



# Bird-a-thon 2009

Mass Audubon is celebrating the 26th year of its statewide Bird-a-thon competition on Friday, May 15 (6 pm) through Saturday, May 16 (6 pm). Every bird and every dollar counts in this round-the-clock birding extravaganza. Two-dozen teams and more than 600 staff and volunteers will race to see the greatest number of bird species in 24 hours and to raise the most money to support the conservation, education, and advocacy efforts of their favorite Mass Audubon sanctuary or program.

## Trophies and Prizes

### TEAM PRIZES

#### Brewster Cup

Trophy awarded to the one team that records the greatest number of species during Bird-a-thon.

#### Forbush Award

Trophy awarded to the 2<sup>nd</sup> place team for most species seen.

#### Hatheway Cup

Trophy awarded to the one team that raised the most money.

#### The \$ Cup

Trophy awarded to the 2<sup>nd</sup> place team for the most money raised.

#### Statewide Migration Award

Trophy awarded to the team that shows the greatest percentage increase in fundraising total from the previous year. New teams are not eligible.

#### IBA Award

Trophy awarded to the team that sees the highest % of species of all teams birding according to IBA Regional Award Rules.

### Regional Migration Awards (one in each region)

Awarded to the three teams (one in each region) that show the greatest percentage increase in fundraising totals from the previous year. (This does not include the winner of the Statewide Migration Award.)

Prize: Mass Audubon-funded celebrations (pizza or ice cream party) for each of the three teams.

### INDIVIDUAL PRIZES

#### Statewide Top Individual Fundraiser Award

The Bird-a-thon team member (non-staff) who raises the most money across the state.

Prize: Acclaimed wildlife artist Barry van Dusen has generously donated one of his original paintings, entitled *Mob Scene*, from his collection. He painted it for the cover of Bird Watcher's Digest, and it appeared on the cover of the December 1992 issue, a copy of which is included with the painting, increasing its value to the collector. The framed piece measures 19" x 22."

#### Regional Top Individual Fundraisers Awards (three in each region)

The individual team members (non-staff) who raise the most money for his/her team. Must be at least \$250.

Prize: Mass Audubon organic cotton tote bag.

#### Young Birder Award

Any birder under 18 who raises \$200 or more.

Prize: Mass Audubon organic cotton tote bag.

#### Team Member Award

Any team member who raises at least \$75 in sponsor pledges or obtains at least 10 sponsors.

Prize: 2009 Bird-a-thon Team T-shirt \*

A high quality t-shirt with a complete Massachusetts bird checklist on the back. Birder's choice of scoop neck in unisex sizes or v-neck women's cut.

\*One T-shirt per person—additional shirts are available for \$15.

