

Global Big Day

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This year, Evergreen Nature Center's opening day and Dawn Chorus are both scheduled for Saturday, May 4th. You may be wondering why the change but we have a very good reason: Global Big Day!



Global Big Day is sponsored by Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology's eBird program to encourage all birders, from experts to first timers, to go outside, see as many bird species as possible and report back! Whether you count for 24 hours or 10 minutes — whether you join us at Evergreen Lake at 6:30 am or anytime from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm or walk around your own yard or neighborhood park — just get out and enjoy our returning spring migrants this coming!

On Global Big Day, 2018, more than 30,000 people took to fields and forests around the world, noting **more than 7,000 species in a single day!** This is your opportunity to be part of birding's next world record!

How to participate: If you can't join us at the Nature Center, you can go to the Bid Day website.

- **Get an eBird account:** eBird is a worldwide bird checklist program used by millions of birders. It's what allows Cornell Lab to compile everyone's sightings into a single massive Global Big Day list — while at the same time collecting the data for scientists to use to better understand bird.
- **Watch birds on 4 May:** Even 10 minutes in your backyard will help. Global Big Day runs from midnight to midnight in your local time zone. You can report birds from anywhere in the world.

- **Enter what you see and hear on eBird:** You can enter your sightings via the website or free app. If you submit lists while you're still out birding, and the app will even keep track of how far you've walked, so you can focus on watching birds. While you're downloading free apps, you might also want to try the Merlin Bird ID app for help with identification.
- **Watch the sightings roll in:** During the day, keep an eye on how the lists are growing in different parts of the world. Follow along with sightings from more than 150 countries, including the Cornell Lab's Team Sapsucker in Florida, Alabama, and Texas. Stats will be updated in real-time on the Big Day website.

Please enter sightings before 8 May to be included in Big Day's initial results announcement.

Last year's Global Big Day set a new record, with 7,025 species reported in one day. We hope you'll be a part of birding's next world record but, no matter what you do, have fun, enjoy the birds you find.