



## HERNANDO AUDUBON SOCIETY

*Hernando Audubon Society is a 501 (c)(3) organization*

Dear Friend of Hernando Audubon:

Please join us to support a fun and unique event that helps to protect Florida's natural places, birds and wildlife – the **Big Day/Birdathon!** A birdathon is a fundraising event like a walkathon or a telethon, but its focus is on birds.

On Saturday, February 10th, a group of birders will awake before the dawn chorus. They will spend the day trekking around Hernando County, sighting common birds such as the robin and goldfinch, and maybe getting lucky enough to spot a Great-horned Owl or Peregrine Falcon. By the end of the day, they hope to have seen or heard between 120 to 130 species of birds.

We hope you will make a pledge to support the **Big Day/Birdathon.** As a sponsor you are assured that 100% of your contribution will help Hernando Audubon provide assistance to projects such as:

- Area Conservation and Environmental Education Programs
- Natural Resource College Scholarship Funds
- Our Junior Audubon Club

There are several ways to participate: You can pledge a given amount per bird species that the Big Day group sees or hears, for example 5, 10 or 20 cents or perhaps even \$1 per species. Or, you can contribute a fixed amount, for example \$25, regardless of the number of birds identified. You can even offer a bonus donation per unusual, rare or endangered species noted. To become a sponsor, simply fill out and mail the form below.

If you are not currently a member of Hernando Audubon, for a minimum donation of \$20 you can become a member for one year if you want to join. Members receive the National Audubon Society's magazine, Audubon Florida's *Naturalist* and our own *Hernando Audubon eNEWS*. Please check the box in the form below if you want to become a member.

When the Big Day group has completed the Birdathon, we'll update you on their success, send you a list of the birds that were seen and heard, and let you know the amount of your tax-deductible contribution if you made a per species pledge. Please support this fun and worthwhile event that reminds us all of the value and beauty of Florida's diverse birds, other wildlife, and their homes. If you need more information on the Birdathon fundraiser please call Mary Dowdell at 352-797-7874. To sign up to bird on the Big Day on Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> please call Clay Black at 352-238-2002.

***Thank you!***

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

(1) Donation amount dollars and/or cents per bird: \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

(2) Donation amount in dollars for the Big Bird Day event \_\_\_\_\_

**If you want to challenge the team even more you may pledge a bonus amount:**

I will give an additional \_\_\_\_\_ for this species: \_\_\_\_\_ (insert name of species) to be logged by the team. For example: "I will give \$5.00 if the team logs a Brown-headed Nuthatch".

Check this box if you are not currently a member and want at least \$20.00 of your donation to pay for a 1-year membership in Audubon. Be sure your name, mailing address and telephone are printed clearly in the space above.

Checks should be made out to Hernando Audubon Society.

Please mail to Hernando Audubon Society, P.O. Box 1678, Brooksville, FL 34605.

*For more information about the Hernando Audubon Society please visit our website: [www.hernandoaudubon.org](http://www.hernandoaudubon.org)*