2010 Birding Challenge

Birder

Do 5 of the following

- Maintain one or more bird feeders in your yard for the year*.
- Keep a record of all bird species you see in your yard for the year.
- Keep records of all bird species seen on each birding excursion you make during the year.
- Participate with the UCB by attending at least half of the monthly meetings during the year.
- Participate on official UCB field trips at least once each quarter during the year.
- Write an article for the UCB Newsletter during the year. This includes trip reports, bird of the month or some birding article published in the Newsletter.
- Present any part of the program at one of the UCB monthly meetings.
- Have a friend or spouse certify you had fun birding during the year.

Advanced Birder

In addition to the Basic items, do 4 of the following

- See, identify and record your sightings for 105 species of birds in Utah County during the year.
- See, identify and record your sightings for 210 species of birds in Utah during the year
- See, identify and record your sightings for 25 species for each month during the year.
- Record the first and last sighting dates for 10 migrants in Utah County, with at least 5 sightings of each migrant.
- Take children and/or adults on a field trip and introduce them to birding.
- Lead an official UCB field trip.
- Serve as an officer in the UCB leadership.
- Maintain your birding records on eBird for the year.
- Bird every National Park in Utah
- Photograph, draw, paint or record birds or related art during the year. Enter a submission to a country or state fair or submit 10 photos to the UtahBirds.org web site.
- Add a birding location write up to the Utah birding location information on the UtahBirds.org web site.
- Participate in Christmas Bird Count, Breeding Bird Survey, or Project Feeder Watch.
- Keep a field notebook of your excursions with sighting information, bird sketches and anecdotes.

Semi-pro Birder

In addition to the Advanced items, do one of the following

- Teach a birding class consisting of a minimum of 4 class room sessions and 2 field trips.
- Write and publish a birding article for a publically distributed newspaper or magazine.
- Present a paper on birding or a related topic at a symposium or conference.
- Present a session or lead a field trip for a major (non UCB) Utah Birding Festival.
- Lead an out-of-state field trip open to and attended by other UCB birders.
- See, identify and record 300 or more species in Utah during the year.
- Author a book about a birding related topic and seek a publisher.

In each category, Plus (+) recognition will be given for accomplishment beyond the requirements.

*Note, for birders who have newly joined the UCB, replace the word "year" in this challenge with "since joining UCB".

Report completion by sending Robin Tuck email or a letter listing your accomplishments by January 5, 2011. (robin@utahnature.com or 917 E 2730 N, Provo, UT 84604)

Awards will be distributed at the January 2011 UCB meeting. A preliminary count will be made in December 2010 to help in planning the awards.