

Hi family and friends!

Since I never do this, I'm hoping you'll entertain my request. **This year I'm participating in the Great Wisconsin Birdathon.** It's kind of like a walk-a-thon where you raise support based on each mile you walk, but instead you raise support based on how many birds you see. Super nerdy, right?! But, hey, it gets me out of the office!

I've joined two different teams and will be venturing out in the field on two separate occasions with coworkers and friends to see what I can see.

**I'm hoping that you might consider making a small donation** to one or both of my teams—if you prefer you can give a set amount rather than making a pledge based on number of birds. Honestly **if a few folks gave just \$10 or \$20** it would really help us reach our modest team goals. The links to both of the teams are below along with some details.

- The funds go to the Bird Protection Fund, managed by the Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin.
- Last year the Birdathon raised \$77,000.
- The money is used to support **habitat restoration, research & monitoring, and protection and reintroduction of endangered and threatened species** of both native WI species as well as migratory birds. Wisconsin is a major stopover state for long-distance migratory birds.

**My Team:**

**Millennial Falcons** (cheeky name, huh? I can't take credit for it). We are millennials, as the name suggests and we're trying to reach a \$1000 fundraising goal. Only \$30 to go last time I checked! We go into the field this Friday.

Link to Millennial Falcons: <http://wibirdathon.org/teampage.asp?fundid=2121>

**Donations are tax deductible.**

Let me know if you have any questions!

**Thanks for putting up with me! Love you all!**