



Manomet's 43rd Annual Bird-a-Thon

This year we're trying something a little different for Bird-a-Thon and adopting the format of The Big Sit!®. We hope this makes Bird-a-Thon more inclusive and accessible for all, whether you are a beginning birder or an old pro. Below are the official rules for The Big Sit!® courtesy of the New Haven Bird Club, Inc.

Official Rules

1. Observations can be made only from within your pre-determined 17-foot (5.2 meter) diameter circle.
2. Your circle may be in any location you choose for the event.
3. Follow safety recommendations and guidelines for the coronavirus pandemic.
4. If a bird is seen or heard from within the circle but is too distant to identify, you can leave the circle to get a closer look/listen to confirm the bird's identity. However, any new bird species seen or heard while confirming the original cannot be counted unless it's seen or heard by someone who stayed behind in your circle or you see it again when you return to your circle.
5. Keep track, on paper, of the number of birds and species you observe.
6. Keep track, on paper, of all participants and the hours they spend in the circle.
7. Your Sit can last as many hours are convenient and fun between 12:00 a.m. midnight and 11:59 p.m on either Saturday, Oct. 9 or Sunday, Oct. 10.
8. Participants in your circle can work in shifts. No one person needs to be there throughout the whole Big Sit! but there must be at least one person within the circle the whole time. If you are doing a BigSit! alone, you may leave your circle briefly as needed.

Source: <https://www.thebigsit.org/circles-and-rules>