

URWA's 19th Annual Bird-a-Thon
May 22, 2010

Dear Friends,

This is an exciting time of the year for bird lovers as each day brings new species returning for the season. Here on Fairview Farm our Purple Martin house is ready for some new tenants and our beautiful Bluebird's will be coming home to cleaned out and repaired boxes.

Even though snow is still on the ground in some places, we are getting closer to Saturday May 22nd- the date of URWA's nineteenth annual Bird-a-thon. This year's team will include expert birders Bob Lewis, Gordon Cameron, Thom Almendinger and URWA Trustee Alan Willemsen. Our event will take place from dawn till dusk throughout the state.

This is an important effort because it focuses attention on the habitat needs of migrating birds. In each of our watershed communities you can't help but notice the changes in the countryside. Buildings and pavement have replaced many of the meadows and forests that make this region so unique. Can you imagine what effect the fragmented and degraded landscape has had on birds and other wildlife?

At this time we are taking pledges from 20 cents to \$5.00 per bird species identified. The team's goal is to identify 145 species- and we need your help! Your support will motivate our birders throughout the long day and also help raise funds for URWA's efforts to protect the critical habitat that is key to the survival of our fine-feathered friends.

For a per bird pledge sheet please contact us at 908-234-1852 ext. 16 and we will send you a form. You will be notified of the results soon after the event. Also, you may use our secure web site if you would like to donate a flat pledge. Thank you!

URWA's Birding Team 2010

Pledge Sheet

YES, I would like to pledge \$ _____ per bird species identified by the URWA Birding Team on May 22nd. I understand that I will be notified of the results soon after the event.

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ Email: _____

I don't need to wait for the results to come in. I am sending you a tax-deductible donation of \$ _____ to help speed the team on its way.

Payment: Use our secure web site! Donate at www.urwa.org

Check payable to URWA (enclosed)

Credit Card VISA MC amount \$ _____ CC# _____ Exp. _____

Signature (Credit Card Only)

Thank you for your support!

Please mail to: URWA, Box 273, Gladstone, NJ 07934
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Thank You!

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