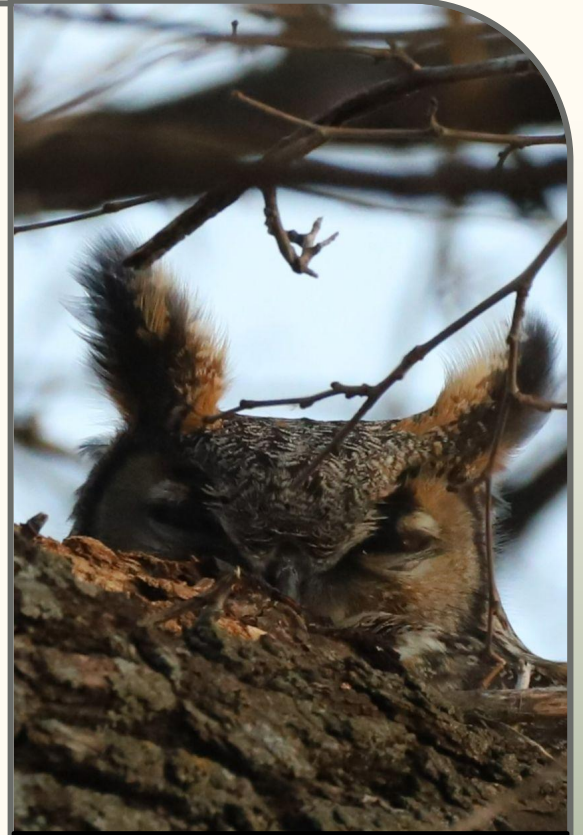


Using eBird

Presentation by Jacob Riggs from the KSU Bird Club



Great-horned Owl by Jacob Riggs

eBird Topics

01

What is eBird?

An overview of what eBird is and can do

02

Account

Setting up your account to your preferences

03

Quizzes

You can improve your identification skills

04

Checklist

How to record bird sightings

05

Trip Reports

How to sort checklists into trips

06

Exploring

Finding certain birds, locations, and alerts

01

What is eBird

A simple way to enter data for scientists



Gray Catbird by Jacob Riggs

1.9 billion

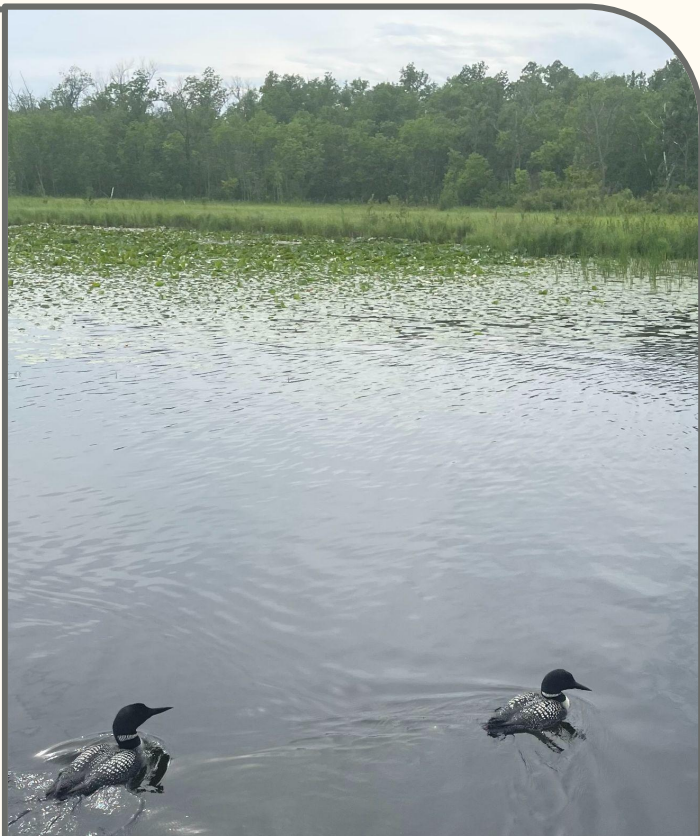
Total eBird observations

523,000

Sound recordings in 2024

13 million

Photos added in 2024



Common Loon by Kathryn Smith



My Stats WORLD

 **754**
Species Observed

 **2,225**
Complete Checklists
3,240 Total

 **191**
Species with Photos
243 Observations

 **68**
Species with Audio
80 Observations

 **2**
Days of Checklist Streak
Best Streak: 271 days

My eBird



Purple Sandpiper *Calidris maritima* © Maceo Susi Macaulay Library | eBird

02

Making an Account

How to set up your profile for your best interest



Baltimore Oriole by Jacob Riggs

Sign in to your Cornell Lab Account

One account. Many ways to explore, learn, and contribute.

Username

Password

☒ Stay signed in

Sign in

[Forgot username?](#) | [Forgot password?](#)

Create account

Your account lets you access any of these projects

[Bird Academy](#) | [Birds of the World](#) | [Celebrate Urban Birds](#) | [eBird](#) | [Great Backyard Bird Count](#) |
[Macaulay Library](#) | [Merlin](#) | [NestWatch](#) | [Project FeederWatch](#)

**Your account lets you
access any of these
projects**

Bird Academy
Birds of the World
Celebrate Urban Birds
eBird
Great Backyard Bird Count
Macaulay Library
Merlin
NestWatch
Project FeederWatch

If you've already registered with any
of these projects, you don't need a
new account. [Sign in](#)

Create a Cornell Lab account

First name

Last name

Choose a username

Choose a password

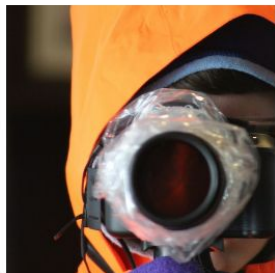
Enter at least 8 characters

Email address

Create account

Already have an account?

[Sign in](#)



Jacob Riggs

Gardner, Kansas, United States

PUBLIC Edit Profile

eBirder since 1 Jan 2019

Oldest checklist: 6 Jul 2011

Oldest media: 14 Feb 2019

Founder and current President of the KSU Bird Club. Please get in touch with me at jacobrigged@ksu.edu if you are interested. I started birding in Johnson County, Kansas in 2019. I'm attending Kansas State University to get a Major in Electrical Engineerin...

[Show more](#)

Your profile URL: <https://ebird.org/profile/MTIxNTUwNQ>

Region: **Brazil** [Change Region](#)



309

Species observed

[Zoom out](#)

50

Complete checklists

67 Total

51

Species w/ photos

55 Observations

0

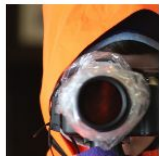
Species w/ audio

0 Observations



My Profile

Photo



[Remove photo](#)

Choose file

Or drag and drop file here

Website

Enter a URL for your website

About me

Tell us about yourself. 1000 characters max

258 characters

Founder and current President of the KSU Bird Club. Please get in touch with me at jacobrigged@ksu.edu if you are interested. I started birding in Johnson County, Kansas in 2019. I'm attending Kansas State University to get a Major in Electrical Engineering.

Region

Your profile page will default to this region.

Change the default region of your map

United States

[Reset to World](#)

Privacy

- ☒ **Make my profile public** - other eBirders will see your profile
- ☒ **Show my latest checklists** - your most recent checklists will show on your profile

Save

**Jacob Riggs**

Jacob Riggs

754

Species observed

2,225

Complete checklists
3,240 total

191

Species with photos
243 Observations

68

Species with audio
80 Observations

✓ 2

Days of checklist streak
Best streak: 271

	YEAR	MONTH	DAY
Species observed	63	52	1
Total checklists	40	14	1

MANAGE MY...

Checklists

Locations

Trip Reports

Alerts

Data Imports

Contacts

EXPLORE MY...

Profile

Sightings Lists

Kansas, United States

Change region ▼

Zoom out



325

Species observed

1,822

Complete checklists
2,580 total

83

Species with photos
106 Observations

31

Species with audio
37 Observations

✓ 2,888

Total county ticks
79 counties

eBirding over time

Species

Checklists



Latest checklists

1

Species

13 Feb 2025 12:10

CENSORED^{e)}

4

Species

12 Feb 2025 18:09

Tuttle Creek SP--Swimming Area
Kansas, United States

10

Species

12 Feb 2025 17:51

Tuttle Tubes
Kansas, United States

4

Species

12 Feb 2025 17:47

KSU Beef & Dairy Unit
Kansas, United States

6

Species

12 Feb 2025 17:31

2671--2849 College Ave, Manhattan US-KS
39.21544, -96.59817
Kansas, United States

View all

Your species by year

YEAR ▼

13 FEB ▼

31 DEC ▼

2025	63		
2024	86		246
2023	62		271

Show all

Your species for February

YEAR ▼

13 FEB ▼

28 FEB ▼

2025	52		
2024	51		63
2023	55		72

Show all

03

Photo & Sound Quiz

How to practice your skills while helping scientists



Red-Shouldered Hawk by Luke Kelly

At the bottom of the Explore page...

Learn Birding Skills



eBird Essentials

This self-paced course gives you the essential tools to maximize what you get out of your eBirding.

- Courses with a price range of \$30 to \$130
- Self-paced



Merlin Bird ID

Free, global bird ID and field guide app powered by your sightings and media.

- Mobile application to identify birds by sound and photo



Photo + Sound Quiz

Create custom ID quizzes for anywhere in the world

- Photo and sound quizzes generated from submitted media



eBird Photo + Sound Quiz

Practice your skills. Help science.

Start quiz

189

Photo quizzes

10

Audio quizzes

6,539

Your total ratings

Each custom quiz presents you with 20 birds that occur at a date and location of your choosing, pulled from millions of photos and sounds added to the Macaulay Library by eBirders around the world. Guess the species—and don't worry if you're wrong—this challenging quiz is for your own fun and learning. After each guess, you'll rate the photo or sound for its quality, helping curate the Macaulay Library so it is more useful for you and for science. Thank you, and enjoy!



Photo by Mark Chappell/Macaulay Library

California, United States (US)

What bird is this? 1 of 20

☐	Black-throated Gray Warbler
☐	Nashville Warbler
☐	Yellow-rumped Warbler
☐	Orange-crowned Warbler
☐	None of the above



📍 Riley, Kansas, United States (US)

What bird is this?

4 of 20

[Home](#)

Red-tailed Hawk

Belted Kingfisher

American Herring Gull

Great Blue Heron

None of the above

[Skip this question](#)

Riley, Kansas, United States (US)

What bird is this? 4 of 20 [Home](#)

Red-tailed Hawk

✓ **Belted Kingfisher** ⓘ

American Herring Gull ⓘ

Great Blue Heron ⓘ

None of the above

-Click to be taken to species page

-Click report if the species is incorrect

-Add tags if they apply

[Report](#)

Not identifiable due to:

☐ Multiple species ☐ No bird

Add tags ?

☐ Habitat ☐ Nest

☐ Egg(s) ☐ In-hand

☐ Field notes/sketch ☐ Watermark

☐ Back of camera ☐ Dead

Rate the image quality to continue.

☆☆☆☆☆ ⓘ [Learn about ratings](#)

-Rate the media

04

Checklist

How to practice your skills while helping scientists



Ring-billed Gull by Jacob Riggs



1 2 3

Where did you bird?

Identify the location where you made your observations.

Choose from Your Locations

03906, North Berwick US-ME 43.31017, -70.71348



Continue

[Manage "My Locations"](#)

Find it on a Map



Enter a region

Use Latitude/Longitude

Create a new location using latitude and longitude.

Select an entire county, state, or country

If you were birding across a very large area (e.g., an entire state or country) select this option. Please consider using more precise locations when reporting to eBird so that your observations are more valuable for analysis.

Import Data

Import data from a spreadsheet, database, or birding program. [Learn how](#)

If you want to submit your checklist online...



1 2 3

Date and Effort

Wildcat Park, Manhattan, Riley County, Kansas, US [Change](#)

Please fix the items below

* Observation Date:

Feb 4 2025 

* = Required

* Observation Type:

☐ Traveling

You traveled a specific distance — walking a trail, driving a refuge loop, field birding.

[More Info...](#)☒ Stationary

You stayed at a fixed location — watching from a window, hawkwatching, seawatching.

[More Info...](#)☐ HistoricalBirding was your [primary purpose](#), but you cannot estimate start time, duration, and distance; use Traveling or Stationary if you can estimate these.[More Info...](#)☐ IncidentalBirding was not your [primary purpose](#) — noting a bird while driving or gardening.[More Info...](#)☐ Other

* Start Time (AM/PM):

 : -- Use 24-hour Clock

* Duration:

 hrs. min.

* Party Size:

 Enter the total number of people in your birding party

Checklist Comments:

Continue 



1 2 3

What did you see or hear?

Wildcat Park, Manhattan, Riley County, Kansas, US [Change](#)Tue Feb 04, 2025 4:44 AM [Change](#)

WATERFOWL

☐ Snow Goose *Anser caerulescens*

☐ Ross's Goose *Anser rossii*

☐ Snow/Ross's Goose *Anser caerulescensrossii*

☐ Greater White-fronted Goose *Anser albifrons*

☐ Greater White-fronted Goose (Western) *Anser albifrons gambelli/sponsa*

☐ Domestic goose sp. (Domestic type) *Anser sp. (Domestic type)*

☐ Cackling Goose *Branta hutchinsii*

☐ Cackling Goose (Richardson's) *Branta hutchinsii hutchinsii*

☐ Canada Goose *Branta canadensis*

☐ Cackling/Canada Goose *Branta hutchinsii/canadensis*

☐ Trumpeter Swan *Cygnus buccinator*

☐ Trumpeter/Tundra Swan *Cygnus buccinator/columbianus*

☐ goose sp. *Anatidae (goose sp.)*

☐ Muscovy Duck (Domestic type) *Cairina moschata (Domestic type)*

☐ Wood Duck *Aix sponsa*

☐ Northern Shoveler *Spatula clypeata*

☐ Gadwall *Mareca strepera*

☐ American Wigeon *Mareca americana*

☐ Mallard *Anas platyrhynchos*

☐ Mallard (Domestic type) *Anas platyrhynchos (Domestic type)*

☐ Northern Pintail *Anas acuta*

☐ Green-winged Teal *Anas crecca*

☐ Green-winged Teal (American) *Anas crecca carolinensis*

☐ teal sp. *Anatidae sp. (teal sp.)*

☐ dabbling duck sp. *Anatidae sp. (dabbling duck sp.)*

☐ Canvasback *Aythya valisineria*

☐ Redhead *Aythya americana*

☐ Ring-necked Duck *Aythya collaris*

+ Add Species

↓ Alphabetic

☐ Show Rarities☒ Show Subspecies☐ Group by Most Likely ? Shortcuts  Preferences

Are you submitting a complete
checklist of the birds you were
able to identify?

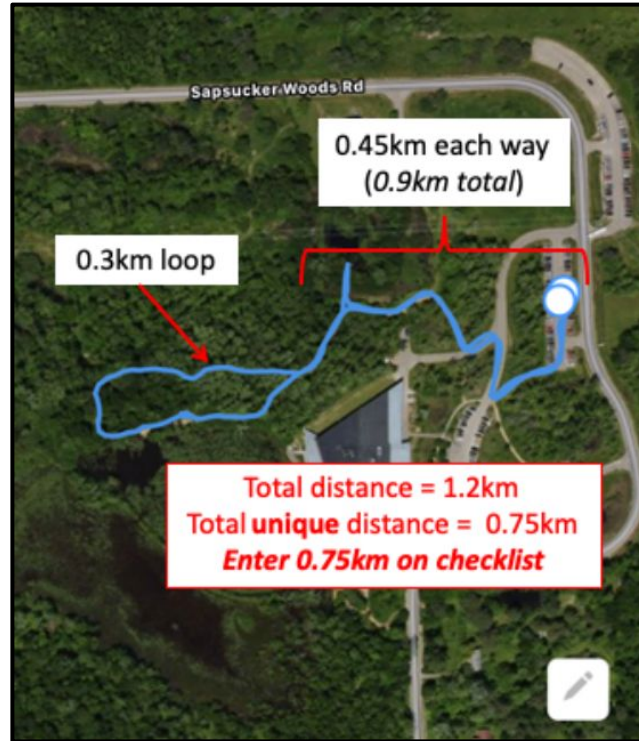
☐ Yes☐ No

?



Submit

Mobile version basically starts with this



Distance for checklist is supposed to be unique distance

05

Trip Reports

How to sort all your trip information into one convenient place



Barred Owl by Jacob Riggs

On the left side of the My eBird page...

Submit Explore My eBird Science About News Help



Jacob Riggs

Jacob Riggs

754

Species observed

2,233

Complete checklists
3,251 total

191

Species with photos
243 Observations

68

Species with audio
80 Observations

4

Days of checklist streak
Best streak: 271

YEAR MONTH DAY

Species observed 64 53 23

Total checklists 51 25 4

MANAGE MY...

Checklists

Locations

Trip Reports

Alerts

Data Imports

Contacts

EXPLORE MY...

Profile

Sightings Lists

Media

United States Change region

Zoom out



469

Species observed

2,183

Complete checklists
3,182 total

141

Species with photos
182 Observations

68

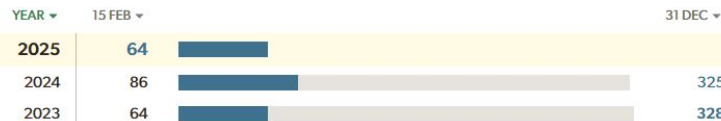
Species with audio
80 Observations

1,843

Total state/province ticks
25 states/provinces

eBirding over time Species Checklists

Your species by year



Show all

Your species for February



Show all

Species by state/province

NAME

IFF

YFAR

MONTH

Latest checklists

11
Species

15 Feb 2025 10:52
Tuttle Creek SP-Cottonwood Nature Trail
Kansas, United States

2
Species

15 Feb 2025 10:50
Tuttle Creek SP-Beaver Pond
Kansas, United States

11
Species

15 Feb 2025 10:41
Tuttle Tubes
Kansas, United States

6
Species

15 Feb 2025 10:30
KSU Beef & Dairy Unit
Kansas, United States

3
Species

14 Feb 2025 14:49
Tuttle Creek Lake-Dam (Riley Co.)
Kansas, United States

View all

Latest media



My eBird

My Trip Reports



Share your birding story with eBird Trip Reports.

[Create Trip Report](#)

25 Trip Reports

[Caballo CBC 2024](#) 28 Dec 2024 [Public](#)[Texas and New Mexico Winter Break 2024](#) 27 – 30 Dec 2024 (4 days) [Public](#)[2024 Summer Weekend Trip - South Dakota, Minnesota, and Iowa](#) 12 – 14 Jul 2024 (3 days) [Public](#)[2024 Summer Weekend Trip - Arkansas and Oklahoma](#) 28 – 30 Jun 2024 (3 days) [Public](#)[Family Vacation - Southern Florida 2024](#) 18 – 26 May 2024 (9 days) [Public](#)[Big Day Personal Record \(Spring 2024 KOS Weekend\) \(US\)](#) 4 May 2024 [Public](#)[KOS Spring Meeting 2024 - Manhattan](#) 3 – 5 May 2024 (3 days) [Public](#)[FHAS Birdathon 2024 - KSU Bird Club](#) 27 Apr 2024 [Public](#)[Branson Spring Break 2024](#) 9 – 16 Mar 2024 (8 days) [Public](#)[GBBC 2024](#) 16 – 19 Feb 2024 (4 days) [Public](#)[Oceanside CBC Section 22 — 2023](#) 29 Dec 2023 [Public](#)[San Diego — Winter Break 2023](#) 27 – 29 Dec 2023 (3 days) [Public](#)

Create Trip Report

Name

Name of Trip Report

Maximum length of 256 characters

Dates

Start date

Start time

End date

End time

Maximum duration of 31 days

Visibility

☐ Limited

The Trip Report is visible only to you and the people you invite to join. To view the Trip Report, you must be logged in to your eBird account.

☒ Link-only

The Trip Report will not appear on any future outputs on public eBird pages or in search results, and the Trip Report is visible to anyone who visits the link.

☐ Public

The Trip Report may appear on public eBird pages (regions, hotspots, your profile) and in search results.

Cancel

Create Trip Report

Exploring Brazil with Xavier Munoz

11 – 25 Jul 2022 (15 days) Public

Brazil

Minas Gerais | Mato Grosso do Sul | Mato Grosso |

Rio de Janeiro | São Paulo Subregions

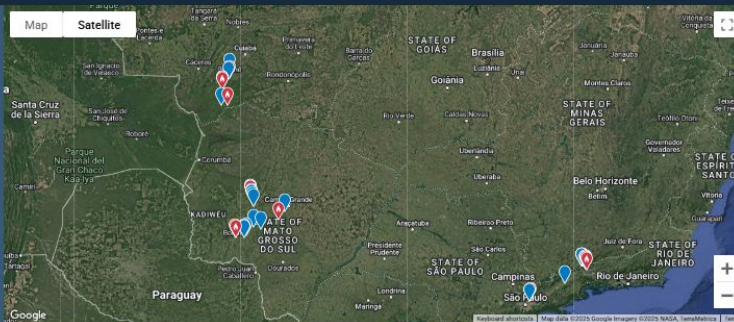
Jacob Riggs, Deleted User DELETED_414635,

Jeff Cantrell, Silvaner Ap. M. Pereira vandy,

Taina Pankiewicz +2 more...Share Edit

Narrative

Owners and editors of a Trip Report may write a narrative.

Add narrativeDATA FOR: Jacob Riggs

309

Species Observed
+3 other taxa

66

Checklists

51

Species with Photos

LIFERS 295 51

Species Observed

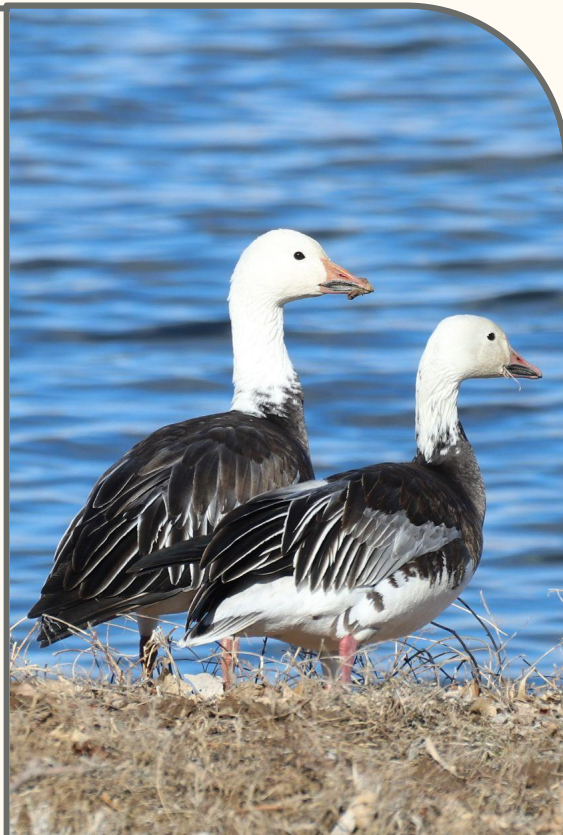
Show all details

56	Greater Rhea	<i>Rhea americana</i>		6
1	Brown Tinamou	<i>Crypturellus obsoletus</i>		1
21	Undulated Tinamou	<i>Crypturellus undulatus</i>		7
12	Southern Screamer	<i>Chauna torquata</i>		6
97	Black-bellied Whistling-Duck	<i>Dendrocygna autumnalis</i>		4
2	Muscovy Duck	<i>Colinus moschata</i>		1
13	Brazilian Teal	<i>Amazonetta brasiliensis</i>		3
80	Chaco Chachalaca	<i>Oreallis canicollis</i>		12
135	Dusky-legged Guan	<i>Penelope obscura</i>		1 7
13	Chestnut-bellied Guan	<i>Penelope ochrogaster</i>		3

06

Exploring

How to use all the tools eBird provides



Snow Goose by Jacob Riggs



Explore Species

Maps, stats, photos, and sounds for any bird in the world, including personalized stats based on your eBirding

🔍 Enter species name

🎲 Surprise me!

Explore Regions

Recent sightings, checklists, birding activity, best hotspots, and top birders for a county, state, province, country, territory, or dependency

🔍 Enter a region

🔍 National Wildlife Refuges 🔍 KBAs/IBAs

Major Regions ▾

More Ways to Explore



Species Maps

Explore interactive range maps by species or subspecies — zoom in for details



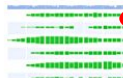
Search Photos and Sounds

Explore media through the Macaulay Library



Explore Hotspots

Discover the best places for birding nearby or around the world.



Bar Charts

Find out what birds to expect throughout the year in a region or location

[« Start Over](#)

Choose a Location

Create a bar chart of species occurrence for your region of interest.

Current Location: Choose a Location

Select a region:

United States ▼

Idaho
Illinois
Indiana
Iowa
Kansas
Kentucky
Louisiana
Maine

Then select a subregion:

- ☐ Entire region
- ☒ Counties in Kansas
- ☐ Hotspots in Kansas
- ☐ Important Bird Areas in Kansas

or

Select from within:

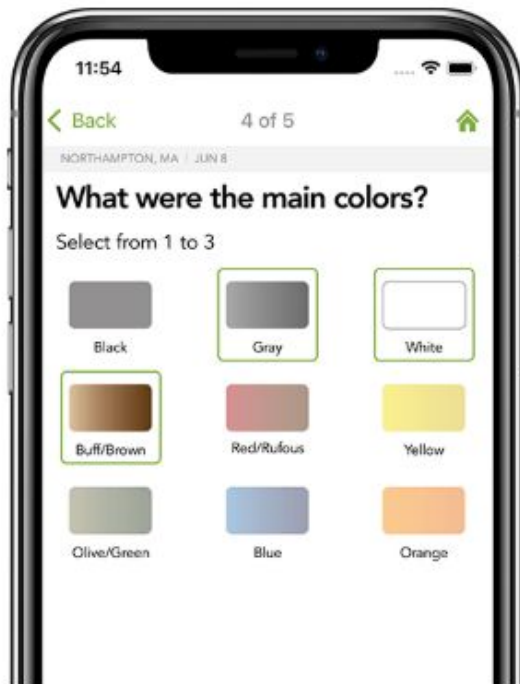
- ☐ Bird Conservation Regions
- ☐ My Locations

03906, North Berwick US-ME 43.31017, -70.71348
1001 College Ave, Manhattan US-KS 39.18952, -96.59814
1001-1015 E Santa Fe St, Gardner US-KS 38.81097, -94.90433
1001-1157 US-59, Chetopa US-KS 37.01019, -95.08569
1007 Bald Eagle Dr, Marco Island US-FL (25.9644, -81.7283)
100-152 30 Rd, Jamestown US-KS 39.66144, -97.89417
100-188 240th Rd, Robinson US-KS 39.85674, -95.32641
100-198 126th Rd, Emmett US-KS 39.27460, -96.02895
100-198 NE 60 Rd, Great Bend US-KS 38.44907, -98.74791
101-139 US-56, Windom US-KS 38.37654, -97.90079

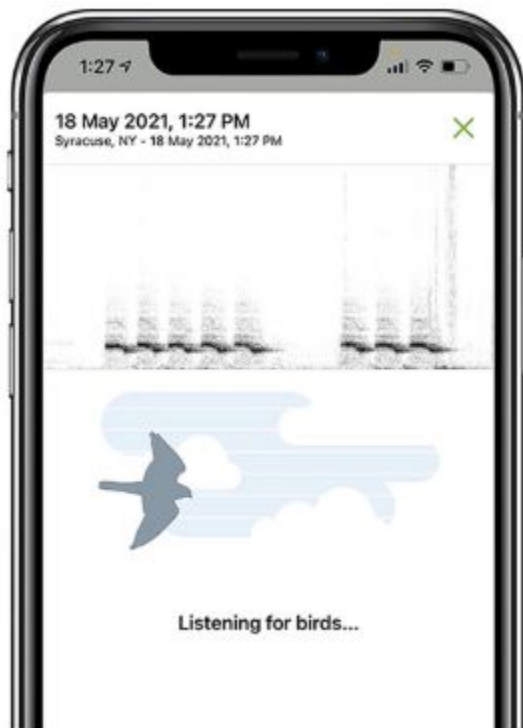
Continue

			Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Canvasback (<i>Aythya valisineria</i>)			■	■	■	■	■					■	■	■
Redhead (<i>Aythya americana</i>)			■	■	■	■	■	■			■	■	■	■
Ring-necked Duck (<i>Aythya collaris</i>)			■	■	■	■	■				■	■	■	■
Greater Scaup (<i>Aythya marila</i>)			■	■	■	■	■					■	■	■
Lesser Scaup (<i>Aythya affinis</i>)			■	■	■	■	■	■				■	■	■
Greater/Lesser Scaup (<i>Aythya marila/affinis</i>)			■	■	■	■	■		■			■	■	■
<i>Aythya</i> sp. (<i>Aythya</i> sp.)												■	■	
Surf Scoter (<i>Melanitta perspicillata</i>)					■	■	■					■		■
White-winged Scoter (<i>Melanitta deglandi</i>)			■	■	■									■
Black Scoter (<i>Melanitta americana</i>)												■	■	
Long-tailed Duck (<i>Clangula hyemalis</i>)			■	■	■	■	■						■	■
Bufflehead (<i>Bucephala albeola</i>)			■	■	■	■	■	■				■	■	■
Common Goldeneye (<i>Bucephala clangula</i>)			■	■	■	■	■	■	■			■	■	■
Barrow's Goldeneye (<i>Bucephala islandica</i>)			■	■	■									
Hooded Merganser (<i>Lophodytes cucullatus</i>)			■	■	■	■	■	■	■			■	■	■

Merlin ID Mobile



Merlin ID Mobile



Merlin ID Mobile

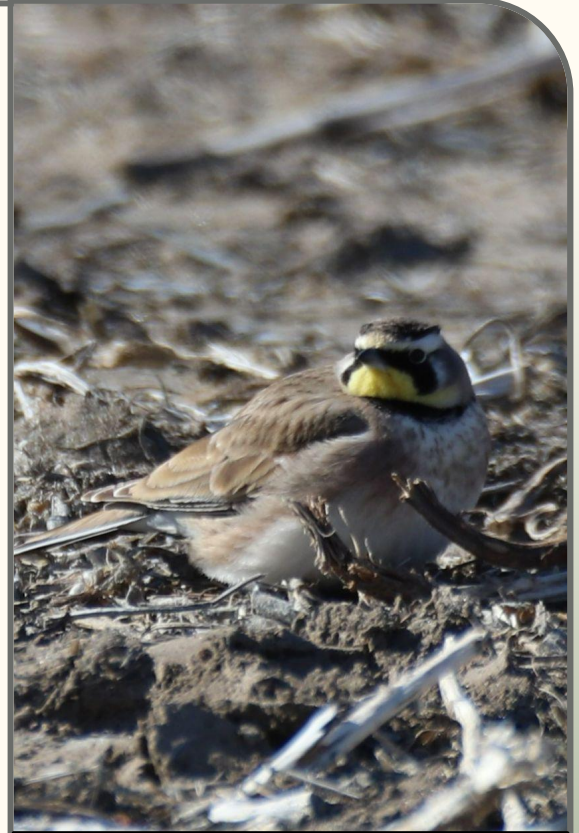


Thanks!

Do you have any questions?

jacobrigged@gmail.com or @ksu.edu
(913)-215-0029

CREDITS: This presentation template was created by [Slidesgo](#), and includes icons by [Flaticon](#), and infographics & images by [Freepik](#)
Thanks to Kathryn Smith for grammar checks
Thanks to Luke Kelly, and Kathryn Smith for bird photos



Horned Lark by Jacob Riggs

Citations and stuff

[1] <https://ebird.org/home>

[2] Red-Shouldered Hawk photo taken by Luke Kelly from the KSU Bird Club

[3] Common Loon photo taken by Kathryn Smith from the KSU Bird Club

[4] Great-horned Owl, Gray Catbird, Baltimore Oriole, Ring-Billed Gull, Barred Owl, Snow Goose, and Horned Lark photos taken by Jacob Riggs from the KSU Bird Club