

Prizes will be awarded in the following nine categories:

- The Joppa Cup** (Grand prize for the team with the greatest number of points);
- Director's Award** (Greatest number of species);
- Essex County Excels** (Most points in Essex County);
- Rockingham County Rocks Award** (Most points in Rockingham County);
- Parker River NWR Award** (Most points on the refuge);
- Sitting Duck Award** (Award for the greatest number of species tallied from a fixed point);
- Seekers Award** (Award for first team to find all species on the Seekers Checklist);
- NewBies Award** (Award for the greatest number of points tallied by any team with 2 or more members 18 years of age or younger); and
- Lifer Award** (Participant who sees the most new life birds during the competition).

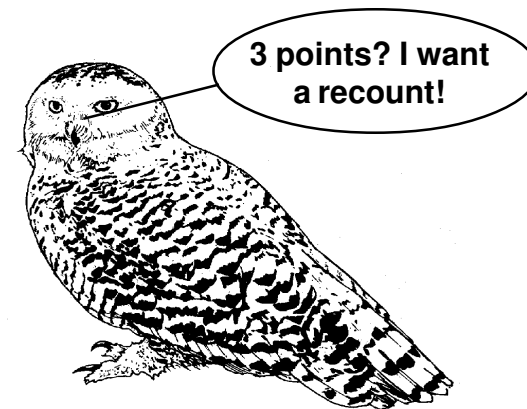


Superbowl of Birding  
Joppa Flats Education Center  
P.O. Box 1558  
Newburyport, MA 01950



## JOPPA FLATS EDUCATION CENTER

Newburyport, MA  
presents

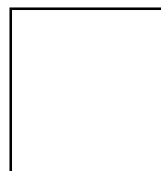
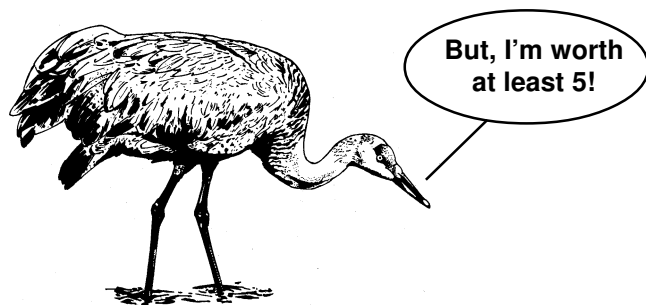
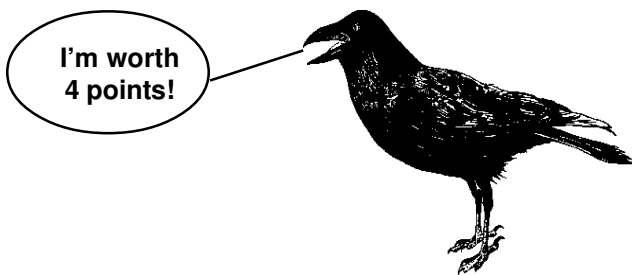


*THE*

## SUPERBOWL OF BIRDING V

Saturday, January 26, 2008  
Snow date: Sunday, January 27  
5 a.m. to 5 p.m.

# PENTAX®



Winter is a wonderful time to bird in northeastern Massachusetts and southeastern New Hampshire. In celebration of this season, the Joppa Flats Education Center is hosting the *Superbowl of Birding V*.

This is a unique competition to find the greatest number of species and to earn the greatest number of points based on the rarity of the birds recorded. **The Joppa Cup** is awarded to the team that collects the most points by the end of the specified 12-hour birding day. Strategy and planning are essential in order to win this competition.

The event consists of activities targeted for all levels of birders. Beginning birders, or those who prefer indoor birding at this time of year, can join Joppa Flats naturalists in the indoor bird blind to establish a new January standard for the Center. More experienced birders can form a team of their own. There is also a young birders category for teams with members 18 years of age or younger. The Seekers Award was new last year, has its own special checklist, and generated a lot of excitement!

In Superbowl IV, the Joppa Cup was won by the Raven Loon-atics with an astounding 248 points (99 species). Teams found a total of 136 species of birds. The top scoring teams are listed below.

**Top Teams from Superbowl IV (2007)**

<b>Team</b>	<b>Award</b>
Raven Loon-atics	Joppa Cup
Burger Kinglets	Directors Award
Labrador Ducks	Essex County
New Hampshire Audubon	Rockingham Co.
Parker River Ratites	Parker River NWR
Eagle Eyes	Seekers Award
Return of the Great Auks	Newbies Award

**ABBREVIATED RULES**

**Date:** January 26, 2008;  
**Weather Date:** January 27, 2008

**Time:** 5 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Where:** Essex County, MA, and Rockingham County, NH. Maps will be provided.

**Teams:** Teams will consist of 4-7 individuals and must remain together for the entire contest. No splitting of teams is allowed. Teams must preregister for the contest.

**Objective:** Each species on the official contest checklist has a point value of 1-5 based on the perceived difficulty of finding the species at this time of year. The team that amasses the greatest number of points will be declared **The Joppa Cup** winner. Each species may only be counted once. Each team must check in at the designated site by 5:30 p.m. of the contest day.

**Identification:** Each species must be conclusively identified by sight and/or sound by the majority of participants of each team. The bird must be alive, wild, and unrestrained when encountered. Deliberately gaining assistance by non-team members is not allowed.

**Checklist:** To be counted, all species must be on the Official Superbowl of Birding Checklist, or be species currently accepted by the Massachusetts or New Hampshire State Records Committees. Valid species not on the official checklist will have a point value of 5.

**The Joppa Cup:** The winning team will have its name engraved on the trophy that will be displayed at the Joppa Flats Education Center. Each team member will receive an individual prize.

**Registration Form**

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Team Members: (Minimum 4, Maximum 7) **Please include the name, address, e-mail, and phone number for each member.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_, **Leader**  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Fees:** \$20 per participant for registrations before January 1, 2008; thereafter the fee is \$25 per participant. For participants 12 and under, the fee is \$15. Fees include refreshments and prizes for the winning teams.

Please mail the completed form with fee to:

Joppa Flats Education Center  
 PO Box 1558  
 Newburyport, MA 01950

**While we cannot guarantee a spot, if you are interested in joining a birding team, please contact Melissa Vokey for further information: (978)462-9998.**