

2024 PA BREEDING BIRD BLITZ FOR CONSERVATION (B4C)

1. When is the B4C?

The B4C is being held Friday June 7th through Monday June 17th and is being sponsored by the Pennsylvania Society for Ornithology (PSO) and our partners.

2. What is the B4C?

The B4C is part contest part fundraiser. It consists of teams of birders across PA that compete to find the most birds in different categories. It is a fundraiser for three of PSO's partner conservation organizations, Rider Park (Lycoming County), the Pocono Environmental Education Center (Pike County), and Allegheny Land Trust (Allegheny County).

3. How do teams compete?

Teams are formed of 2 or more people. They go out birding on one or more days of the B4C identifying all the birds they can in a particular county or region of PA. They then submit checklists to the B4C to see how they did in comparison to other birders in the same region and across the state. Team composition may vary on different days as long as it conforms to B4C rules.

4. What are the categories of the competition?

The competition includes Big Day or Cumulative, and County or Regional, and as many of these 3 that apply: Block-Boosting, Low Carbon, and Youth.

5. What is the funding goal of the B4C?

The B4C looks to raise \$20,240 (and hopefully more) to be split evenly between our three Conservation Partners. PSO is covering the administrative cost of each donation to ensure that 100% of money donated goes to our partner organizations and to conserving habitat vital to our birds and other wildlife.

6. How can I participate in the B4C?

You can participate in several ways.

a. Form a team and participate on one or more of the days of the B4C reporting the birds you identify to eBird. Doing this helps to provide valuable data on the breeding bird population of PA birds.

b. Teams also help by having people sponsor them to raise conservation funds for PSO's three partner conservation organizations.

c. Donate money in support of a team by either giving a direct donation to a team member or by going to the B4C website www.breedingbirdblitz.org/donate-teams and donating there.

7. How can I find out more about the B4C?

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