



# #BigYearAtHome

May 28, 2021



Our June Challenges start a little early with the kickoff of #BlackBirdersWeek on May 30th. This month we're also sharing the first of seven challenges that will encourage you to help birds by trying the Seven Simple Actions. Learn more below!

## June Challenges

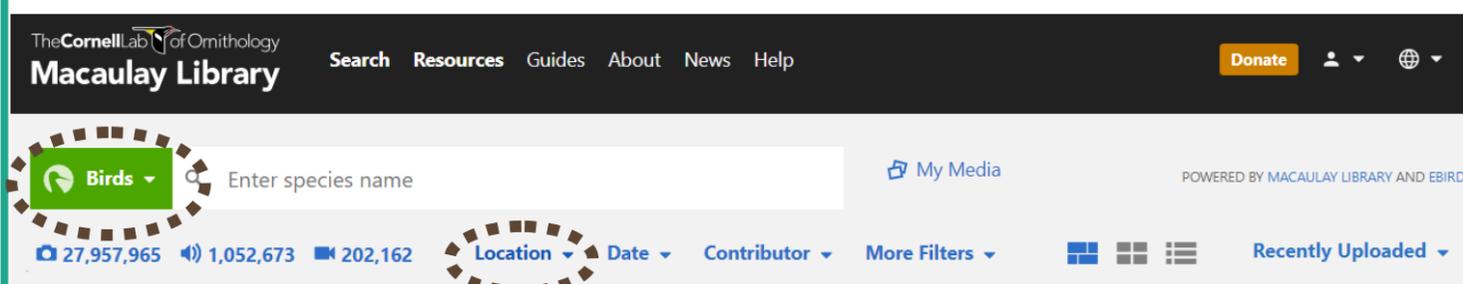
### Engage with #BlackBirdersWeek May 30-June 5

After the global success of its inaugural year, #BlackBirdersWeek returns Sunday, May 30 through Saturday, June 5, 2021. This year's event will showcase the many unique ways Black people connect in the outdoors. The **BlackAFInSTEM Collective** aims to inspire new audiences to engage in nature and share the stories of Black conservationists from across the country. The week's lineup includes nationwide birding events, live streamed panel discussions, and daily interactive themes. In partnership with The Cornell Lab of Ornithology, Bird Collective, US Fish Wildlife Service, Tucson Audubon Society, and more, #BlackBirdersWeek2021 is taking flight!

- ◆ For updates, information, and materials, fly along or get in touch with BlackAFInSTEM via [Twitter](#) / [Instagram](#) / [Facebook](#): @BlackAFInSTEM or at [BlackAFInSTEM@gmail.com](mailto:BlackAFInSTEM@gmail.com).
- ◆ You can also check [BlackAFInSTEM.com](http://BlackAFInSTEM.com) for updates.

### Explore Bird Photos in the Macaulay Library

- ◆ Search for birds by location at <https://search.macaulaylibrary.org/catalog> by clicking on the "Location" dropdown option. Enter a county, state, province, or country; eBird Hotspot; or National Wildlife Refuge.



- ◆ Browse through the results and choose your favorite image, then share the link to the image on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), or through the contact form on <https://partnersinflight.org/bigyearathome/>. Tell us why that image stands out to you. Remember to tag ([@PartnersInFlight](#) / [@PartnrsInFlight](#)) and add #BigYearAtHome to your post.
- ◆ Bonus Challenge! Take some time to notice the imperfect photos in the library too. They can be useful because they represent what you are more likely to see with your own eyes, or with binoculars, when you are watching birds!

### Help Birds with Seven Simple Actions

From now through December, our monthly challenges will include one of the Seven Simple Actions you can take to help birds.

#### Action #1: Turn lights out and treat windows to keep birds safe

Bird collisions with closed windows cause up to 1 billion bird deaths every year. You can help!

- ◆ Learn how to #LiveBirdFriendly by keeping your windows safe for birds at <https://nationalzoo.si.edu/migratory-birds/live-bird-friendly>.
- ◆ To prevent collisions, use external insect screens, tape, or decals, and turn off your lights or close your blinds in the evening.
- ◆ Spread the word: Share your bird-friendly window treatments on social media. Remember to tag ([@PartnersInFlight](#) / [@PartnrsInFlight](#)) and add #BigYearAtHome and #LiveBirdFriendly to your post.

### Participate in Community Science with eBird

- ◆ Complete a checklist with someone you know and add #BYAHome together and #BigYearAtHome to your checklist notes.
- ◆ Share your checklist with our eBird username: [bigyearathome](#).
- ◆ For a chance to win prizes, check eBird News before June 1st to learn how to participate in the eBirder of the Month challenge: <https://ebird.org/news>.

Learn more about eBird: <https://ebird.org/about>

Learn how to identify birds with Merlin Bird ID: <https://merlin.allaboutbirds.org/>

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