

Conococheague Audubon

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Contests: Longest Bird List of the Year

Older Age Group 16-18 years of age // or Younger Age Group 5-15 years of age

- 1. The Longest Bird List of the Year Contests will begin December 1, 2023 and end with the October 2024 regular Conococheague Audubon Society (CAS) meeting on October 14, 2024.
- 2. Contest details:
 - A. Older Age Group contest open to local students 16 years of age through 18 years of age as of December 1, 2023.

Younger Age Group contest open to local students 5 through 15 years of age as of December 1, 2023.

"Local" corresponds to the geographic area that Conococheague Audubon encompasses, according to the National Audubon Society. This includes Franklin County and a few other zip codes.

Contestants do not need to be members of the National Audubon Society or Conococheague Audubon Society.

- B. All entries in the list must be recorded during the contest period.
- C. Contestant must **submit** the following when turning in the list: **name, age, contact information** (**telephone number, email address, mailing address), parent /guardian name(s)**. Please complete the *ContactInformation2023-2024.pdf* form.
- D. For each different bird species seen during the contest period, contestant must record the **common bird species name, date first seen, location where first seen.** Do NOT record each time you see the same species, just the first time you see it. One recorded sighting of each species is sufficient. For location, record the city, state, and a brief description (e.g., my home near Chambersburg, PA; Caledonia State Park near Fayetteville, PA). We recommend that you make a list entry shortly after you see the species.
- E. Contestant must have a parent/guardian affirm that contestant is truthful in each list entry. Example of list entry: 2/15/24, American Robin at Grandma's house in Waynesboro, PA + parent's/guardian's initials. We recommend that the affirmation be made shortly after the list entry is made.
- F. Contestant will submit the list and completed permission slip at Conococheague Audubon's regular October 2024 meeting (Monday, October 14, 2024 at 7 PM, St. Luke Evangelical Lutheran Church, 2695 Luther Drive, Chambersburg, PA 17202). CAS personnel will decide the winners when all lists have been submitted and verified. Winners will be notified before the November 2024 CAS regular meeting. Winners will be announced at the November 2024 CAS regular meeting.
- G. First prize winner will receive \$50; second prize will receive \$35; third prize will receive \$25.
- H. Parent/guardian must grant permission in writing to publish the winner's name, age, photo, and selected winning photo in our CAS Naturally newsletter, local media, and announcements made at Conococheague Audubon meetings and special events. Please complete the *PermissionSlip-LongestBirdList2023-2024.pdf* form.

Note: Questions may be posed to the CAS Immediate Past President, Terri Kochert, via phone 717-263-3692 or email <u>conaudubon@outlook.com</u>. If needed, FAQs will be posted at <u>www.ConococheagueAudubon.org</u>