



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 \$3263.40 and identified 107 species. My hope is to exceed both of these numbers this year.

To sponsor me is easy. You can choose to pledge a flat rate or on a per species identified basis. Pledges can be sent

- ✓ by mail (cheques made payable to Bird Studies Canada);
- ✓ in person at the April NFN meeting (pledge sheets will be available); or
- ✓ on a secure online donation page. The link to the Birdathon participant sponsor page is

<http://www.bsc-eoc.org/support/birdathon/index.jsp?targetpg=donate&lang=EN&number=13002>

Pledges \$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 interested in pledging on a per species basis, I will send you my species tally after May 10.

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.**

If you would like any further information regarding my Birdathon plans, you can email me at m.m.mcmillan@sympatico.ca Your support would be very much appreciated.

Mike McMillan

(cut here and return with pledge / cheque)

Yes, I'll sponsor Mike McMillan in the Baillie Birdathon for 2009

\$0.25/species
 \$0.50/species
 \$1.00/species
 \$_____/ species
 OR flat rate
 Payment by cheque (enclosed) Payable to "Bird Studies Canada"

Name: _____ Address: _____

E-Mail _____

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