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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, and 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 conservation organizations in West Michigan. Visit our website at [www.graud.org](http://www.graud.org) or search on your browser for Grand Rapids Audubon Club for more information or to become a member.

For your records:

Pledge amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Date sent: \_\_\_\_\_ Check number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Complete and mail, phone or email this bottom portion (or the information on it) to me or another member of my/our team.

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

Team Member Submitting: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of species expected (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Choose your pledge:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per species

OR \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per species but not to exceed a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

OR for a set amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

OR other (describe unique pledge here): \_\_\_\_\_

If you donate \$50 or more and are not already a member would you like a free one-year membership to GRAC? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No thanks \_\_\_\_\_

We're excited to have you participate!!

## 2021 West Michigan Birdathon Pledge Form

Dear Friends and Family,

I am excited to be part of a bird watching team participating in the 2021 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 County to see how many different species of birds we can identify. 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, my team might win an award for the most money raised!!

GRAC’s education programs reached hundreds of adults, college students, and elementary students in West Michigan in recent years. GRAC provided support to outdoor programs for children, including Kent County’s 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 – Maher Sanctuary - which protects native plants, rare wildflowers, wildlife and bird nesting areas. Part of GRAC’s budget supports the removal of invasive species at this preserve. Funds raised by Birdathon, in addition to a portion of GRAC’s budget can help GRAC increase efforts to control invasive species so that native plants, birds and animals are protected in the preserve.

This is where we hope you’ll 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 my team with a **tax deductible pledge!!**

Your Birdathon Team Member

\*\*\* For more information go to the GRAC website: [www.graud.org](http://www.graud.org)