



Potomac Valley Audubon Society

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Official PVAS Big Sit Rules

- Ⓢ Observations can be made from any geographical area.
- Ⓢ Observations can only be made from within a 50 foot (diameter) circle of your choosing. For example, you could designate your back porch, a place in your backyard or a birding "hot spot" in which you like to bird.
- Ⓢ There is no limit to how many people can occupy one circle (other than the obvious spatial limitations). Bring some chairs. Have a picnic or barbecue.
- Ⓢ Welcome passers-by to enter your circle and add their contributions to your list.
- Ⓢ If a bird is seen or heard from within the circle but is too distant to identify, the circle can be left to get a closer look/listen to confirm the bird's identity.
- Ⓢ However, any new bird species seen or heard while confirming the original, can't be counted unless it's seen or heard from an "anchor" who stayed behind in your circle, or is seen by you when you return to your circle.
- Ⓢ Tally the number of species that you observe.
- Ⓢ Big Sit participants can work in shifts. No one person needs to be there throughout the whole Big Sit! The area can be left and returned to as frequently as desired, but you must be sure to return to the exact 50-foot diameter circle each time.
- Ⓢ The same circle must be used for the entire Big Sit!
- Ⓢ The Big Sit may be any 24 consecutive hour period in May 2017.
- Ⓢ Good luck and happy birding!

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