

How to Birdathon: Instructions for Conducting a Successful BIRDATHON

>> **Choose a day in May to go birding.** You may go by yourself, with friends, or join one of the 5 BIRDATHON field trips scheduled for May (listed below).

>> **Choose a location to go birding and estimate the number of species you expect to see.** You may conduct your BIRDATHON anywhere, your neighborhood, the county, or anywhere else.

>> **Get you friends, family, and other likely supporters to pledge** so many cents per species of birds you expect to see, i.g., 25 cents per species.

>> **Fill out the pledge sheet** (found in this issue of the Echo, or on line at www.blackhills-audubon.org). Try to get at least a total of \$1 per species. For example, one person pledges 40 cents per species, another person pledges 60 cents, and someone else pledge 50 cents per species for a total of \$1.50 per species). The more pledges you get, the more support for BHAS!

>> **Go on your BIRDATHON trip.** Count all the species you see within a 24-hour time period.

>> **Collect your pledges.** It is very helpful to give the people who pledged a write-up about your BIRDATHON with a list of all the species you saw. This way, more people can learn about birds!

>> **Send a check** (made out to “BHAS – Birdathon”) to the BIRDATHON Coordinator, Sheila McCartan, 1909 Lakemoor Place, Olympia, WA 98512.

All pledges are due by JUNE 30, 2010.

If you need any assistance or have questions, please contact the BIRDATHON Coordinator, Sheila McCartan, at blackhillsbirdathon@comcast.net, or call (360) 357-9170. Feedback to the coordinator is also welcome.

Thank you for participating in this important fund raising event. We hope you have a very successful and fun BIRDATHON!