

BAILLIE BIRDATHON 2012



Dear NFN Member:

It is the time of year to start fund raising for the upcoming Baillie Birdathon. Again this year I have the honour of being the designated birder for the Norfolk Field Naturalists.

Last year, with the help of many club members, I managed to raise \$4436.00.

To sponsor me is easy. You can choose to pledge a flat rate or on a per species identified basis. Last year I identified 120 species. Pledges can be sent to me by mail using the form below (cheques made payable to Bird Studies Canada); in person at the May NFN meeting (pledge sheets will be available). If you provide an e-mail address you will receive a tax receipt in June rather than July or August. You can also sponsor me on line. The following link will get my birdathon web page:

<http://www.gifttool.com/athon/MyFundraisingPage?ID=1914&AID=1845&PID=259630> Then click on "Sponsor Me" to make a donation. An advantage to sponsoring on line is that you will receive your tax receipt on line very quickly.

Pledges of \$10.00 or greater will automatically receive a tax receipt and donations of \$35.00 or greater entitle sponsors to receive Bird Studies Canada's quarterly publication *Birdwatch Canada* for 1 year! For those who are interested in pledging on a per species basis, I will send you my species tally later in May.

What is the Baillie Birdathon?

Baillie Birdathon is the oldest sponsored bird count in North America. It involves fund raising for bird research and conservation. Over a 24-hour period in May, birders try to identify as many species as possible. The money raised benefits Bird Studies Canada: the James L. Baillie Memorial Fund; and participating migration monitoring stations and conservation organizations - **like the NFN, which will receive a portion of the money raised through this Birdathon.**

Your support would be very much appreciated.

Mike McMillan

Yes, I'll sponsor Mike McMillan in the Baillie Birdathon for 2012

___\$.25/species ___\$.50/species ___\$1.00/species or ___\$___/ species or ___ flat rate

Make cheques payable to "Bird Studies Canada" **You may postdate cheques until May15.**

Name: _____ Address: _____

E-Mail _____

Mail to: Mike McMillan, 91 Elmhurst Ave., Simcoe, ON N3Y 3G1