**EXPERIENCED BIRDER CHALLENGE**

*Find these New York birds*

If you are already a birder, take your birding to the next level by completing the I Bird NY Experienced Birder Challenge! Did you know that the wide array of habitats in New York supports more than 450 different species of birds? Identify any 10 (or more) different birds in New York State to complete this challenge.

Did you include a lifer? Be sure to let us know! While some species are common and found in many places, others are rare and may be limited to a specific habitat or part of the state. Remember to recreate responsibly and enjoy the outdoors safely this summer!

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.

Name of Birder: ____________________________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________________________________

City: __________________________ State: _________ Zip: ______________

Email: ________________________________________________________________

**BIRDS FOUND**

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Return completed challenge forms to:
I BIRD NY Experienced Birder Challenge
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-1010

Or complete and email to: birdingchallenge@dec.ny.gov

Rules:
1) Challenge open to all ages. 2) One entry per individual.
3) Challenge open now through September 30th. 4) All entries must be received by October 14th.

Challenge winners will be announced in October. #ibirdny www.dec.ny.gov | www.ibirdny.org