

For the Birds

Citizen Science:

Breeding Bird Survey, <http://www.pwrc.usgs.gov/BBS/>
 Christmas Bird Count, <http://www.audubon.org/bird/cbc/index.html>
 Cornell Lab of Ornithology, <http://www.birds.cornell.edu/AllAboutBirds/>
 Great Backyard Bird Count, <http://www.birdsource.org/gbbc/>
 Project FeederWatch, <http://www.birds.cornell.edu/pfw/>

State Programs:

Bluebird Restoration Association of Wisconsin, <http://www.braw.org/>
 Gathering Waters Conservancy, Wisconsin Land Trusts,
<http://www.gatheringwaters.org/wilandtrusts.php>
 Great Wisconsin Birding and Nature Trail, www.wisconsinbirds.org/Trail/
 Wisconsin Bird Conservation Initiative, www.wisconsinbirds.org
 Wisconsin Breeding Bird Atlas, www.uwgb.edu/birds/wbba/
 Wisconsin eBird, <http://ebird.org/content/wi/>
 Wisconsin Endangered Resources Fund,
http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/er/support/how_you_can_help.htm
 Wisconsin Society for Ornithology, www.wsobirds.org/

National Programs:

American Bird Conservancy, <http://www.abcbirds.org/>
 Birds and Buildings, <http://birdsandbuildings.org/>
 Conservation Reserve Program,
<http://www.wi.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/crp.html>
 Duck Stamp, <http://www.fws.gov/duckstamps/Info/Stamps/stampinfo.htm>
 National Audubon Society, <http://www.audubon.org/>
 National Wildlife Federation, <http://www.nwf.org/>
 Nature Conservancy, <http://www.nature.org>
 Sierra Club, <http://wisconsin.sierraclub.org/gwg/>
 Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center,
<http://nationalzoo.si.edu/ConservationAndScience/MigratoryBirds/>
 Wetlands Reserve Program,
<http://www.wi.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/wrp.html>

International Programs:

Birdlife International, <http://www.birdlife.org/>
 Conservation International, <http://www.conservation.org>
 International Migratory Bird Day, <http://www.birdday.org/>
 International Crane Foundation, <http://www.savingcranes.org/>
 Partners in Flight, <http://www.partnersinflight.org/>
 The Peregrine Fund, <http://www.peregrinefund.org>
 World Wildlife Fund, <http://www.worldwildlife.org/>



Birding Ethics

Promote the welfare of birds and other wildlife.

- Observe and photograph birds without disturbing them in significant ways.
- Limit the use of recordings and other methods of attracting birds.
- Avoid chasing or repeatedly flushing birds.
- Keep an appropriate distance from nests so as not to disturb them or expose them to danger.
- Refrain from handling birds or eggs.
- Limit feeding to backyard bird feeders.

Respect wildlife habitat.

- Stay on the Interurban Trail right-of-way or park property designated trails to avoid disturbing fragile habitat.
- Leave all habitat in as good a condition as you found it or better.

Show consideration for other viewers.

- Yield to pedestrians.
- Respect the interests, rights, and skills of fellow birders, as well as people participating in other legitimate outdoor activities.
- Practice common courtesy in contacts with other people, behaving in a manner that will enhance the image of the birding community.
- Teach others birding ethics by word and example.

Observe all laws, rules, and regulations.

- Follow regulations regarding pet leashing and waste disposal on public property.
- Respect private property and do not trespass.

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