

Barr Lake Birders — A Questionnaire

Stand a chance to win some bird-related prizes by completing and returning this questionnaire to the Information Tent today. Your participation in this survey will help us understand the economic impact of your visit to the Barr Lake area. The information you provide may help us promote the interests of birders locally, and to ensure the conservation of local bird habitats.

SECTION I. In the following questions, please tell us about your general wildlife activities and experiences, and in particular about your participation in wildlife watching and birding. Please circle the appropriate answer.

Q1. In the past 12 months, did you travel away from home (more than one mile from your primary residence) for the primary purpose of observing, feeding or photographing wildlife (wildlife watching)?

1. Yes 2. No

Q2. More specifically, in the past 12 months did you travel away from home (more than one mile from your primary residence) for the primary purpose of observing, feeding or photographing wild birds (birding)?

1. Yes 2. No — Please go to Section 3

Q3. If you participate in birding, which best describes you? (Please circle only one)

1. A committed birder.

In general, a person who is willing to travel on short notice to see a rare bird, who subscribes to a number of birding magazines (such as *Birding*) that specialize in the identification of birds and places where they may be seen, who leads field trips or seminars for local birding clubs, who keeps a detailed life list as well as a daily journal, who purchases ever-increasing amounts of equipment to aid in attracting, recording, and seeing birds, and for whom birding is a primary outdoor activity.

2. An active birder.

In general, a person who travels infrequently away from home specifically to bird, who may or may not belong to a local birding club, who subscribes to general interest bird magazines (such as *Wild Bird* or *Birdwatcher's Digest*), who participates in but does not lead local field trips or seminars, who keeps a general list of birds seen, and for whom birding is an important but not an exclusive outdoor activity.

3. A casual birder.

In general, a person whose birding is incidental to other travel and outdoor interests, who may not belong to a formal birding organization, who may read an article on birds in a local newspaper but does not subscribe to birding magazines, who keeps no life list, and for whom birding is an enjoyable yet inconsistent outdoor activity.

Q4. Compared to your other outdoor recreational activities (such as hiking, camping, hunting, fishing), how would you rate birding? (Please circle only one)

1. Your most important outdoor activity
2. Your second most important outdoor activity
3. Your third most important outdoor activity
4. Only one of many outdoor activities

Q5. How many years have you birded?

_____ years

Q6. Are you a member of any local, state, or national birding or conservation organizations?

1. Yes
2. No...Please go to Q8

Q7. Of which of the following organizations are you presently a member? (Circle all that apply)

1. National Audubon Society
2. American Birding Association
3. The Nature Conservancy
4. Colorado Field Ornithologists
5. Denver Field Ornithologists
6. Other (Please Specify)

Q8. How do you compare your birding ability to that of other birders in general? (Please circle only one)

1. Less Skilled
2. Equally Skilled
3. More Skilled

Q9. If you had to replace all of the equipment you use for birding with similar equipment, how much would the replacements cost? (Please enter "0" if not applicable)

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| a) Binocular | \$ _____ |
| b) Scope and Tripod | \$ _____ |
| c) Camera and Lenses | \$. _____ |
| d) Tape Recorder | \$ _____ |
| e) Books and Field Guides | \$ _____ |
| f) Other (Please Specify) | _____ |
| | \$ _____ |
| Total | \$ _____ |

Q10. Below is a list of reasons why people watch birds. Please circle the number that best indicates how important each item is to you as a reason for birding.

	Not at all Important	Slightly Important	Moderately Important	Very Important	Extremely Important
a) To be alone	1	2	3	4	5
b) To be outdoors	1	2	3	4	5
c) To enjoy the sights, smells, and sounds of nature	1	2	3	4	5
d) To be with friends	1	2	3	4	5
e) To get away from the demands of life	1	2	3	4	5
f) For family recreation	1	2	3	4	5
g) To improve my birding skills and abilities	1	2	3	4	5
h) To get away from the family for a while	1	2	3	4	5
i) To gain the respect of other birders	1	2	3	4	5
j) To do something creative	1	2	3	4	5
k) To see bird species that I have not seen before	1	2	3	4	5
l) To see as many bird species as possible	1	2	3	4	5

Q11. In the past 12 months, how many trips away from home did you expressly take to bird?

_____ Trips in the past 12 Months

Q12. What was the average length of a birding trip in days?

_____ Days

Q13. In the past 12 months, how many days did you bird in the following? (If none, please enter "0")

_____ Days in Colorado

_____ Days in the United States, excluding Colorado

_____ Days out of the United States

_____ Total days Birding in the past 12 months

**Section 2 refers to an area within a
100 mile radius of Denver.**

SECTION 2. In the following section, you will be asked about your expenditures and experiences in the Denver Area during your most recent visit.

Q14. In the past 12 months, did you travel away from home (more than one mile from your primary residence) to the Denver area for the primary purpose of observing, feeding, or photographing birds or other wildlife?

1. Yes
2. No...Please go to Section 3

Q15. In the past 12 months, how many days (by season) did you watch birds or other wildlife in the Denver Area?

_____ Days in Spring (March - May)

_____ Days in Winter (December - February)

_____ Days in Fall (September - November)

_____ Days in Summer (June - August)

_____ Total Days

Q16. When did your most recent trip away from home to the Denver Area to observe, feed, or photograph birds or other wildlife occur?

_____ Month _____ Year

Q17. How many total days and nights did you spend in the Denver Area this past trip?

_____ Days _____ Nights

Q18. Of your total days in Q17, how many days did you spend birding or watching other wildlife?

_____ Days

Q19. How many people, including yourself, were in your travel party?

_____ People

Q20. Within your travel party, how many people birded or watched wildlife?

_____ People

Q21. Within the Denver Area, what type of group did you bird or watch wildlife with? (Circle all that apply)

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| 1. By Yourself | 5. Club or Organization |
| 2. Spouse | 6. Professional Tour Group |
| 3. Extended Family | 7. Other (Please Specify) |
| 4. Friends | _____ |

Q22. How (or from whom) did you learn about the Denver Area as a birding or wildlife watching destination? (Circle all that apply)

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| 1. Family | 4. Printed Article |
| 2. Friends | 5. Travel Guide or Book |
| 3. Birding Organization or Club | |
| 6. Other (Please Specify) | _____ |

Q23. How many one-way miles did you travel to reach the Denver Area from your home residence?

_____ Miles

Q24. Did you travel to Denver Area by air?

1. Yes
2. No...Please go to Q26

Q25.If yes, at which airport did you arrive?

1. DIA
2. Colorado Springs
3. Other (Please Specify)

Q26.During your last trip to the Denver Area for the primary purpose of birding or wildlife watching, how much did you spend (or your prorated share) on each of the following items. (If zero, please write "0" in the appropriate blank)

In the Denver Area	Elsewhere in Colorado
Transportation	
Air/Train/Bus Fares \$ _____	\$ _____
Personal Vehicle/Fuel. \$ _____	\$ _____
Rental Vehicle/Fuel \$ _____	\$ _____
Lodging	
Hotel/Motel. \$ _____	\$ _____
Bed & Breakfast \$ _____	\$ _____
Camping \$. _____	\$ _____
R/V Park \$ _____	\$ _____
Food	
Restaurants \$ _____	\$ _____
Groceries (Snacks, Drinks, and Ice) \$ _____	\$ _____
Miscellaneous	
Equipment \$ _____	\$ _____
Souvenirs \$ _____	\$ _____
Entrance/Registration Fees \$ _____	\$ _____
Other (Please Specify) _____ \$ _____	\$ _____
Total (Please add all columns) \$ _____	\$ _____

In addition to the above expenditures in the Denver Area and Colorado for this trip, how much did you spend outside of Colorado to make your most recent trip to the Denver Area?

\$ _____

Q27.What increase in expenses (over total trip cost in Q26) would have caused you to cancel the last trip to the Denver Area.

\$ _____

Q28. Please list additional goods and services that you might have purchased had they been available in the Denver Area.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Q29.During your most recent birding or wildlife watching trip to the Denver Area, which of the following sites did you visit?

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| 1. Barr Lake State Park | 4. Chatfield State Park |
| 2. Big Johnson Reservoir | 5. Golden Gate Canyon SP |
| 3. Rocky Mountain National Park | 6. Fountain Creek |
| 7. Other (Please Specify) _____ | |

Q30.Please list the three birds or other wildlife species (or groups of species) that you were most interested in seeing in the Denver Area during your most recent trip (Use common name)

- _____ First Choice
 _____ Second Choice
 _____ Third Choice

Q31.During your trip, did you have any additional interests in the Denver Area other than birding or wildlife watching?

1. Yes
2. No...Please go to Q33

Q32.What were those additional interests? (Circle all that apply)

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| 1. Business | 4. Visit Family or Friends |
| 2. Sight-seeing | 5. Other (Please Specify) |
| 3. Shopping | _____ |

Q33.Overall, how satisfied were you with your most recent birding or wildlife watching trip to the Denver Area?

1. Not at all satisfied
2. Slightly satisfied
3. Moderately satisfied
4. Very Satisfied
5. Extremely Satisfied

Q34.Do you plan to return to bird or watch wildlife in the Denver Area within the next 12 months?

1. Yes
2. No

