



## NORTH AMERICAN BREEDING BIRD SURVEY

### Outstanding Milestones Achieved by U.S. Participants in 2018

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Many factors have contributed to the success of the BBS, but none has been more important than the participants who conduct the surveys. Each year nearly 2,000 people in the United States perform surveys across more than 2,600 BBS routes. This predominantly volunteer workforce represents an elite and highly skilled cadre of birders whose experience rivals and often surpasses that of trained professionals. Assisting them are an additional 1,000 or so volunteers<sup>+</sup> who take on the burden of such tasks as driving, collecting GPS coordinates, and recording stop descriptions in the field. An astounding 225,000 miles and 22,500+ hours are logged annually by the survey's dedicated workforce, earning the BBS a well-deserved reputation as a model for efficient large-scale wildlife monitoring.

With the completion of the 2018 BBS season, 127 participants had achieved the following BBS milestones\* (*recipients appear in alphabetical order grouped by award category*):

#### **10-years — 45 participants:**

Jay Adams, Aaron Ambos, John Arnett, Sandy Borthwick, Rob Cavallaro, Douglas Clark, Gayle Davis, Damien Fehrer, Barry Fleming, Grant Frost, Aaron Given, Paul Glass, Lejay Graffious, David Griffin, Shelia Hargis, Dale Herter, Aaron Holschbach, Deborah Jansen, Nancy Kautz, Amy Kearns, Julie Keene, Judy Kestner, Katie Koch, Gary Lefko, Jean Martin, Brian Maxfield, Robert Mcnamara, Donald Mullison, Karen Newlon, Cathy Olson, William Radke, Mike Ramsey, Nancy Richmond, Peter Ross, Adam Searcy, Jeff Shenot, David Simpson, Kathryn Slankard, Dar Tiede, Kenneth Ward, Ken Williams, Andrew Wilson, Jay Withgott, Linda Woodard, William Zierath

#### **20-years — 35 participants:**

Amal Ajmi, Brad Andres, John Bartlett, Curtis Baughman, Jayson Benoit, Kenneth Cox, Bradley Crompton, Barny Dunning, Daniel Edelstein, Rick Fox, Bernard Foy, Brenda Garman, Randy Ghormley, Bryan Hale, Christopher Harwood, Chuck Heikkinen, Sharon Hines, Steven Houdek, John Kanter, Paul Koehler, David Leatherman, Ron Lockwood, Florence Mcguire, Kathleen Munthe, Gary Pontiff, Joseph Robb, Pelham Rowan, Al Shea, Tom Uttech, Karen Viste-Sparkman, Todd Warren, Cathy Wise, Brenda Wright, Mark Yaeger, Joe Zygala

**30-years — 14 participants:**

Bill Bertrand, Joseph Didomenico, Carol Foss, Lawrence Gardella, Howard Gratz, Robert Jacobs, Bruce Lenning, Everett Marshall, Keith McMullen, Allan Mueller, Doug Overacker, Kenneth Rosenberg, Jerry Smith, Eileen Stukel

**40-years — 6 participants:**

H. Thomas Bartlett, David Bradshaw, Michael Robbins, George Robbins, Charles Trost, George Webb

**50 Routes sampled — 22 participants:**

Paul Adamus, Eva Crane, Carol Deno, Randall Downer, Mark Elwonger, Edward Fair, Catherine Flick, Mark Gonzalez, Geoffrey Hill, Robert Hodorff, Mark Howery, Robert Jacobs, Brian Johnson, Kay Kavanagh, Allan Mueller, Joseph Neal, Dan Reinking, David Simpson, Teri Slatauski, David Suddjian, Lydia Thompson, John Trent

**100 Routes sampled — 5 participants:**

Brad Andres, Troy Corman, Don Glass, Martin St.Louis, Bill Tweit

*\*Years-of-service calculations are based on the actual number of years that observers returned data for one or more of their assigned BBS routes.*

*†We value and appreciate contributions made by assistants on routes but, because our database only stores observer numbers, we are unable to calculate their years of service.*

**Congratulations to all and thank you again for your commitment to the BBS!**