

WISCONSIN BIRD-A-THON BOOK BINGO



**RAFFLE
PRIZE
DRAWING**

APRIL 1ST - MAY 11TH

Celebrate the Great Wisconsin Birdathon with a feather-filled reading challenge! Complete 8 hours of reading and 4 optional activities to earn BLACKOUT BINGO. Then your name will be entered in a drawing. Prizes must be picked up in person by June 8th.

Check off your badges as you read!

Optional
Activity
Badges
(SEE BACK)

 Read 30 minutes Bank Swallow	 Read 30 minutes Northern Mockingbird	 Read 30 minutes Snowy Egret	 Read 30 minutes Bonaparte's Gull
 Read 30 minutes Prairie Chicken	 Read 30 minutes Winter Wren	 Read 30 minutes Northern Saw-Whet Owl	 Read 30 minutes Bufflehead
 Read 30 minutes Rock Pigeon	 Read 30 minutes Common Loon	 Read 30 minutes Swamp Sparrow	 Read 30 minutes Wild Turkey
 Read 30 minutes House Wren	 Read 30 minutes Fox Sparrow	 Read 30 minutes Brown Creeper	 Read 30 minutes Dark-Eyed Junco

NAME: _____ AGE: _____ PHONE: _____

Optional Activity Badges



Activity 1: The Great Wisconsin Birdathon Bird of the Year: Bobolink

Share one fact you learn about the Bobolink with a friend:

- VIDEO: *Top 10 Things You Didn't Know About Bobolinks* safesha.re/43ee
- BOOK: *Wild About Wisconsin Birds* [Juvenile Nonfiction: 598.09 Por]



Activity 2: Backyard Birds

- Check out a book on bird-friendly backyards:
 - Youth or Adult Nonfiction 598, 639, 690
 - Or tinyurl.com/backyard-birds-book-list
- Or pick up a backyard bird craft from the library. *



Activity 3: Eagle Eye

Observe birds in your area:

- Pick up a *Birdwatching Notebook* from the library. *
- Checkout a birdwatching guidebook:
 - Youth or Adult Nonfiction 598
 - Or tinyurl.com/bird-watching-youth
 - Or tinyurl.com/bird-watching-adult
- Free app Merlin Bird ID: merlin.allaboutbirds.org



Activity 4: Birds of a Feather

Grab some birding besties and join the Tomahawk Public Library in the Great Wisconsin Birdathon supporting Wisconsin bird conservation and research:

- Register April 15th – June 15th to join the Tomahawk Public Library's Birdathon team. Find more information here: tinyurl.com/2024-great-wi-birdathon

* Materials available in youth area while supplies last

6 TIPS FOR SUCCESSFUL BIRDWATCHING

1 FIND A PLACE TO BIRDWATCH.

Your backyard is a great place to get started or try one of these Lincoln County birding sites:

tinyurl.com/lincoln-county-bird-haunts

2 ATTRACT BIRDS TO YOUR SPACE.

Making your yard a welcome habitat for birds is a great way to see more birds. Birds look for food, water, and shelter.

3 BE STILL AND QUIET.

Birds will get used to you hanging out in their space but if you move around a lot, talk, or make a lot of noise you will see far fewer birds.

4 GO BIRDING AT THE RIGHT TIME.

As a general rule, birds are most active at dawn and dusk.

5 TAKE FIELD NOTES AND USE A BIRD GUIDEBOOK.

Stop by the library to checkout a birdwatching guidebook and pick up a *Birdwatching Notebook* available while supplies last.

6 BRING BINOCULARS AND A CAMERA.

Though not required, binoculars and a camera help you get a much closer view of the birds you are watching and record what you see.