

# The Great Backyard Bird Count

Four days of bird-fun! February 14-17, 2025



American Oystercatchers by Michael Stubblefield / Macaulay Library



Andrea Hinek in Colombia / GBBC

# The Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) Is Global!

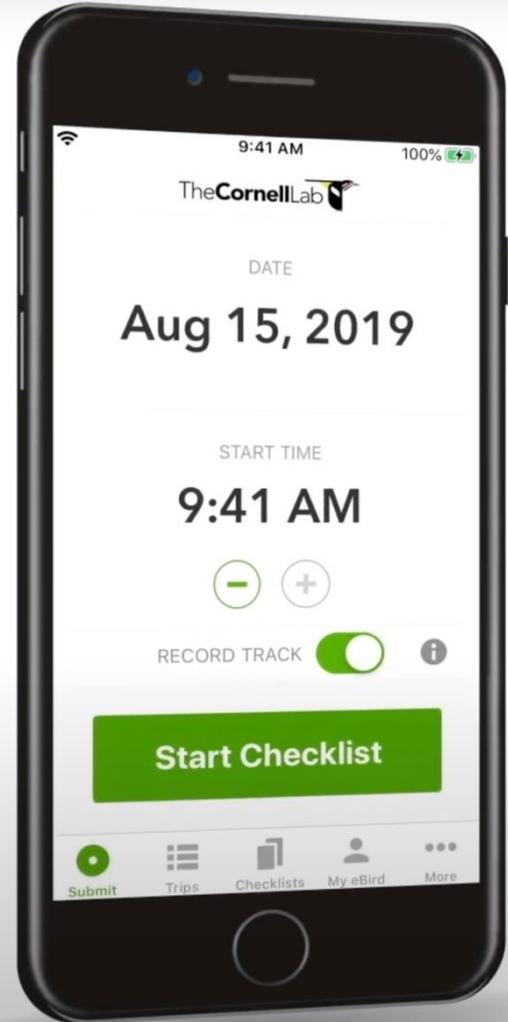
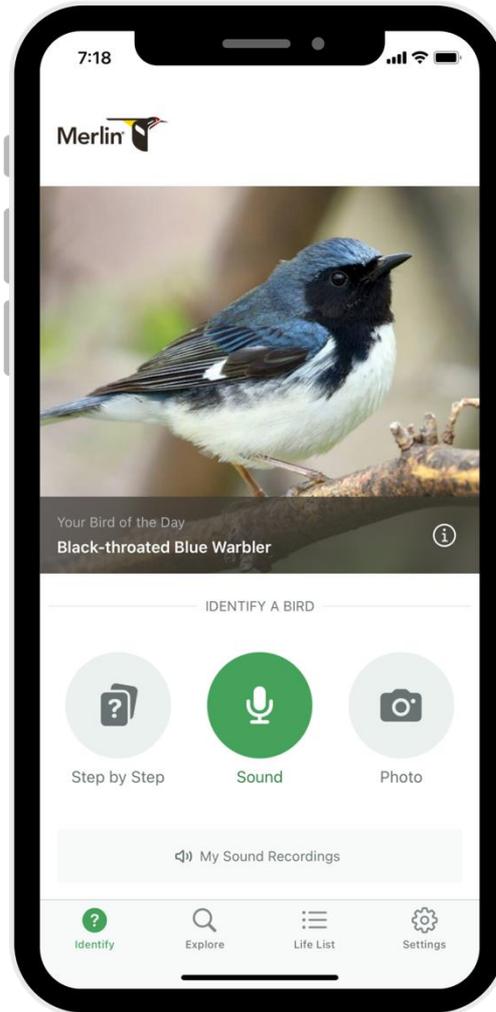
People from all over the world join this four-day event.

Chetan Sumukha, India;  
Michael Carion, Hawaii, U.S.;  
Paula Brown, Canada; Talatu  
Tende in Nigeria.



# Ways to Share Birds!

- Merlin App
- eBird App
- eBird on a Computer or Tablet



# Merlin Has Options

Any of the tools in Merlin work for sharing your birds for GBBC.

Pick your favorite and remember to tap:

**This is My Bird!**

01 Sound ID

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02 Step-by-Step

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03 Photo ID

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04 Explore Birds

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# Using eBird but new to bird watching?

## eBird...

- Is best if you know your birds
- Has a learning curve
- Allows you to count birds

Consider taking the FREE  
eBird Essentials Course.

<https://academy.allaboutbirds.org/product/ebird-essentials/>



# Watch & Count Birds Anywhere!

- Yards
- Patios/Porches
- City Streets
- Parks/Preserves
- Schools
- Nature Centers
- Places of Worship
- Everywhere there are birds!



# Why Participate?



John Scully in U.S. / GBBC

01 It's fun and connects you to nature

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02 Long-term records of birds

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03 Scientists can't be everywhere, all the time

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04 Puts your observations to work for conservation

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# What Do We Learn?



Crimson Sunbird in Singapore by  
Yifei Zheng / Macaulay Library

01 Migration patterns

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02 Year-to-year changes

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03 Long-term trends

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# What Do You Do?

01 Watch and count birds anywhere for at least 15 minutes

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02 Watch longer if you wish

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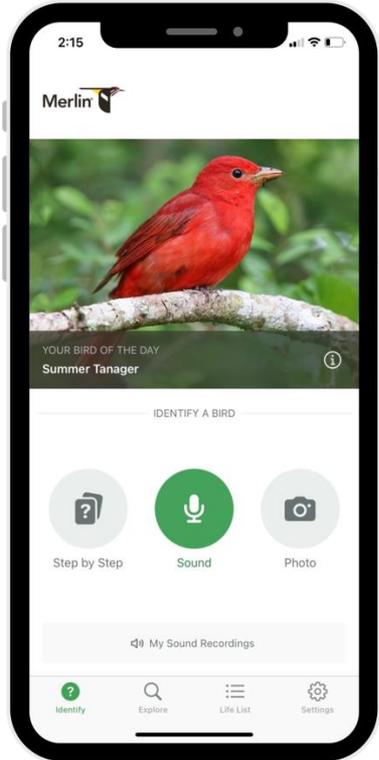
03 Keep track of time / place

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04 Best estimate on the number of individuals for each species observed (if using eBird)

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# You will need...



01 Downloaded Tool (Merlin and/or eBird app)

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02 Enter/confirm location for each area you watch birds

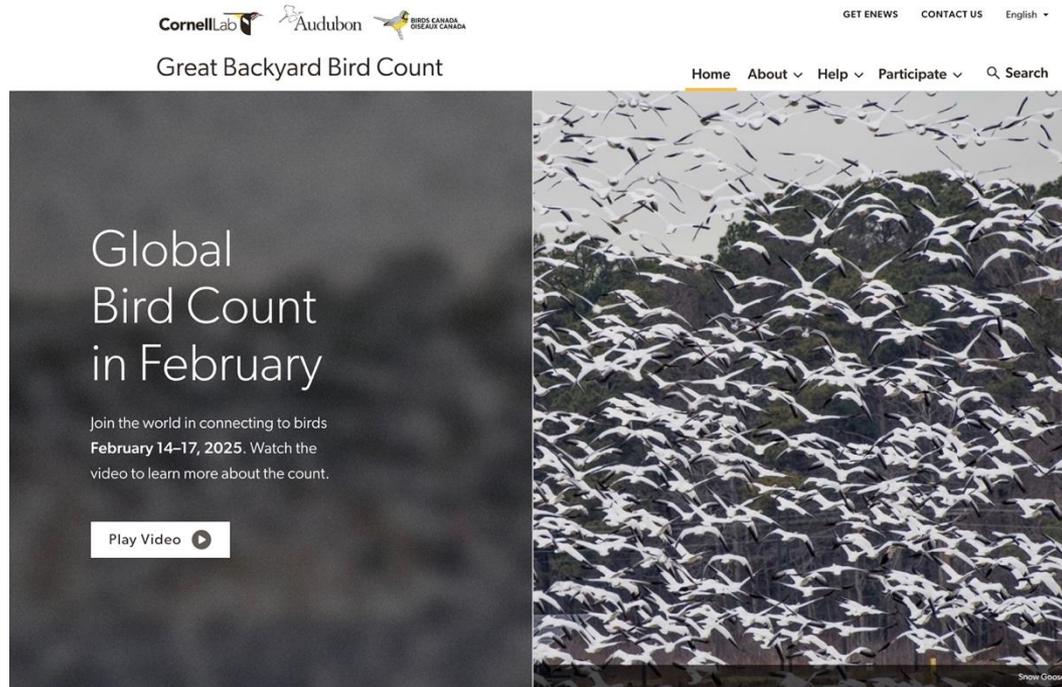
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03 Track amount of time watched and enter (in eBird)

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# Access Tools to Participate

Visit our website:  
**Birdcount.org**



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Great Backyard Bird Count website. At the top, there are logos for CornellLab, Audubon, and Birds Canada/Oiseaux Canada. Navigation links include GET NEWS, CONTACT US, English, Home, About, Help, Participate, and Search. The main content area features a large dark grey box with the text "Global Bird Count in February" and a "Play Video" button. To the right is a large image of a massive flock of birds in flight.

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## Global Bird Count in February

Join the world in connecting to birds  
February 14–17, 2025. Watch the video to learn more about the count.

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# Important

01 If you use Merlin or eBird already, **keep doing what you are doing!** All entries over 4-days count towards GBBC.

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02 New to GBBC or Cornell Lab projects? Create an account. If you have participated in another project (PFW, NW, Bird Academy) use the same username and password.

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03 Track amount of time watched and enter (in eBird)

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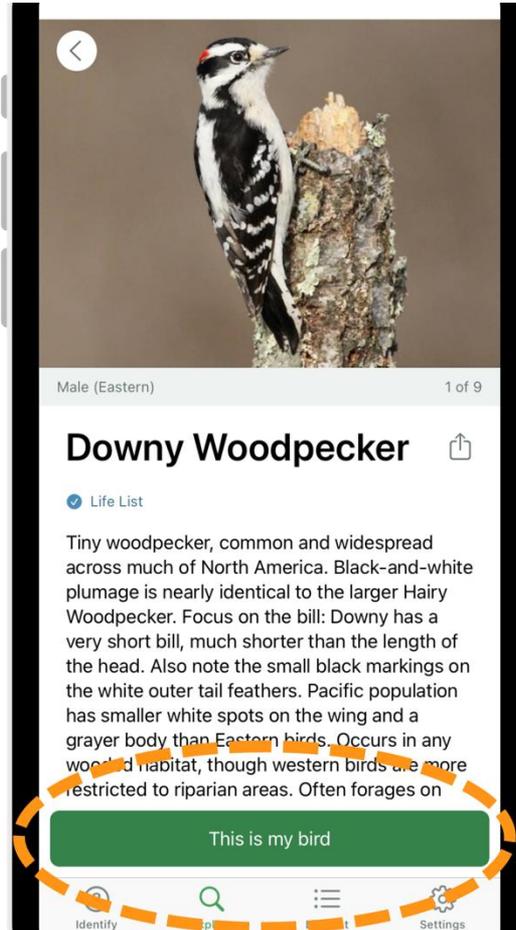
# For Step-by-Step Directions

Visit our participate page to follow a guide on how to use Merlin or eBird:

<https://www.birdcount.org/participate/>

Vidhya Sundar in U.S. / GBBC; Anna's Hummingbird by Markus Duhme / Macaulay Library; Alicia Highland in U.S. /GBBC

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# After You Submit Your Birds

You can:

- Review and edit the list
- Share your list with others in your group
- Submit another list

Sharp-shinned Hawk by David Wade / Macaulay Library; April Gaydos in Mexico / GBBC; Mrs. Gould's Sunbird (Scarlet-breasted) in Thailand by Wich'yanan Limparungpatthanakij / Macaulay Library



Thank You  
<https://www.birdcount.org>

