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UNK BIG DAY FUNDRAISER



Do you enjoy learning about birds? Do you want to support student research on birds and animals? If so, consider supporting the UNK Ornithology Program!

What is a Big Day? A Big Day is a competitive day where folks try to see as many birds as possible within a 24-hour period. Only six teams have ever broken the 150 species in a day mark in Nebraska, and we are hoping to get on the leaderboard! Our team this year consists of Eugene Huryn (UNK Masters Student), Cody McGregor (UNK Masters Student), and Tommy Childers (UNK Alumnus).

Why are we doing this? We are doing this event to raise awareness of the UNK ornithology program while also raising money to support future ornithology and wildlife research.

How can you support us? We are asking folks to pledge a certain amount of money per bird seen. For example, if you pledge 25¢ per bird, then 150 species seen would be a \$37.50 donation. Any donations are appreciated, and all go into growing our endowment to support student research at UNK.

Thank you for your support!

UNK Ornithology Pledge Form

Name: _____ **Email/Contact:** _____

Pledge per bird: _____ **-OR- Flat Donation Amount: \$** _____

(Remember pledge per bird would be multiplied by species – ex., 25¢ x 150 birds = \$37.50)

Your prediction of how many birds we will see? (State record = 203!): _____

Please send completed forms to Jacob C. Cooper (cooperj2@unk.edu) by May 18th.

Final donations will be made directly to the UNK Wildlife Biology Endowed Student Research Fund via the University of Nebraska Foundation. Funds are not exclusive to ornithology research and can be used for all UNK student wildlife research, with a preference for ornithology given. Funds will be deposited in this permanent endowment for sustained UNK student research. Endowment funds are available at a rate of 4.25% per year, such that a \$100 donation is the same as donating \$4.25 *per year* in perpetuity.

Donation page accessible by [CLICKING HERE](#) or scanning the QR code below.



UNK Ornithology Overview

UNK Students are constantly documenting the birds of Nebraska while also performing research on birds worldwide! UNK Student research and activities include:

- Publicly documenting Nebraska's birds. We have found 8 first county records!
- Learning about the physiological costs of migration and about how birds age while doing local bird banding operations.
- Improving our understanding of Nebraska birds through surveys and research.
- Improving our understanding of bird ecology and evolution worldwide.
- Presenting research at the local, regional, national, and even international level.