

# METROPARKS' BIRDING CHALLENGE

Do you love birding, or are you interested in learning more about this relaxing nature activity? Here's a fun challenge for you! See how many birds on our list you can find in a MetroPark, at a feeder, or even in your own backyard. We challenge you to find 60 birds out of our list of a select 76 species. Some of these birds live in Montgomery County year round, while others pass through during spring and fall migration. A big prize awaits successful birders!

No matter what time of year, you can always find birds in the MetroParks or your own backyard. Some species live in Montgomery County. Others are passing through during migration. All you have to do is get out in nature and look to the sky, in trees, or at a feeder, and when you see a bird on the list, mark it off with the date you saw it and the location. Naturalist-led programs are not counted, but are good to attend so you

can return later and try to find birds on your own. Once you see 60 birds from the list, mail it in with your name, address, and phone number to the address listed below and you will be entered to win Vortex Diamondback 8x42 binoculars (valued at more than \$250).

Sixty birds might seem like a lot, but you have plenty of time. Plus, this list is not all-inclusive of Ohio birds, so you'll see many more along the way. Please have bird lists postmarked by December 1, 2011. The binocular drawing will be take place at the 2011 Christmas Bird Count. Check the winter issue of ParkWays or [www.metroparks.org](http://www.metroparks.org) to find the date, time and location of this event. You don't need to be present to win, but it will be a fun culmination of your year's worth of birding, and introduce yourself to other local birders like you!

Backyard Birding Challenge  
 Five Rivers MetroParks  
 1375 E. Siebenthaler Ave.  
 Dayton, OH 45414

\*\*Please note that lists will not be mailed back.\*\*

- Great Blue Heron
- Green Heron
- Canadian Goose
- Wood Duck
- Mallard
- Bufflehead
- Common Merganser
- Turkey Vulture
- Cooper's Hawk
- Red-shouldered Hawk
- Broad-winged Hawk
- Red-tailed Hawk
- Rough-legged Hawk
- American Kestrel
- Killdeer
- Woodcock
- Ring-billed Gull
- Mourning Dove
- Yellow-billed Cuckoo
- Great Horned Owl
- Barred Owl
- Eastern Screech Owl
- Ruby-throated Hummingbird
- Belted Kingfisher
- Red-headed Woodpecker
- Red-bellied Woodpecker
- Yellow-bellied Sapsucker



- Downey Woodpecker
- Hairy Woodpecker
- Northern Flicker
- Pileated Woodpecker
- Acadian Flycatcher
- Red-eyed Vireo
- Blue Jay
- American Crow
- Horned Lark
- Barn Swallow
- Tufted Titmouse
- Carolina Chickadee
- Red-breasted Nuthatch
- White-breasted Nuthatch
- Carolina Wren
- House Wren
- Golden-crowned Kinglet
- Eastern Bluebird
- Robin
- Wood Thrush
- Grey Catbird
- Northern Mockingbird
- Brown Thrasher
- European Starling
- Cedar Waxwing
- Northern Parula
- Tennessee Warbler



- Black-throated Blue Warbler
- Black-throated Green Warbler
- Blackpoll Warbler
- Yellow-throated Warbler
- Black-and-White Warbler
- American Redstart
- Ovenbird
- Kentucky Warbler
- Mourning Warbler
- Common Yellowthroat
- Summer tanager
- Scarlet tanager
- Northern Cardinal
- Rose-breasted Grosbeak
- Indigo Bunting
- Eastern Towhee
- Chipping Sparrow
- Song Sparrow
- House Sparrow
- Dark-eyed Junco
- Eastern Meadowlark
- Brown-headed Cowbird
- Red-winged Blackbird
- Baltimore Oriole
- House Finch
- American Goldfinch

