

Dear Friends,

Marsha and I are asking you to please join us in this year's annual Santa Barbara Audubon Society's (SBAS) 2016 Birdathon as we put **"fun"** in fundraiser! Not only are Birdathons a fun way to raise needed funds they are also a very useful Citizen Science activity to help track changes in bird populations in our area.

This year the Birdathon will take place October 1st through October 12th. During this time multiple Teams will be competing with each other to see who identifies the most species during any 24 hour period of their choosing within those dates. Results will be announced at the Eyes In The Sky Open House on Oct 16th.

Marsha and I will be one of the many teams in this year's event and we are asking you to please help us by being one of our Sponsors and pledging whatever you can. By signing up as a Sponsor you pledge to donate a certain amount for each species we can record during a 24 hour period. Typically individual teams have recorded approximately 50-75 species in past years. Thus, if you were to sponsor "Team Marsha & John" at \$1 per species and we recorded 65 species, your pledge would be \$65.

Everyone is a winner when SBAS has the funding to continue its important functions. The funds raised through the Birdathon enables SBAS to contribute to habitat conservation and restoration efforts, and continue the SBAS's mission to connect people with birds and nature through education, science-based projects and advocacy

To make a Pledge, please fill out the sponsor form below.

If you wish to skip all the excitement of rooting us on in the fierce Team competition, you can always make a fixed dollar donation now by check or online at <http://santabarbaraudubon.org/>

Please contribute to the Birdathon as generously as you can!

We thank you for your support!

Marsha and John