



# #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](https://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/48000450743>
- ◆ **Tell us** which bird or birds you were able to identify with the app. You can share a screenshot from the app, or if you captured a photo, we'd love to see that too! You can...  
tag us ([@PartnersInFlight](https://twitter.com/PartnersInFlight) / [@PartnrInFlight](https://twitter.com/PartnrInFlight)) and add **#BigYearAtHome** to a post on social media  
or **contact us** through the form at [partnersinflight.org/bigyearathome](https://partnersinflight.org/bigyearathome)

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

- ◆ Visit [birddaylive.com](https://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](https://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...
  - 1) **Learn** how to share your checklists at <https://support.ebird.org/en/support/solutions/articles/48000625567-editing-and-sharing-checklists>
  - 2) **Use Merlin** to help you **complete an eBird checklist** from your home, yard, or another safe and comfortable place.
  - 3) **Type #BigYearAtHome** in the checklist notes, and if this is your first eBird checklist ever, add **#BYAHfirstchecklist**.
  - 4) Finally, **share** your checklist with our eBird username: **bigyearathome**.
- ◆ **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](https://ebird.org/globalbigday)
- ◆ For a chance to win prizes, **participate** in the eBirder of the Month challenge: [ebird.org/news](https://ebird.org/news). The next eBirder of the month will be drawn from eBirders who submit five (5) or more eligible checklists on Global Big Day - May 8th, 2021.

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