

## B4C CONTEST CATEGORIES

Teams will compete in one or more of the categories below.  
All winners will be recognized on the B4C website, the PSO Facebook Page, and the PSO Pileated.  
**Teams must raise a minimum of \$100 in donations entered on this website by 5:00 p.m. on June 16th to compete.**

**Two types of counts;** Big Days and Cumulative Counts.

**Big Days** are for teams counting on one calendar day of the B4C.

**Cumulative Counts** are for teams that count on 2 or more days of the B4C, adding new species to their lists over the course of those days.

**Please Note:** Big Day teams will compete against other Big Day teams, and Cumulative Teams will compete against other Cumulative Teams in the competitions that follow:

### **Numeric**

County Champs - For the team in each region with the highest number of species in one county.

Regional Champs - For the team in each region with the highest number of species in 2 or more counties.

PA Champs - For the team in the State with the highest number of species (County or Regional).

### **Low Carbon**

For the team in each region with the highest number of species from one county by non-mechanized means.

### **Youth Focus**

Are teams with at least 2 of its members inclusive of the ages of 6 through 17.

Youth Teams can participate in any of the contests.

First and foremost, Youth Teams compete against one another but are also eligible to win competitions against adult teams.

### **Atlas Block Boosting**

For the team with the highest number of species found in the blocks either yellow or clear on the PAB3 Effort Map (0-5 block hours). Additionally, blocks that have over 5 total diurnal hours but 5 or less diurnal hours May through July also qualify. This competition does require the inclusion of Breeding Codes for all species on all checklists, and all atlas guidelines must be followed.

\*Please Note, B4C and PBA3 regions are different in the counties of which they are composed.

### **Blitzing Without Boundaries**

If you are out of PA on vacation, or originally from PA but now living somewhere else, or perhaps just someone who lives outside of PA but knows the importance of grassroots conservation efforts like the Breeding Bird Blitz, this contest category is for you.

The rules have been simplified for this category:

1. Can be an individual or team of 2 or more persons.
2. Can be anywhere in the world except PA.
3. Can be any number of days within the Blitz window.
4. Cannot include Exotics as defined by eBird in the particular geographical area.
5. Will submit an eBird Trip Report (See items 9A-B and 10C on the Rules Page)
6. Must raise \$100 to compete against other teams/individuals in this category.
7. Will compete against all teams in the Fundraising contest.

## **Fundraising**

This is the one contest category that has no Regions or distinction between Big Day, Cumulative teams, Youth, Low Carbon, or Atlasing.

All teams must participate in raising funds, as this is the most important Blitz Contest.

While the birding is fun, and the data gathered useful,

**the primary purpose of the B4C is to raise money for avian related conservation in PA.**

All teams that raise \$750 or more will be given special recognition, with the team in the state that raises the most funds entered on this website by **5:00 p.m. on July 15th**, as Donation Champs!