



*First Annual*  
**EARTH DAY  
 BIRDING  
 CHALLENGE**

**April 24, 2010**  
 PALM DESERT, CA

**2010**  
 Registration Form

YES, sign me/us up for the 2010 Earth Day Birding Challenge. Attached/enclosed is my \$20 Entry Fee (per person) youth 12 and under free, payable to the Friends of the Desert Mountains.

No, I cannot participate in the 2010 Earth Day Birding Challenge this year but would like to make a contribution in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name Of Each Entrant: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address For Each Entrant: \_\_\_\_\_

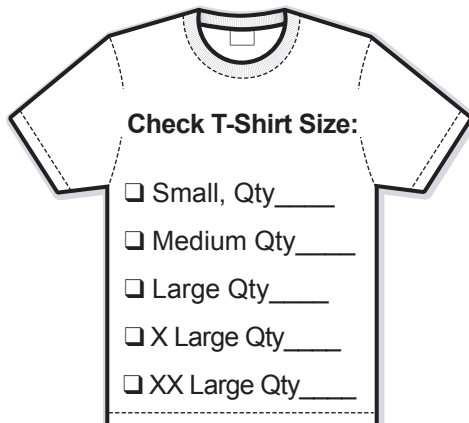
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Day Time Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone Number (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**\$20.00 Entry Fee, Per Person • First \$30 of Pledges goes to F.O.D.M.**  
 The first \$30 of pledges goes directly to the Friends of the Desert Mountains to help preserve habitat!  
 T-Shirts: \$15.00 • PRE-ORDERED T-SHIRTS: \$10 (if ordered by April 10th)

Please return this form to:  
**Friends of the Desert Mountains**  
**Attention: Tammy Martin**  
**P.O. Box 1281**  
**Palm Desert CA 92261**  
**760.568.9918/Phone**  
**760.568.9908/Fax**



- Check appropriate category:**
- Four Counties     Single County
  - Palms to Pines Birding & Nature Trail
  - Single Site     Youth
  - Golf Course Only     On Foot
  - Big Sit     Photography
  - Non-Competitive

**For more information: [www.DesertMountains.org](http://www.DesertMountains.org)**



**EXPLANATION OF CATEGORIES:** (keep careful track of your species count during the 24 hour period – all are encouraged to garner pledges – remember - the birds are counting on you and the first \$30 of pledges goes directly to the Friends of the Desert Mountains to help preserve habitat!)

American Birding Association (ABA) “Big Day” rules apply which means you may count birds seen or heard. ABA Big Day “Code of Birding Ethics” also applies. Participants will be supplied with a copy or go to [www.aba.org](http://www.aba.org) for more information and click on “Big Day Rules”.

The competitive categories are: (Note: there will be awards for each category winner presented at 10am on Sunday, April 25 at the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Visitor Center)

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**Four Counties:** Bird all four counties along the Palms to Pines Birding and Nature Trail and try to see as many species as you can in 24 hours! (Note: the California Big Day record is 231 species - set in 1978). A trophy will be awarded to the winning team in this category. Teams may be just one person or up to five people including the driver. All teams in this category should choose a team name.

**Single County:** For county listers, pick a single county along the Palms to Pines Birding and Nature Trail and bird for 24 hours if you wish! (choose from: Riverside, San Bernardino, Imperial, or San Diego counties).

**Palms to Pines Birding and Nature Trail:** Bird two or more (up to ten) sites along the Palms to Pines Birding and Nature Trail. You may count any birds seen or heard at each site but not in-between.

**Single Site:** Pick any one of the ten sites along the Palms to Pines Birding and Nature Trail and bird as long as you like up to 24 hours. Be sure to let us know which site you picked!

**Youth:** Birders 12 and under do not need to pay the registration fee but can take pledges, and all youth participating will receive a gift bag from Wild Birds Unlimited! We strongly encourage all youth to get out and bird! Bird wherever you like in the four county area.

**Golf Course only:** Are you a golfer who also likes to bird? This is your category. Play a round or two and watch birds along the way – or just visit golf courses throughout the day and count birds! You may watch birds on as many golf courses as you wish during the 24 hour period. Please provide a list of golf courses visited. Count only the birds seen on or from golf courses.

**On foot (hiking):** If you like to hike and bird – here’s your chance! Choose your favorite trail or trails and hike and bird throughout the day. Keep track of the bird species sighted from the trail as well as the trails you hiked.

**Big Sit:** Sit (or stand!) in one place for as long as you like up to 24 hours and count all the birds you see or hear. This could be your own backyard or the feeders at Big Morongo Preserve or....choosing the perfect spot is part of the fun!

**Photography:** Whether you prefer still photography or digi-scoping (photography through spotting scopes), this category is for you. Photograph as many birds as you can during the 24 hour period. Turn in a list of all bird species photographed and also provide the pictures on disc for review.

**Non-competitive:** For those not wanting to list birds, garner pledges, or compete in one of the above categories, we still encourage you to go birding on April 24th and have fun! A flat-fee donation to the Friends of the Desert Mountains is much appreciated and will go toward protecting more bird habitat in the future!

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