

# **Peace River Audubon Society Charlotte Birdathon**

## **Team Captain Expectations**

1. The team captain will provide or arrange transportation for his or her team. Team members help cover the cost of gasoline on a voluntary basis. Each vehicle will constitute a separate team.
2. The team captain will propose a route to area for the team and will make final decisions on routes during the day. Routes are limited to Charlotte County.
3. The team captains will decide upon a name for the team.
4. The team captain will oversee the compilation of the species identified during the day, although the filling out of the form may be delegated to another team member.
5. The team must stay together during the day. No fair splitting up.
6. The team captain will meet at the final meeting point with results to be compiled for the Chapter total.
7. Amounts collected will be based on the chapter total.

## **Rules for reporting bird species**

1. Wild bird species seen or heard during the day will be checked off on the bird list provided to team captains.
2. Only one bird checklist is needed per team.
3. The objective is to count as many wild bird species as possible, but feral domestic species may also be counted. Birds in captivity are not countable. Birds at bird feeders are countable.
4. You do not need to record the number of birds seen, only the number of species.
5. Birds not on the list may be added at the end, but you must know the species for it to count (i.e. woodpecker cannot count but red-bellied woodpecker does count).
6. Rare or unusual sightings should undergo peer review and the name of the person(s) seeing the bird should be written on the form.