

2024 Utah County Birders Challenge

2024 brings another *Challenge Year*! What is a *Challenge Year* you might ask? Every other year we create a challenge for the group to participate in. There are goals throughout the year to meet and we have an awards ceremony at the end. Our challenge this year will take you to the public lands throughout the state and have you experience the amazing places the state and federal governments manage.

There are three separate levels of achievement:

Gold: 24 species in 24 sites AND attend 9 meetings or field trips

Silver: 24 species in 18 sites AND attend 6 meetings or field trips

Bronze: 24 species in 12 sites AND attend 3 meetings or field trips

- The 24 species seen in each area can be repeats of those seen in others.
- There will be some great field trips throughout the year to help birders go to various public lands and see birds! These field trips will be announced in the newsletter, on Facebook, and in emails.
- You can track your numbers whatever way works best for you. There isn't an official form to use.
- At the end of 2024, everyone will report their challenge achievements. Awards will be given at our annual dinner in January 2025.

• utahbirds.org is a great resource for places to bird in each county.

• What counts as a "site" for the challenge?

-Any of the 46 Utah State Parks

-Any of the 194 WMAs

-Any of the 3 National Wildlife Refuges

-Any of the 8 National Monuments

-Any of the 6 National Trails, National Recreation Areas, or National Historic Parks

