

Global Big Day, 13 May 2017. A single day, uniting birdwatchers worldwide across political boundaries and language barriers, all brought together by our shared passion for birds. In 2016, 17,000 people from 153 countries took part. **In 2017, will you join us?**

It's simple to contribute: go birding and then submit your data to eBird—how easy and fun is that? You don't need to do a full day of birding; even an hour or 10 minutes makes a difference!

### How do I make my sightings count?

To have your sightings be included in the Global Big Day, they have to be entered in eBird as one or more checklists. Go to <http://eBird.org/globalbigday> to learn more. Don't forget, **every bird counts for the Global Big Day**. Whether it is a Red-winged Blackbird in your neighborhood (pictured here) or a critically endangered species on some remote island, eBird and the world want to know about it.



### How can I follow the Global Big Day results?

<http://eBird.org/globalbigday>. This page will be updated throughout May 13th with sightings and photos from eBirders worldwide. Team eBird will also be posting updates here. Use #GBD2017 to join in and share on Facebook or Twitter, and perhaps you'll be featured on the Global Big Day summary page!

### Global Big Day Tips—how to have the most fun

1. **Explore the Birding “Hotspots” in your area.** eBird's Hotspot Explorer is a fantastic way to find great places to see birds, and to learn more about birds in your area.  
<http://eBird.org/eBird/hotspots>
2. **Note sightings with eBird Mobile.** Record your sightings in the field with the free eBird Mobile app, available for iOS and Android.  
<http://tinyurl.com/eBirdmobile>
3. **Share your bird photos.** Take photos of birds you see on the day and then upload these images directly to your eBird checklist. These photos document your sightings, make your checklist a work of art, and become a part of the Macaulay Library. More info: <http://tinyurl.com/eBirdphotos>
4. **Get others excited about the Global Big Day!** Encourage two friends to take part in the GBD! If everyone does that, how many people will join in the fun? 20,000? 30,000? It is in your hands. Different people enjoy the GBD in different ways; we have some ideas for getting people excited here: <http://tinyurl.com/shareGBD>
5. **Learn more about what eBird has to offer.** Cutting edge migration visualizations. Over 380 million bird observations, freely available to all. Trip-planning and educational tools. <http://tinyurl.com/eBirdexplore>



Of course, most importantly, get outside, see some birds, have fun, and contribute your sightings to global bird conservation! Thanks for being a part of a truly Global Big Day.