



Birdathon 2023



Help Blue Ridge Audubon Chapter raise money for environmental conservation by supporting our **2023 Birdathon**. Donate to a team of your choice and choose either a “per species seen” pledge or simply send a check in now with your donation.

Please check the Birdathon team you wish to support:

- The Beaver Lake Bluebirds** *(led by Tom Tribble)*
- Eggcellent** *(led by Molly Larmie)*
- The Peregrines** *(led by Simon Thompson)*
- The Not-So-Common Loons** *(led by Jay Wherley)*
- Veery Tired** *(led by Kevin Ferretti)*

I pledge _____ for each species seen. (25¢, 50¢, \$1, \$2, etc.)

Instead of a pledge, I have enclosed a donation of: \$25 _____ \$50 _____ \$75 _____ Other _____

Let's make this a big year for birds!

Donate online via PayPal at blueridgeaudubon.org and select Birdathon.
Or make out a check payable to Blue Ridge Audubon and mail by May 31.

All contributions are tax deductible.

Name _____	Donation Amount _____
Address _____	
City, State, Zip _____	
Email _____	



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This May, Blue Ridge Audubon will stage a Birdathon that both celebrates the excitement of Spring birding in the mountains and offers the opportunity to raise funds for a bird-worthy cause. This year's donations will fund the purchase of VHF antennas to connect to the [Motus Wildlife Tracking System](#). This innovative system tracks the movement of birds that have been outfitted with nanotransmitters. As a bird flies within range of one of these Motus towers, it can identify its transmitter in passing. Coverage has been advancing in some areas of the country, but there remain big coverage gaps, including here in the western North Carolina mountains!



Last year when we raised money to sustain Golden-winged Warbler habitat, we had North Carolina Audubon's Curtis Smalling give a presentation that included some amazing facts learned about these wonderful birds via Motus tower tracking. We hope that installing several of these antennas in the nearby mountains will provide scientists with crucial data that will help us protect these local summertime breeders, as well as other birds that pass through our mountains during their spring and fall migrations.



We at Blue Ridge Audubon hope you are as excited about the prospects of contributing to this network of information that will help us protect the habitat that our imperiled summer breeders like the Golden-winged Warbler and others need to survive and thrive. You're welcome to join in the fun and form a team to compete in the Birdathon. Or you can help by making a donation to our fundraiser. You can support the Birdathon with a direct [online donation](#) here or at [our website](#). You can also print out the donation form and mail a check to: *Blue Ridge Audubon Birdathon, PO Box 18711, Asheville, NC 28814.*

We are most grateful for the generosity of our members in helping us raise money for bird conservation. *Thank you all very much for your support!* We invite everyone to attend our special Blue Ridge Audubon program on Thursday, May 25 where we hope to announce the winning Birdathon team. Our May program is a time when we ask folks to donate to the Birdathon at the door. Our program will feature famed wildlife biologist and birder Alex Troutman on *The Birding Effect: Birding as an Introduction to Nature*. ***Please join us!***

Golden-winged warbler with nano-transmitter