CHALLENGE GUIDELINES

Home Challenge
YouTube live check-in begins at 7:45 a.m. CST and the challenge begins at 8:00 a.m. (optional start at 6:45 a.m.)

• Teams consists of yourself, a friend, your family, and/or your roommates.
• Create a team name e.g. City Flickers, Feathered Foresters, etc.
• Your home base is within the limits of what you consider home or place of residence. That could be your home, your apartment, your balcony, your highrise apartment’s front yard or rooftop pool. As long as you are physically within the boundary of your home, you can record the bird.
• Record all the bird species you see and can identify by sight or sound, including how many of each (try your best not to count the same individual more than once).
• If a bird is seen or heard from your home base, but is too distant to identify, someone on your team can leave the home base to try 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 by an “anchor” who stayed behind or is seen by you when you return to home base.
• The area can be left and returned to as frequently as desired, but you can only record birds that are identified from your home base. • *Submit your checklist on eBird to UrbanEcoCtr by 10:20 am. At 10:00 am, UEC staff will guide you through submitting a checklist on eBird via YouTube Live.
• After you’ve submitted your checklist, tune in to a live trivia session on YouTube live followed by a local restaurant raffle prize giveaway for all those that submitted a checklist!* Please create an eBird account prior to Saturday. If you are having troubles creating an eBird account to submit your checklist, please reach out to ebott@urbanecologycenter.org to ensure your checklist is received.

Neighborhood Challenge
YouTube live check-in begins at 7:45 a.m. CST and the challenge begins at 8:00 a.m. (optional start at 6:45am)

• Teams consists of yourself, a friend, your family, and/or your roommates.
• Create a fun team name e.g. City Flickers, Feathered Foresters, etc.
• From your home starting line, your team will travel to and fro, without using any fossil fuels, recording all the bird species you see while also recording the number of birds you see (try your best not to count the same individual more than once, either by sight or sound).
• Your team must always stay within visual contact of each other.
• *Submit your checklist on eBird to UrbanEcoCtr by 10:20 am. At 10:00 am, UEC staff will guide you through submitting a checklist on eBird via YouTube live.
• Following your eBird checklist submission, there will be a live trivia session on YouTube Live followed by a local restaurant raffle prize giveaway for all those that submitted a checklist!* Please create an eBird account prior to Saturday. If you are having troubles creating an eBird account to submit your checklist, please reach out to ebott@urbanecologycenter.org to ensure your checklist is received.

GOOD LUCK & HAPPY BIRDING!