



BirdLife Northern Queensland Easter Marathon Challenge

How many surveys can you do in 4 days?

Okay, let's face it, you are a bird nerd, you are at home, and possibly grounded with the kids.

Any which way, you are sitting there wondering how you can fit birds, birding and nature into your life while in self-isolation this Easter. Fret no longer, we have a plan!

Join us for the BirdLife Northern Queensland Easter Marathon Challenge.

The Prize

A beautifully handcrafted 'grazing board' made out of recycled materials and decorated with a painting of a bird of your selection, created by a talented team: Wayne and Renee Young.



When: April 10-13 inclusive

Where: Your safe backyard or while you are taking a daily walk.

To enter the competition:

Complete a *Standardised BirdLife Australia survey* in your backyard or during a daily walk, and enter it into Birddata, for instance by using the free Birddata app for Android and iPhone.

It's as simple as identifying and counting all the birds you see and/or hear, and it doesn't matter if they are Indian Myna, Spotted Dove, House Sparrow or bin chickens. And don't worry you do not have to be perfect. If you are unsure of some birds or miss them, your survey is still valuable!

Each time you complete a survey on April 10 - 13 inclusive, and enter it in Birddata, your name goes into the draw for the prize.

The more surveys you complete, the more times your name goes in the draw.

What is a Birddata standard survey? It's a 2 hectare, 20 min Search or a 500 metre Area Search. Still confused? Read this guide: <https://birddata.birdlife.org.au/survey-techniques>

Your survey must be entered in Birddata. To learn more about Birddata go to:

<https://birddata.birdlife.org.au/get-started> or watch this instructional video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pe94YgzF8rA>

You can download the App on your phone or portable device, or register to become a Birddata user online and enter the data on your computer.

You can also read the instructive article in Contact Call Volume 6, No 1, February March 2017, p15 entitled *BirdLife survey methods* by Kath Shurcliff. You can find it on our website:

https://birdlifeng.org/newsletters/NQ-CC_2017_03_Vol6_No1.pdf

The competition draw will take place about a week after the event (after reviewing Birddata results).

Winners will be notified by phone or email.

So join us this Easter, and survey the Birds you Love in Your Backyard or, if you can go for a walk, in Your Local Area.

You know you'll ENJOY it and feel so much better, reconnecting with nature.

There are Competition Rules:

- Participants must abide by Government COVID-19 restrictions and stay safe: self-isolate, maintain social distancing, hand hygiene, and limit event shared participation to residential family/friend group.
- You must be confident of all species you identify and record. There is no prize for the most birds seen. The quality of the information you record is what is important.
- Surveys must be in daylight hours.
- To be eligible, all Birddata surveys must be entered by 9pm, April 14th 2020.
- The competition organiser/manager (the Convenor) is excluded from the competition.