced birder – will record the numbers of species and individual birds they identify in their assigned territory over the course of the day. Afterward all of the team reports are compiled into a single report.

To join the count, please contact Andy Harrison who is coordinating this year's Count and Birdathon: Call **795-6934** or email andy@charlestonaudubon.org

The Charleston Audubon Society Spring Bird Count will be held on Sunday, May 6. Our chapter has conducted this count for many years, and the data we collect is extremely valuable in detecting long-term trends in bird populations.

And this year we're trying something new – combining the Spring Count with a fund-raising Birdathon! The money we raise during this event will be used to support local chapter activities and to *protect the seabird nesting colonies* on Deveaux Bank, Bird Key Stono and Crab Bank (by helping SC Audubon *pay for a warden and an intern* to patrol the islands during the nesting season and assist SC DNR with monitoring nesting success).

Our 15-mile diameter "count circle" (the same area used on the Charleston Christmas Bird Count) is divided into territories, and groups of observers – led by experienced birders – record the numbers of species and individuals they see or hear in their territory over the course of the day. This is birding with a purpose, but it is usually a lot of fun too!

Sign up for the count: Birders of all skill levels are welcome to participate on the Spring Count. And becoming involved in a count is a good way to improve your birding abilities! Contact the compiler, Andy Harrison, at 795-6934 or andy@charlestonaudubon.org for more information.

AND AFTERWARD . . .

Our birding party with the highest species total and the donor making the largest contribution to the Birdathon will receive special recognition for their accomplishment. Please be patient when awaiting results – tabulating the data and verifying any unusual sightings after the count day may take a week or more (after all, we want to maintain a high-quality dataset for the long-term record).

Whether you join us for the Spring Count or make a donation in support of the Birdathon (or both), you will be taking part in a very worthy cause.

– Thanks very much!

Charleston Natural History Society 2007 Birdathon and Spring Count Pledge Form

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

eMAIL: _____

Sending your donation now?

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The Charleston Natural History Society

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MY PLEDGE

I would like to pledge \$_____ per species seen during the 2007 Birdathon. (i.e. if we find 135 species, a \$.25 pledge would equal \$33.75)

I would like to contribute \$_____ to the 2007 Birdathon effort. (i.e. \$20, \$30, \$50...)

Please Mail all pledges/donations to:

Andy Harrison
 CNHS Birdathon Coordinator
 35 Cross Creek Drive, APT. P-7
 Charleston, SC 29412

Use the form below to sign-up sponsors and take their pledges. (You can use a pad or make your own form as long as you collect all the data.) Contact the Birdathon coordinator, Andy Harrison (at 795-6934 or by eMail at andy@charlestonaudubon.org) and you'll be contacted after the count is compiled so that you can calculate and collect your sponsors' pledges.

Use the form above to make a pledge or donate a fixed amount. Donations may be sent immediately. If you return a pledge, you will be contacted, by phone or email, after the Spring Count totals have been compiled and asked to fulfill the pledge amount.



Charleston Natural History Society 2007 Birdathon and Spring Count Pledge Sign-Up

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE #	PLEDGE INFO				NEW AUDUBON MEMBER?
			\$/per species	fixed donation	TOTAL	PAID	

After collecting all pledges and donations, please mail them, along with your name and contact information and this form, to:
 Andy Harrison, CNHS Birdathon Coordinator, 35 Cross Creek Drive, APT. P-7, Charleston, SC 29412