

## ***EDGAR A. MEARN'S BIRD CLUB***

*Founded in 1959*

### **BREAK-A-HUNDRED RULES**

Mearns Club Spring birding peaks in mid-May with the annual Break-A-Hundred event. Members form teams and attempt to identify 100 or more species of birds in Orange County within a 24-hour period. It is a unique day of friendly rivalry and camaraderie. Break-A-Hundred is a game birders play, and the rules are below.

**Teams:** Teams must have a least two members, but there is no maximum team size. All team members must stay within normal speaking distance of each other.

**Sightings:** Ideally, all team members should see or hear each bird counted, but this is not always possible. The standard we have used in the past is that each team member should make a reasonable attempt to see or hear each bird, and a minimum of two team members must agree on the identification of each bird.

**Time:** Break-A-Hundred covers a 24-hour period starting at 4 p.m. on Friday and continuing until 4 p.m. on Saturday, after which all participants (as well as nonparticipants) are invited to gather at the designated site for the countdown and a potluck supper.

**Ethics:** All teams must adhere to the American Birding Association Code of Birding Ethics, which the club adopted in 2009.

**Boundaries:** Teams can bird anywhere in Orange County, and all counted birds must be within the county.