



2023 Birdathon Pledge Form (2 pages)

Dear Friends and Family,

I am excited to be part of a bird watching team participating in the 2023 West Michigan Birdathon fundraiser sponsored by the Grand Rapids Audubon Club, Inc. ("GRAC"). Our team will spend up to six hours "running" all over Kent, Muskegon, Ottawa and/or Barry Counties to see how many different species of birds we can identify. Or our team might get together and enjoy a Big Sit monitoring someone's bird feeders, or in a wilder (non-feeder) setting. Teams compete to find the most species, rarest species, "wild-card" species and to have fun! Most importantly, teams compete to raise the most money for environmental education in West Michigan. With your help, I might win an award for the most money raised!

GRAC's educational programs reached hundreds of adults, college students, and elementary students in West Michigan last year. GRAC provided support to outdoor programs for children, including Discover Millennium Park. This could be a child's first quality experience learning about nature! This year we could extend our environmental education efforts with your help. GRAC also provides programs featuring live speakers each month during the school year. These programs are free and open to the public.

GRAC also owns and maintains a nature preserve which protects native plants, bird nesting areas, other wildlife and rare wildflowers. Part of their budget supports the removal of invasive species at this preserve. Funds raised by the birdathon, in addition to a portion of GRAC's budget, will help GRAC increase efforts to control invasive species so that native plants, birds and animals are protected in the preserve.

This is where you come in – won't you help support GRAC's education and conservation programs by making a pledge? If you pledge over \$50, you can receive a 1-year membership in GRAC as a thank you gift. I will greatly appreciate any amount, no matter how small. Your pledge can be a set donation, a per species amount, a per species amount with a limit, or some other creative pledge.

Thank you for sponsoring me with a **tax deductible** pledge!

Sincerely,

Your Birdathon Team Member

*** For more information go to the GRAC website: www.graud.org

Keep this top portion as a reminder of your pledge and for your tax records.

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Benefiting:

Grand Rapids Audubon Club, Inc.
Grand Rapids, Michigan

GRAC (tax ID 38-6161729) is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit local grassroots chapter of the National Audubon Society and an affiliate of the Michigan Audubon Society, so of course all the money you donate is **tax deductible**. Nearly 300 members, and many volunteers support GRAC to make it one of the most successful and effective nature education and conservancy organizations in West Michigan. Visit our website at www.graud.org or search on your browser for Grand Rapids Audubon Club for more information or to become a member.

Pledge amount: \$ _____ Sent? _____ Check number: _____

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Complete and mail, phone or email this bottom portion (or the information on it) to me.

Team Name: _____

Team Member: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Number of species expected: _____

Choose your pledge:

\$ _____ per species,

OR at \$ _____ per species but not to exceed \$ _____ ,

OR for a set amount of \$ _____ .

OR other (describe unique pledge here):

If you donated \$50 or more and are not already a member, would you like a free one-year membership to GRAC? yes _____ no _____.

For set donations, enclose a check now. For per species pledges, I will contact you later with the number of species found to calculate your donation. Please send your donation to me by **June 1, 2023**, so I can enter to win a prize. Make checks payable to Grand Rapids Audubon Club, Inc or GRAC. Thank you for your generous support!

Sponsor name _____

Sponsor street address _____

Sponsor city, state, zip _____

Sponsor email _____