

Prizes will be awarded in the following ten categories:

The Zeiss Joppa Cup (Grand prize for the team with the greatest number of points);

Director's Award (Greatest number of species);

Essex County (Most points in Essex County);

Rockingham County Award (Most points in Rockingham County);

Parker River NWR Award (Most points on the refuge);

Townie Award (Award for the greatest number of species tallied from a single municipality);

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 16 years of age or younger);

Fledgling Award (Award for the first youth team to find all species on the Fledgling Checklist); and

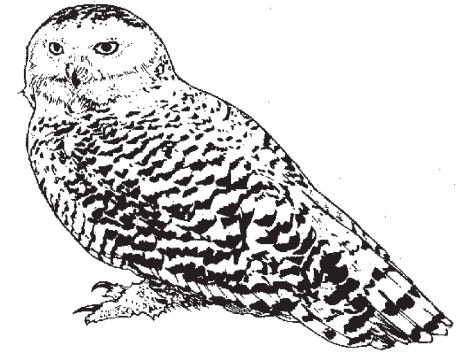
Lifer Award (Participant who sees the most new life birds during the competition).



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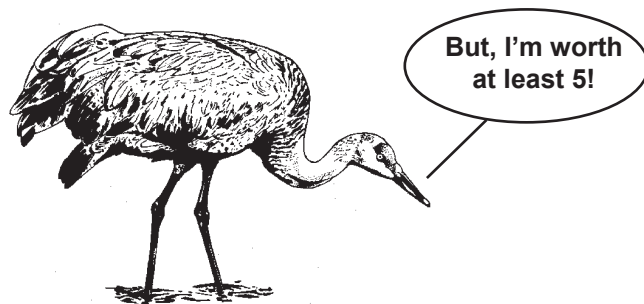
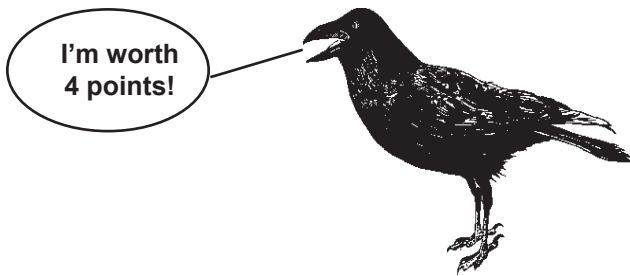
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THE

**SUPERBOWL OF
BIRDING XV**

Saturday, January 27, 2018
Snow date: Sunday, January 28
5 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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 XV*.

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 Zeiss 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. Expert birders can compete for a number of awards, including the Zeiss Joppa Cup, Essex County Award, or Rockingham County Award. Teams with young birders 18 years old or younger can vie for the Seekers Award. The Fledgling Award encourages young families to participate.

In Superbowl XIV, the Joppa Cup was won by the Flea Flickers team with 212 points. The Director's Award went to the Blue-gray Passcatchers with 90 species. Highlights included Greater White-fronted Goose, Redhead, and Common Yellowthroat.

Top Teams from Superbowl XIV (2017)

Team	Award
Flea Flickers	Joppa Cup
Blue-gray Passcatchers	Directors Award
Wicked Pishahs	Essex County
NH 4th and Longspurs	Rockingham Co.
Pennsylvania Coal Tits	Parker River NWR
Turneverystones	Seekers Award
Ornithotheologians	NewBies Award
Grey Ghosts	Lifer Award

ABBREVIATED RULES

Date: January 27, 2018

Weather Date: January 28, 2018

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 Zeiss 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.

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.

Registration Fees: \$30 per participant for registrations before January 1, 2018; thereafter the fee is \$35 per participant. For participants 12 and under, the fee is \$20. Make checks payable to "Mass Audubon." Fees support refreshments and prizes for the winning teams.

Please mail the completed form with fee to:
 Joppa Flats Education Center
 1 Plum Island Turnpike
 Newburyport, MA 01950
 or call 978-462-9998

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. _____

