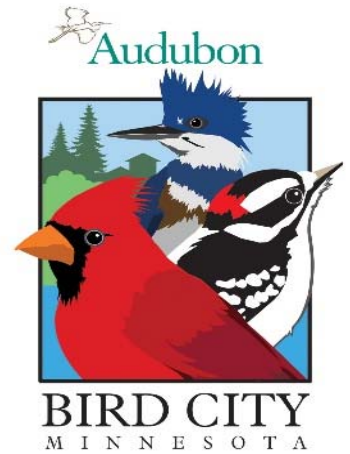


BIRD CITY MINNESOTA

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Bird Cities are recognized for the actions they have completed in 3 major categories (below). Within each category there are 5-7 best practices which can be fulfilled by completing a variety of actions. A comprehensive list of example actions for each best practice is available.

Instructions: To be recognized as a Bird City, communities must meet and document at least 7 of the 18 best practices (BP) and 1 required action and according to the specifications below.



Required of all Bird City communities (complete 1 of 1)

- Adopt an official resolution and hold a celebration recognizing International Migratory Bird Day.

Category I: Educate and engage people in birding and conservation (complete at least 2 of 5)

- BP #1: Increase awareness of birds in your community
- BP #2: Involve residents in conservation and stewardship projects
- BP #3: Educate and engage youth / young adult audiences
- BP #4: Promote citizen science monitoring and research
- BP #5: Ensure access to nature

Category II: Protect, restore and enhance bird habitat (complete at least 3 of 7)

- BP #6: Practice conservation planning
- BP #7: Create and protect habitat
- BP #8: Promote use of native and beneficial plant species
- BP #9: Control invasive and detrimental species
- BP #10: Create, protect and maintain nesting opportunities
- BP #11: Ensure best management of urban forests
- BP #12: Ensure clean water in natural waterways

Category III: Reduce threats to birds (complete at least 2 of 6)

- BP #13: Reduce collisions with windows
- BP #14: Reduce threats from other man-made structures
- BP #15: Reduce light pollution
- BP #16: Reduce disturbance and predation by free-roaming pets
- BP #17: Reduce the threat of pesticides and other toxins
- BP #18: Reduce climate impacts

TOTAL: At least 7 of 18 Best Practices plus 1 required action