

Our Mission

The mission of Whitefish Point Bird Observatory is to document the distribution and abundance of birds in the Great Lakes region, with special emphasis on migration. Research projects focus on assessing the status of bird populations and movements. Information acquired is used to increase knowledge of bird migration, to encourage public awareness of birds and the environment, and to further bird conservation.



Why help us?

WPBO research has been conducted for over 30 years through the generous support of WPBO members and other individuals. As an independent non-profit, WPBO does not currently receive any financial support from Michigan Audubon or other agencies. Our long-term migration research contributes greatly to a global understanding of bird population trends, seasonal movements, and the effects of climate change. Our education program provides a way for nearby communities and schools to enjoy and learn more about the outside world. Your contribution directly supports our programs and is critical for our continued exist-

Sponsor the Research

The mysteries of bird migration have both delighted and perplexed us for ages. Please help us continue our programs at the Point by sponsoring a day of research. Your sponsorship will be used to pay the employees salary and aid in facilitating the data analysis. The long-term goal of our research is to document both the composition and volume of the birds migrating past Whitefish Point. Each season the results are submitted to the Michigan Bird Survey where they are used in compiling articles for both Michigan Birds & Natural History and North American Birds. In addition, data from the counts have been crucial to the inclusion of WPBO in the Important Bird Area program, a global effort to identify and conserve areas that are vital to birds and other biodiversity.



You may sponsor all of the WPBO re- search for one day during the migration period, or choose the specific research pro- gram you would like to sponsor.

When you sponsor the research, you will receive:

- a copy of the count information from the day you sponsored.
- letter of thanks in the mail
- you may choose to have your name posted at the Point, on the website, and/or in the Migrant.
- the satisfaction of knowing you are helping WPBO continue our efforts to document bird migration at Whitefish Point.

I would like to Sponsor the Research:

Please list your first and second choice of dates to sponsor: _____ or _____

Hawk Count (Mar 15-May 31) \$50 _____

Waterbird Count
(Apr 15-May 31, Aug 15-Nov 15) \$50 _____

Owl Banding (Mar 15-May 31,
July 1-Aug 25, Sept 15-Oct 31) \$65 _____

All the research \$150 _____

I would like my name posted:

on the website at the Point in the Migrant

Please send me a list of the birds seen on the day that I sponsored.

Name _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Are you a current member of WPBO? _____

Is this a gift? If so, please fill out the following:

This is a gift for: _____

Giftees Address: _____

Please send a gift card to this person.

Please make your checkout to WPBO and mail to:

Whitefish Point Bird Observatory
16914 N Whitefish Point Rd
Paradise, MI 49768

Thank you very much for your tax deductible donation to Whitefish Point Bird Observatory. All proceeds go directly towards our research, education and conservation efforts.