



## CALENDAR

All monthly meetings begin at 6:30 pm. **PLEASE NOTE ALL UPCOMING MEETINGS ARE AT THE WHITE MOUNTAIN NATURE CENTER, 425 S. WOODLAND RD. LAKESIDE UNTIL FUTURE NOTICE.**

Fieldtrip times and meeting places vary; see below or please check the website. You may call 367-2462 for more information.

### Meetings and Programs:

**May 2** - WMAS "Members Night". We would like our members to participate. Bring a photo, thumb drive, or picture of a bird (or other wildlife) and share with us at our meeting. Tell us something about your selection. The more variety, the better.

**June 6** - Mike Cross, AZ Game and Fish, will talk about his on-going Band-tailed Pigeon study. The study area includes the backyards of homes in the White Mountains (including WMAS members).

### Special Events and Field Trips:

**May 19** - Pintail Lake: participants will meet at 8am at the Pintail Lake parking area which is signed on Hwy 77 a few miles North of Hwy 60 (between Show Low and Taylor; east side of 77). Marsh birds and open water birds should be easily observed; especially for those with spotting scopes. Vantage points from boardwalk viewing areas.

**June** - to be announced when we work out scheduling glitch. Look for an eblast announcing details.

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## MAY-JUNE 2018

Out on a Limb with your President ~

A crow arrives in the front yard. He walks around looking to see what he can see. His black feathers glisten in the sunlight. He's really very handsome. I know he's a crow because he has a straight pointed beak, his tail is fairly straight across and he is very sleek in appearance. He walks around the yard (many birds are not coordinated enough to actually walk, but crows and ravens can). He spies the feeder on the ground and begins to walk toward it. About three feet away from it, he suddenly becomes cautious. "That looks scary. Maybe I shouldn't approach it head on." He turns sideways, two side steps toward the feeder - looks around. Side step, side step, - looks around. Side step, stops, looks around...he reaches over and quickly grabs a peanut and flies away with it.

"Whew - that was scary!!"

Several ravens arrive in the back yard. They walk around looking for whatever. One raven spies the food on the ground and begins to walk toward it. I know he's a raven because his beak is slightly curved like a Roman nose and it has a slight hook on the end. He is somewhat scruffy looking, and his tail is slightly boat-shaped. He's larger than a crow. Abert's squirrel is already there. He's eating black oil sunflower seeds. He reaches down, grabs a seed, puts it in his mouth, spits the hull out, gets another black oil sunflower seed, etc. He sees the raven coming toward him. He starts to eat faster. That big black bird is really starting to annoy him! The raven continues. "Okay, that's it," the squirrel rushes at the raven. The raven lifts his big wings and gracefully rises in the air just as the squirrel passes underneath him. The raven lands back on the ground...peace reigns and everything returns to normal.

The interaction between squirrels and ravens and crows can be very entertaining if you are lucky enough to witness it and I hope you are one of the "lucky enough" ones!

I hope you all enjoy the pretty, sunny, warm days ahead and...enjoy birding. ~Mary Ellen

## HELP AND DUES NEEDED

We will need volunteers to help sell tickets, provide homemade cookies and help with the Nature Film Festival at the White Mountain Nature Center on July 14<sup>th</sup>.

Remember 2018 dues are due, \$15 for individuals or \$25 for a family. You may mail them in or bring them to a meeting. Also, as a reminder, we will be meeting at the White Mountain Nature Center, 6:30pm, the first Wednesday of each month. I hope to see you all there. ~Mary Ellen

## GLOBAL BIG DAY

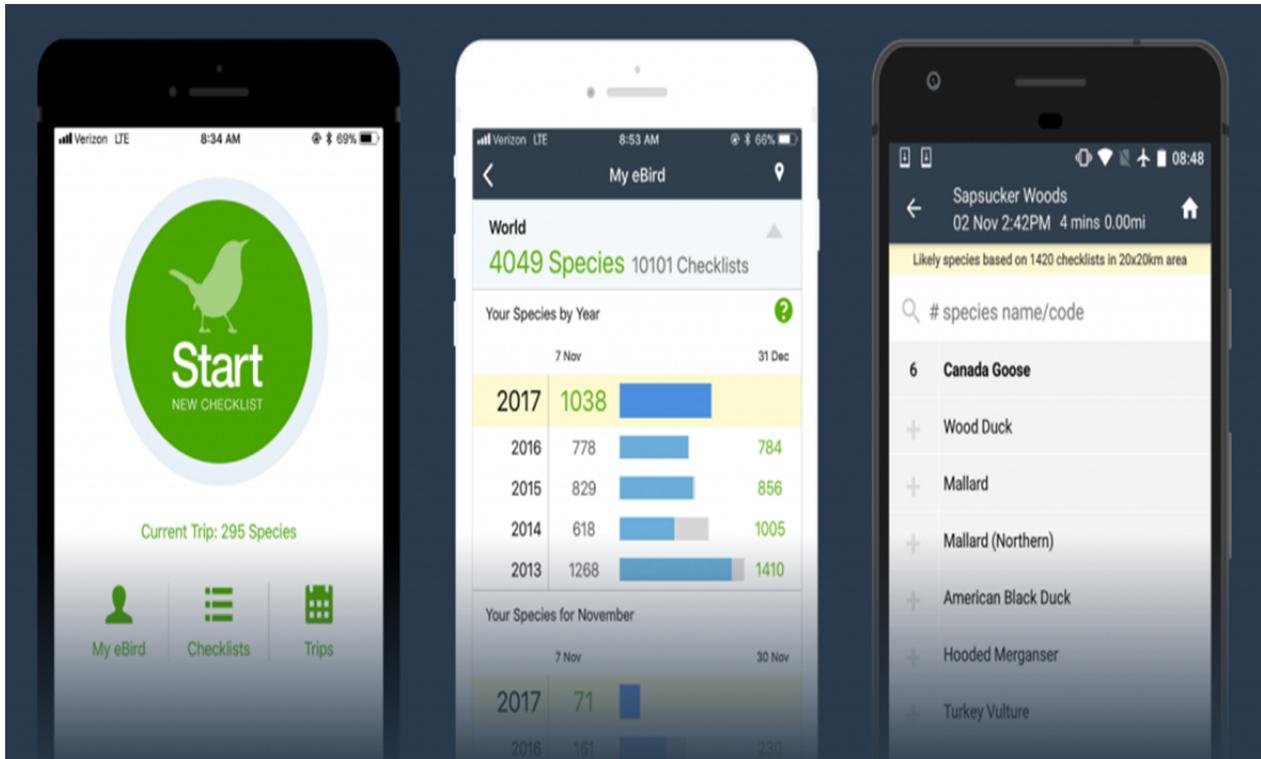
How many birds can be seen in one day? That's the question that drives a 'big day,' a 24-hour birding binge that is a fond tradition among birders. The current record for a single Big Day team is 431 species, set in Ecuador.

Traditional birding 'big days' focus on a single team of birders, which got us thinking: what if everyone in the world joined together for a single Big Day? The answer, it turns out, is an incredible 65% of all the bird species on the planet—at least. We're planning to improve on that number this year—fittingly, it's the [Year of the Bird](#)—and you can be a part of it!

On **May 5**, will you join more than 20,000 others and become a part of [Global Big Day](#)? You don't have to commit to all 24 hours—just an hour or even 10 minutes counts as participating. Visit your favorite spot or search out someplace new; enjoy a solo walk or get some friends to in in the fun.

### How to participate

- **Get an eBird account:** eBird is a worldwide bird checklist program used by hundreds of thousands of birders. It's what allows us 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 birds. [Sign up here](#). It's free.
- **Watch birds on 5 May:** It's that simple. You don't need to be a bird expert, or go out all day long. 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 our website](#) or—even easier—download the [free eBird Mobile app](#). You can enter and submit lists while you're still out birding, and the app will even keep track of how far you've walked, so you can just focus on watching birds. *While you're downloading free apps, try out the Cornell Lab's [Merlin Bird ID](#) app for help with identification. Please enter sightings before 8 May for our initial results announcement.*
- **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 Colombia, Honduras, and California. Stats will be updated in real-time on our [Global Big Day page](#).*



Contributing sightings is easy with the free eBird Mobile app. Download for [iOS](#) or [Android](#).

### Global Big Day Pro Tips

- If you're looking for a new place to find birds, explore [eBird Hotspots](#) near you.
- Use [Merlin Bird ID](#) for help with tricky species.
- Get together with friends and set a goal for your birding—most unusual species? biggest flock? all the species in your favorite family? The possibilities are endless. [Put your plans on the worldwide Global Big Day map.](#)
- Take photos and [add them to your checklist](#)—they might end up on the Global Big Day page!
- Make your sightings most valuable: [submit complete checklists](#); [keep counts of the birds that you see](#); and keep multiple checklists throughout the course of your birding—if you get in the car, end that checklist and start a new one when you get to the next location.
- Share what you're seeing with #globalbigday!

Last year's Global Big Day set a new record, with [6,659 species](#) reported in one day. This May 5, we hope you'll be a part of birding's next world record. And no matter what you do, have fun, enjoy the birds you find, and share your sightings on eBird. Because in our world, every bird counts.

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## MARCH AND APRIL BIRD SIGHTINGS

Barb Davis	Golden-crowned and Ruby-crowned Kinglet	yard
Bittorfs	Cassin's Finches, Pine Siskins, Goldfinches, Robins, Western Bluebirds, Song Sparrow	yard
Rob Bettaso	White-crowned, Lincoln, Chipping, and Song Sparrows	yard
Larry King	Bald Eagle	Show Low Lake
Barbara Schultz	Flicker, Acorn Woodpecker, Robin, Nuthatch, Grosbeak, Tanager, Bald Eagles	Yard and Show Low Lake
Susan Blanchard	Eagle, Western Bluebird, Mountain Bluebird, Jays, Geese	Lake of the Woods, Show Low Creek
Jonathon Hanridge	See e-bird list	Nature Center
Liz Jernigan	Juniper Titmouse, Spotted Towhee	yard
Mary Freeman	Flicker, House and Cassin's Finches, Stellar's Jays, Spotted Towhee	
Joan Patrick	Snowy Egret, Abert's Towhee, Avocet	Gilbert
Inmans	Red-head Duck, Ring-necked Duck, Bufflehead, Goldfinches, Barn Swallows, Baby Ospreys (3 in nest), Green-tailed Towhee, Band-tailed Pigeon, Broad-tailed and Rufous Hummingbirds, Mourning Doves, Black-headed Grosbeak	Lake Arrowhead (CA), Heber, yard

*"In every walk with nature, one receives far more than he (she) seeks."*

~John Muir

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If you find distressed songbirds, raptors including eagles, waterfowl and small animals, contact Susan Taggart at (928) 242-5796. If you are unable to reach her and need assistance immediately, you may call the White Mountain Animal Hospital in Lakeside at (928) 368-8425 or Alta Sierra Veterinary Clinic in Show Low (928) 537-2880. Susan works in conjunction with the animal hospitals and is sub-permitted through the Arizona Game and Fish Department to care for injured and orphaned wildlife as a community service.

## DUES ARE DUE, PLEASE!

### White Mountain Audubon Society Membership/Donation Form

White Mountain Audubon Society membership dues are: **Individual \$15**, or **Family \$25 per year**. Please renew your membership. Your tax-deductible membership supports our on-going programs and activities, as well as future new projects. Your membership and donations do make a difference!!!

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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Send this form and your dues or donation to: **White Mountain Audubon Society  
P.O. Box 3043  
Pinetop, AZ 85935**

You may use this form for either your Membership renewal or a Donation to WMAS. Please designate above which you are doing. **Thank you very much for your support of White Mountain Audubon Society! LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!**

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