



#BigYearAtHome

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We're kicking off with a set of fun challenges for the month of May that will help you start connecting with birds where you live!

May Challenges

1. Explore the Merlin Bird ID app and get to know the birds around you

- ◆ Visit merlin.allaboutbirds.org, watch the video, then download and set up the app
- ◆ Use the app to identify a bird you see from your home, yard, or another comfortable place
- ◆ If you need a little extra help, check out the Merlin Help Center at <https://support.ebird.org/en/support/solutions>
- ◆ Share which bird or birds you were able to identify with the app. If you captured a photo, we'd love to see that too! You can...
 - post an update to your social and use **#BigYearAtHome**
 - add a comment to our post on social ([@PartnersInFlight](https://twitter.com/PartnersInFlight) / [@PartnrsInFlight](https://twitter.com/PartnrsInFlight)) or
 - contact us through the form at partnersinflight.org/bigyearathome

2. Attend Bird Day Live Events and "Sing, Fly, Soar — Like a Bird!"

- ◆ Visit birddaylive.com, watch the video featuring Sara Wolman, Bird Day artist and Visual Information Specialist at the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, and read "About the Festival"
- ◆ Scroll down further on the page to explore "The Program" on **May 6, 7, and 8** (all times are Eastern)
- ◆ Visit <https://www.facebook.com/EnvironmentfortheAmericas/live/> to tune in
- ◆ Share which days you attended and which part of the program you watched. You can...
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3. Participate in Community Science with eBird

- ◆ Visit ebird.org/about. Watch the "Introduction to eBird" video
- ◆ If this is your first time using eBird, get started at <https://support.ebird.org/en/support/solutions/articles/48001158707-get-started-with-ebird> where you can...
 - create an eBird account
 - get instructions and tips with the FREE eBird Essentials course, and
 - learn how your observations contribute to science that helps birds
- ◆ Once your eBird account is set up, use Merlin to help you complete an eBird checklist from your home, yard, or another comfortable place. Type **#BigYearAtHome** in the checklist notes, and if this is your first eBird checklist ever, add **#BYAHfirstchecklist**. You can also...
 - post an update to your social with a screenshot of your checklist and use **#BigYearAtHome**
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- ◆ Celebrate World Migratory Bird Day with eBirders all over the globe by completing eBird checklists on Global Big Day - May 8th, 2021. Learn more at ebird.org/globalbigday
- ◆ For a chance to win prizes, check eBird News before May 1st to learn how to participate in the eBirder of the Month challenge: ebird.org/news