



Becoming a Bird City

Bird Cities are recognized for the actions they have completed in three major categories (below). Within each category there are five or more best practices which can be fulfilled by completing a variety of actions. A comprehensive list of example actions for each best practice is available. *More info:* mn.audubon.org/BirdCity

- Engage people in educational activities focused on bird conservation
 - Examples: Promote community science, ensure access to nature, educate youth audiences
- Protect, restore and enhance bird habitat
 - Examples: Promote use of native plant species, ensure best management of urban forests, ensure clean water in urban rivers, lakes, and wetlands
- Reduce threats to birds
 - Reduce climate impacts, reduce light pollution/energy consumption, and reduce threats from man-made structures

BEFORE STARTING YOUR APPLICATION, CONTACT AUDUBON:

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1. Celebrate how you are already succeeding
 - Submit your information through this short [Bird City interest form](#).
 - Schedule an Introduction to Bird City with Audubon Minnesota – we will explain more about becoming a Bird City and how it will benefit your community.
 - Look at the [checklist](#) and see what is already happening in your community.
2. Next, decide on your Bird City team
 - A Bird City team is a collaboration of elected officials, community leaders, interested residents, natural resource agencies, local bird clubs or Audubon chapters.
 - Revisit how you can expand on what you've already started.
3. Put together an application and application fee (\$200)
 - Your Bird City team will use the materials and resources that they received during the presentation by Audubon Minnesota.
 - The application is shared with the City Council and the Mayor; the Mayor will sign before it's submitted. We want to be sure the whole community is involved!
 - Submit to us for review. We will follow up and work with you to make sure your plan for becoming a Bird City is a good fit.
4. Plan your official Bird City recognition event!
 - Work with AMN to determine the date, location, and invite details.
 - AMN will give you recognition materials for the event (sign, flag, plaque, web page, and other promotional materials).