



## Birding Suggestions For Our 'Odd' Year

Traditionally the Utah County Birders have a birding challenge to pursue during the even years. During this 'odd' year of 2023 our president Yvonne Carter has suggested we create our own birding challenge.

Yvonne says: *"I have noticed in past years that we lose some enthusiasm in our birding activities in the UCB group in odd years. I propose that each member create their own 'personal challenge' for the year."*

Here are some ideas to consider for a personal birding challenge year in 2023:

- See 23 species in 23 NEW (new to you) birding locations
- See 23 species in 23 different locations
- Have a Big Day, Week, Month or Year within your city limits
- Bird in a 5 mile radius of your home, (5MR). There is a facebook group and website for this idea. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/5MRBirding/about/>  
<http://www.iusedtohatebirds.com/p/vancouver-5mr.html>
- Expand your county list-try and get 100 species
- Pick your own Big Day, Big Week, Big Month or Big Year
- Increase your species count in the state of Utah
- Increase your use of Ebird.
- Share with us what goal you are working on at one of our monthly meetings or on our Facebook group.
- Share your photos and give us a progress report in our Facebook group.
- Our field trips, meetings and ebird can be great resources to help you reach your goal.
- Bird every day and submit a report/record each day for a week, a month?
- Add new birds to your Life List: 5, 10 or more?
- Participate all 12 months in the monthly meeting for the Utah County Birders.

Have a great birding year in 2023!