Celebrate Urban Birds!

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HOW DO URBAN BIRDS USE GREEN SPACES?

Help us find out. It's easy, fun, and quick!

Pick a time and outdoor place, watch birds for 10 minutes, and complete both sides of this form. Send the information to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology--**even if you saw no birds.**

HOW TO DO IT:

A. Pick a date, time, and place (balcony, yard, park, etc.) for your birdwatch **BEFORE** you go out. Don't change your place or time just because you see an exciting bird elsewhere. That would bias your results. We'll ask you to describe and tell us the overall size of this place in questions 2 and 3. OPTIONAL: You can watch birds on one or two additional days in the same week.

B. Set the bounds of your bird-watching area. Go to your chosen place and imagine a limited area around you that is about 50 feet x 50 feet (**about the size of half a basketball court** or 20 x 20 adult paces). Don't worry if your area is smaller than half a basketball court or if your view is limited to a smaller area. Just note that in question 5 below.

C. At the time you selected, start your 10-minute bird watch, even if no birds are present when you begin. Fill out this form and send it to: Cornell Lab of Ornithology, 159 Sapsucker Woods Road, Ithaca NY 14850, or enter your observations online at www.CelebrateUrbanBirds.org. Send us your observations EVEN IF YOU SEE NO BIRDS in your bird-watching area. ***Zero means a lot!***

1. WHERE are you watching birds?

Street Address

City State ZIP Code

2. Choose just ONE answer that best describes the place where you are watching birds.

O Single Tree or Potted Plant O Balcony Garden O Park O Community Garden O Median Strip or Traffic Island
O More than One Potted Plant O Rooftop Garden O Yard O Tree-lined Street O No Greenery at ALL
O Other (please describe)

3. How big is the overall place you selected in question 2? (Size of yard, park, community garden, tree-lined street, etc)

O Less than 1 basketball court O 1 basketball court to 1/2 city block O 1/2 to 1 city block
O 1 to 5 city blocks O More than 5 city blocks

4. If you are watching birds in a park, sanctuary, refuge, nature center, etc... what is its name?

5. Now SET THE BOUNDARIES of your bird-watching area. (Please see instructions above.)

O About HALF a basketball court O SMALLER than HALF a basketball court

6. During your 10-minute watch, does your bird-watching area have any FOOD PROVIDED BY HUMANS? (examples: birdseed, suet, bread crumbs, hummingbird nectar, garbage)

Day 1 O Yes O No O Unsure
Day 2 (OPTIONAL) O Yes O No O Unsure
Day 3 (OPTIONAL) O Yes O No O Unsure

7. Does your bird-watching area have any WATER? (Choose one answer.)

O Fountain/Birdbath O Bay/Estuary O Pond/Lake O Stream/River O No Water O Other

8. Does your bird-watching area have any PLANTS (grass, bushes, trees, potted plants, etc.)? O Yes O No

9. How much of your bird-watching area is PAVED? O None O Half or less O More than half

10. Is your bird-watching area more than 50 feet (more than 20 adult paces) from a ROAD or PARKING LOT?

O Yes (MORE than 50 ft from a road/parking lot) O No (LESS than 50 ft from a road/parking lot)

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DID YOU SEE ANY OF THESE BIRDS DURING YOUR 10-MINUTE WATCH?
Please fill out the form EVEN IF YOU SAW NO BIRDS!

If you can't **CONFIDENTLY** identify a species, please fill in the **UNSURE** box

	DAY 1			DAY 2: (optional)			DAY 3: (optional)		
	Month Day Year ○ am ○ pm			Month Day Year ○ am ○ pm			Month Day Year ○ am ○ pm		
	YES	NO	UNSURE	YES	NO	UNSURE	YES	NO	UNSURE
House Finch	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
House Sparrow	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Barn Swallow	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Cedar Waxwing	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Brown-headed Cowbird	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
European Starling	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Oriole ○ Baltimore or ○ Bullock's	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
American Robin	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Killdeer	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Mourning Dove	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Rock Pigeon	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Peregrine Falcon	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
American Crow	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Mallard	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Black-crowned Night-Heron	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
How many people participated in your 10-minute count?	☐☐			☐☐			☐☐		

If you saw any other birds, which one did you think was most exciting?

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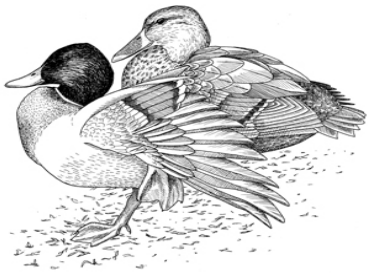
You're almost done!

Double-check that you answered ALL questions on both sides of this form.

Enter your information online at:

www.urbanbirds.org/celebration/data



We want your information **even if you saw no birds!** To understand how green spaces affect birds, we must know where birds are, as well as where they aren't.

If you don't have Internet access, fill in your contact information below and mail the form to:

Urban Bird Studies
Cornell Lab of Ornithology
159 Sapsucker Woods Rd
Ithaca, NY 14850

Your complete CONTACT INFORMATION

First Name ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐

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Thank you for your help! Repeat this observation whenever you can and send us more data!