



# TRINITY BIRD COUNT PROGRAM



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# Program Objectives

- To obtain more accurate knowledge about the species and numbers of birds found in the Trinity River Corridor at each season of the year.
  - Field records for a baseline survey of the Trinity's birds
  - A resource for future bird-related research in the Trinity
  - Contribute to other on-going bird research efforts
- To increase the number of people birding in the Trinity River Corridor.
- To build awareness about appealing activities available in the Trinity River Corridor's natural areas.

# Who's Involved



- Trinity Commons Foundation is conducting the Trinity Bird Count
  - Strategic Community Solutions is managing the project
- The Boone Family Foundation has provided a grant to underwrite the project
- Major partners include the City of Dallas TRCPO and the Trinity River Audubon Center
- Other partners and sponsors will be added



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# Who's Involved



- Participants will include:
  - Expert birders
  - Interested amateurs
  - Photographers, videographers, sound recordists
- We hope to involve groups like:
  - Schools, Scouts and other youth groups
  - Conservation and environmental groups
  - State & national birding organizations



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# Where



Trinity Bird Count Sub Area Map



1-Elm Fork 2-Levee Stretch A 3-Levee Stretch B 4-Great Trinity Forest 5-Chain of Wetlands 6-Audubon Center 7-McCommas Bluff

- The Trinity River Corridor in the City of Dallas
  - Land areas along the river
  - On the river itself

# What Happens in the Field



- Teams will focus on each of the subareas and will schedule birding trips during each of the four seasons
- Individual volunteers will bird the corridor whenever they want
- People who join guided bird walks can contribute their sightings too

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# What Happens Next

- All records will be recorded to a national online database
  - Using eBird and Birdcountr smartphone app
- Photos, videos, sound recordings will be collected and posted at [www.trinitybirdcount.com](http://www.trinitybirdcount.com)
- Share experiences with Facebook & Twitter



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# When



- Spring 2011
  - Kick-off at 'Celebrate Birds Fest' on April 2
  - Birding will continue through May 31
- Summer 2011
  - June 1 – July 31
  - Particular focus in early June
- Fall 2011
  - August 1 – November 30
  - Coordinate with Margaret Hunt Hill bridge opening
- Winter 2012
  - December 1 – February 28, 2012
  - Coordinate with annual Christmas Bird Counts



# Expected Results

- New research on birds in Dallas' Trinity River Corridor
- Updated checklist and related materials
- Other reports and brochures
- More people enjoying the Trinity
  - Families, schools, youth groups
  - North Texas birders
  - Birders visiting from Texas, the US and the world



# We need your help!

- Sign up to participate at [www.trinitybirdcount.com](http://www.trinitybirdcount.com)
- Follow us at [twitter.com/trinitybrdcount](https://twitter.com/trinitybrdcount)
- ‘Like’ us on Facebook
- Contact us for more information
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  - 214-320-1154
- Help us get people out in the Trinity River Corridor’s natural areas!