eBird Participation

eBird (ebird.org) is a community science platform for sharing bird observations with others, created and run by The Cornell Lab of Ornithology. eBird is an important resource for science, conservation, management, education, and birding. Indeed, we regularly use eBird data to answer questions in our own research.

eBird Participation Rubric
(5% of final mark)

(1) Learn about eBird (https://ebird.org/about/) and create your own eBird account (if you don't have one already). You might also download the app onto your phone and explore some of their resources for bird identification (e.g., All About Birds: https://www.allaboutbirds.org/; Merlin: https://merlin.allaboutbirds.org/). I will expect everyone to be familiar with eBird and have created an eBird account **by the time you arrive for the course** at QUBS (1%).

(2) During the course, submit (as the primary submitter) **4 complete checklists** with supplemental notes (or photos, recordings) for **at least 2 species on each checklist**. Your first submitted checklist will be for our entire group during the first week; each student will submit one checklist for our group for one outing, and will share it with the others in the group (I will help you with this). The remaining 3 checklists (minimum) you will submit during other hikes or during your independent project work. Once each checklist is submitted, send me the link for your checklist so that I can review it and record it for participation (e.g., email me a link that will look like: https://ebird.org/checklist/S288859096). (4%)