



Department of  
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Conservation

# EXPERIENCED BIRDER CHALLENGE

*Find these New York birds*

If you are already a birder, take your birding to the next level by trying the I Bird NY Experienced Birder Challenge! Visit <http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/113702.html> to view the list of 50 birds from a variety of habitats all across New York State.

Find any 10 (or more) of the 50 to complete the challenge. Some species are common and found in many places, while others are rare and may be limited to a specific habitat or part of the state, so everyone can find some of them.

For each bird you find, complete the information on the entry sheet. Send the completed form to DEC, and you'll be entered in a random drawing for birding equipment. Have fun being a birding detective and learning more about our feathered friends!

**Name of Birder:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

## BIRDS FOUND

1. Species name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Sighted: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
Where Sighted: Town/City \_\_\_\_\_ Habitat:  Wooded Area  
 Field  Roadside  Wetland  Pond, Lake, or Stream  Ocean  
 Birdfeeder  Park  Playground  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Species name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Sighted: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
Where Sighted: Town/City \_\_\_\_\_ Habitat:  Wooded Area  
 Field  Roadside  Wetland  Pond, Lake, or Stream  Ocean  
 Birdfeeder  Park  Playground  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Species name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Sighted: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
Where Sighted: Town/City \_\_\_\_\_ Habitat:  Wooded Area  
 Field  Roadside  Wetland  Pond, Lake, or Stream  Ocean  
 Birdfeeder  Park  Playground  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Species name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Sighted: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
Where Sighted: Town/City \_\_\_\_\_ Habitat:  Wooded Area  
 Field  Roadside  Wetland  Pond, Lake, or Stream  Ocean  
 Birdfeeder  Park  Playground  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## BIRDS FOUND

5. Species name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Sighted: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
Where Sighted: Town/City \_\_\_\_\_ Habitat:  Wooded Area  
 Field  Roadside  Wetland  Pond, Lake, or Stream  Ocean  
 Birdfeeder  Park  Playground  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Species name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Sighted: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
Where Sighted: Town/City \_\_\_\_\_ Habitat:  Wooded Area  
 Field  Roadside  Wetland  Pond, Lake, or Stream  Ocean  
 Birdfeeder  Park  Playground  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Species name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Sighted: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
Where Sighted: Town/City \_\_\_\_\_ Habitat:  Wooded Area  
 Field  Roadside  Wetland  Pond, Lake, or Stream  Ocean  
 Birdfeeder  Park  Playground  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Species name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Sighted: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
Where Sighted: Town/City \_\_\_\_\_ Habitat:  Wooded Area  
 Field  Roadside  Wetland  Pond, Lake, or Stream  Ocean  
 Birdfeeder  Park  Playground  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

9. Species name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Sighted: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
Where Sighted: Town/City \_\_\_\_\_ Habitat:  Wooded Area  
 Field  Roadside  Wetland  Pond, Lake, or Stream  Ocean  
 Birdfeeder  Park  Playground  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Species name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Sighted: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
Where Sighted: Town/City \_\_\_\_\_ Habitat:  Wooded Area  
 Field  Roadside  Wetland  Pond, Lake, or Stream  Ocean  
 Birdfeeder  Park  Playground  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### Return completed challenge forms to:

I BIRD NY Experienced Birder Challenge  
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation  
625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-4750



Or complete and email to: [birdingchallenge@dec.ny.gov](mailto:birdingchallenge@dec.ny.gov)

#### Rules:

- 1) Challenge open to all ages. 2) One entry per individual.
- 3) Challenge open now through September 16, 2019. 4) All entries must be received by September 30, 2019.