



NEVADA BIRD-A-THON

COMPETITION CATEGORIES

Participants can form a team of up to 5 members. In each category, birders will be eligible to compete for prizes for Most Species Seen and Most Funds Raised. Each category will be assessed separately, including the subcategories of “Backyard” birding. There will also be a bonus prize for the participant who submits the most Pinyon Jay Community Science Survey123 records during the duration of the event.

Big Day Birder: Form a team of up to 5 members or bird solo and record as many species as possible in NV by sight and sound within 24 hours. Big Day Birders are not limited to one location and can venture far and wide in search of species, as long as they stay within Nevada. The Big Day must take place in one 24-hour period i.e. 12 am-12 am, 3 pm-3 pm, etc.

Green/Carbon Conscious Big Day: Typical Big Day rules (outlined above) apply, but you will be limited to public transportation, biking, and your own two feet to get around (anything other than personal/private vehicles)! Participants in this category will be confined to one 24-hour period to complete their Big Day but will be competing in a separate prize category than the traditional Big Day Birders.

Backyard Birder: “Yard Birds” are defined as any birds heard or seen from your yard i.e., you see a Mountain Chickadee at your feeder, a Turkey Vulture soaring overhead, and hear the distant call of a CA Quail. These all count as yard birds! If participating in a Backyard Birding category you can compile a list for the duration of the Bird-a-thon and turn in your tally at the end. You are not confined to one 24-hour period.

Field Trip Team: This category is for partnering organizations (or anyone else, really) that want to encourage participation by holding organized field trips. This is a great way for folks to participate that are not as confident as to register their own team.

To make Backyard Birding accessible for all, we have created subcategories of “yards” and added an Adopt-a-Yard category.

- Suburban/Rural Yard: Houses with a front and/or back yard (side yards included). Yards might have grass, trees, bushes, gardens, patios, and decks. All birds seen and heard from your property count as “yard birds.”
- Apartment/Urban Yard: Go birding in your neighborhood within a .5 mile radius of your home!
- Adopt-a-Yard: Pick a local park, nearby wildlife refuge, or stretch of the Truckee River (for example) to become your yard for the duration of the competition. Revisit the site as many times as you like for the duration of the Bird-a-thon and turn in your species list at the end.

BONUS CATEGORY: Community Scientist: Your goal is to submit the most Survey123 records for Pinyon Jays for the duration of the event. You can submit presence or absence records (you must be in suitable Pinyon Jay habitat to submit an absence record i.e. you are in the vicinity of pinyon pine or juniper trees).

- To sign up and get started with the Survey123 app visit: <https://pinyon-jay-community-science-gbbo.hub.arcgis.com/pages/surveys>

Please email outreach@qbbo.org with any questions