

## 2021 Birding Challenge Announced!

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We had more participants than ever in the 2020 Birding Challenge, and I am hoping we can increase involvement even more in 2021. As we will likely remain under recommendations to avoid groups, it is a great time to get out birding alone or in your local pod.



Rufous Crowned Sparrow @  
Heather Johnson

We started the Birding Challenge in 2016 to mark the 100th birthday of the Migratory Bird Treaty between the United States and Canada, which was under assault last year. However, I am pleased to share that the current administration is reviewing what is known as the “M” opinion, so let’s get out and celebrate our migratory birds!

We have expanded the challenge areas this year to be more inclusive of all areas serviced by Evergreen Audubon, which include parts of Gilpen and and Park Counties. Additionally, the other checklists have been updated with a few new birds added to each. As a result, there are more opportunities than ever to meet our 2021 Evergreen Audubon Birding Challenges!

This year, to become a Challenge Club member and win the exclusive Challenge Club cap, **the following thresholds need to be met, for any one of the six geographic regions:**



## American Dipper @ Heather Johnson

- Bear Creek Watershed: 111 species
- Jefferson County: 130 species
- Clear Creek County: 75 species
- Gilpin County: 64 species
- Park County: 102 species
- The State of Colorado: 171

Please note that these lists are not mutually exclusive. For example, if you see a Dipper in the Bear Creek Watershed, you can also count it for the appropriate county and for the State of Colorado. And, of course, you are welcome to keep as many lists as you would like. **The Challenge runs throughout the calendar year, from January 1 to December 31, 2021.** Checklists for each area above are downloadable on our [Local Birding](#) page.

So, grab your binoculars, head outside and get started!