



# New Canaan Nature Center

## *The Raven Luna-tics'* **2022 Connecticut Big Day Birding Challenge Pledge Form**

Every Spring, the Nature Center's own Frank Gallo and his team of premiere birders – the “**Raven Luna-tics**” – participate in the New England-wide Big Day Birding Challenge. Connecticut's Big Day Challenge is a fundraiser for conservation organizations, this year to benefit New Canaan Nature Center.

Frank, Nick Bonomo, Patrick Dugan, Dave Provencher, Dave Tripp, and Fran Zygmunt spend 24 hours traveling the highways and byways of Connecticut in search of birds. They currently hold the Connecticut state record 193 species identified in a single day. **This year, their goal is to break 200, which has never been done by any team in any state in New England!**

We invite you to make a pledge for the Raven Luna-tics' Big Day to raise funds for the **New Canaan Nature Center** which is itself home to many birds species. In fact, historical records spanning decades shows over 150 species identified on our grounds.

**Here's how you can help support the Nature Center's efforts:**

- **You make a pledge** per bird species found during the **2022 Big Day!** or pledge a flat amount. All donations are welcome and appreciated. Corporate matching is a big help!
- **The Raven Luna-tics** pledge *to you* to spend 24 hours, one day between (May 15-21, weather-dependent) traveling throughout Connecticut, scanning the skies, forests, beaches, and marshes in search of birds.
- **Challenge the Raven Luna-tics!** Give them a Special Challenge Pledge to find a particular bird species.

We will email the Raven Luna-tics results and your final pledge amount the week of May 31st. **100% of your donation** will be used to support New Canaan Nature Center, and all donations are tax-deductible.

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### **Birding Challenge Pledge Form**

\_\_\_ I would like to make a **per-species donation** of (*please check one*):

(We will send you an invoice following the Big Day when total species is known)

\$2.00    \$1.50    \$1.00    \$.75    \$.50    \$.25    Other amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I would like to make a **one-time donation** of (*please check one*):

\$400    \$300    \$200    \$150    \$100    \$50    Other amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I would like to make a **Special Challenge Pledge!** I will donate \$ \_\_\_\_\_ if you see this species:

To pledge by check or charge:

Check Enclosed (*Make check payable to: New Canaan Nature Center*)

MasterCard    Visa   Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please complete and return this form by May 14, 2021 to**  
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