

GREATER AKRON AUDUBON SOCIETY'S SUMMER BREEDING BIRD CENSUS 2024 – 47<sup>TH</sup> YEAR  
The dates for this year's survey are from Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>.

Important notes:

- This year we are offering Google forms to help collect data to streamline the data collection and tabulation process. Those that are comfortable using these forms are encouraged to use the google forms. If you are not comfortable using google forms please submit your lists via email, mail or ebird. There is a short tutorial available at the following link:  
<https://youtu.be/YyZoTE6o1ks>
- Choose a day(s) most convenient to cover assigned territory. Try to avoid days of rain or high wind. Early mornings are best since birds are most active and vocal during that time. Cover the area as thoroughly as possible and try not to recount the same bird. Count every bird that can be identified.
- Only census within the boundaries of your assigned territory. Maps will be provided with boundaries. All 30 territories remain unchanged. If near a boundary and you spot an out of season species please make note of it and pass all the specifics of the sighting on to me. I will assign it to correct areas list. The person spotting the bird will get credit.
- Get permission before birding on private property.
- The Census checklist on the G.A.A.S. website includes all birds regularly found in Summit County during summer months. The list also includes some rarities that have been reported over the years. Please use the checklist to report your findings to the compiler; it really simplifies the process. If an unusual bird is observed, please describe the bird and its location with as much detail as possible. Photographs, recordings and another birder's confirmation are always helpful.
- Ticks are being reported more frequently. Use repellent, wear long, light-colored pants and be vigilant about checking clothes and body after being outside.
- **IMPORTANT:** Keep track of time spent in the field by party hours.
  - Example: If 3 people bird together for 4 hours this equals 4 party hours, NOT 12 party hours.
  - Include the name(s) of all individuals that assisted in the census in your territory.
- Compile results and turn in as quickly as possible.
  - Send results to Paul Moser at the following email: [pmoser16590@yahoo.com](mailto:pmoser16590@yahoo.com) or results can be mailed to: 3253 Fox Run Dr Richfield, Ohio 44286
  - Check for past results at [www.akronaudubon.org](http://www.akronaudubon.org)
- Below are the ebird guidelines around using Merlin when submitting checklists. Please familiarize yourself with these guidelines. See link below:
  - <https://support.ebird.org/en/support/solutions/articles/48001214056-merlin-sound-id-best-practices>

It's great to get continued commitment to this ongoing project started by Carol Tveekrem so many years ago. Your expertise, time and effort is greatly appreciated. Have fun and be safe. Email or call me with questions. If you can't survey your area please let me know as soon as possible so we can try and get some coverage.

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