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Cornell Hosts Urban Bird Survey

ITHACA, NY-- The Cornell Lab of Ornithology invites city residents (from small towns, suburbs, and major cities) to "Celebrate Urban Birds!" Watch birds for ten minutes in urban green spaces: balconies with potted plants, community gardens, tree-lined streets or large urban parks. Record sightings of 15 target bird species and send the information to Urban Bird Studies at the Lab through the mail or the Internet.

"Celebrate Urban Birds!" will help scientists learn how birds use urban habitats and green spaces. The event will also raise awareness about birds in the city through activities such as gardening, bird watching, art, and science. People of all ages, backgrounds, and birding abilities can participate on their own or with local organizations. Learn more at <http://www.urbanbirds.org/celebration>

Exciting Celebration Kits are available. They include a colorful urban birds poster, silhouette poster with "cool facts", educational materials about birds and urban greening, data forms, and sunflower seed packets for planting in pots and gardens.

Please send any Celebrate Urban Birds! Inquiries to Urban Bird Studies at <urbanbirds@cornell.edu>.

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