

## **Become a Citizen Scientist, take part in National Audubon's Climate Watch Survey**

**Save the dates for** the Summer survey period May 15 – June 15, 2021 and help us count bluebirds, nuthatches or goldfinches.

Understanding how birds are responding to climate change is essential to protecting them. We need your help to do just that by counting and documenting how their ranges are shifting. Audubon's Climate Watch program contributes to scientific analysis by providing vital data on how birds are faring with climate change. The more information we have on birds across the country, the better prepared we will be to help them.

**Read Audubon's** <https://www.audubon.org/conservation/climate-watch> to learn how the work of Climate Watch volunteers is helping to reveal how birds are responding to climate change, as well as educate yourself on how to become involved and participate in the program.

If you have previously participated in Climate Watch, THANK YOU! We value your time and help in this important effort. The program has been growing steadily. If you are new to Climate Watch, please join us. You can find out more about the program by contacting, by phone or text, **Becky Kuhn** at 616-437-9205 or email [bexrecky@gmail.com](mailto:bexrecky@gmail.com) or **Cate Roesler** at [field.trips@graud.org](mailto:field.trips@graud.org)

Thank you for your willingness to get involved. We welcome your efforts in counting in one or more of the "squares" in Kent Co or surrounding areas. You will choose which bird of the three to target, but report to eBird all that you see or hear during your short time at each of the twelve stops within each section/square. I have a number of squares that are already assigned to volunteers and would offer first pick of the available ones to new volunteers on a first come basis. The time commitment totals one or two mornings during the survey time period. Since this effort is typically done on your own or with someone you normally bird with, this is a very COVID-safe way to get out, go birding and stay safe.