

Registering for OFO's Birding at Home Challenge



There are three steps:

1. Register at the OFO website:
 - a. Go to: <https://ofo25.wildapricot.org/event-3822453>
 - b. Make sure you fill out your email correctly. You should receive a confirmation email immediately after registering. If you don't see one (and you checked your junk mail). You likely mis-typed your email address, so try again.
2. Register with eBird (www.ebird.ca)
 - a. You'll have to create an account if you don't have one.
 - b. For help using eBird, please see their help centre: <https://support.ebird.org/en/support/home>, especially the [Getting Started with eBird section](#)
 - c. Before you can complete the next step, you must plot the location of your yard. To do this enter a sighting for your yard either through the [website](#) or [mobile app](#).
3. Register your eBird yard location as an official eBird yard.
 - a. Your official eBird yard could technically be made up of multiple locations, but most people's yards are small enough to only have one.
 - b. Go to <https://ebird.org/canada/site/yard>
 - i. choose "Add a Yard"
 - ii. Name your new yard
 - iii. Select the eBird location(s) to add
 - iv. Click "Save Yard"
 - c. See [How do I create a yard list](#) at eBird for detailed instructions

Once you have registered with OFO and your official eBird Yard, you can begin submitting checklists for your yard location. The name of the location will not be the official eBird yard name, but rather the location you selected in step 3.b.iii. For example, when I create my first checklist of birds the eBird mobile app called the location "CA-ON-South Frontenac, 2235 Washburn Rd". Then, when I created my official eBird yard, I named it "Mike's Yard" and added the "CA-ON-South Frontenac, 2235 Washburn Rd" location to the yard. When I go to submit more checklists, I will look for the "CA-ON-South Frontenac, 2235 Washburn Rd" location.

Remember, submitting one complete checklist from your yard that is at least ten minutes long gets you entered into that week's weekly draw. Enter ten complete checklists before May 9 to be entered into the chance to win the first grand prize and enter twenty complete checklists before the end of May for the chance to win the second grand prize!

If you want to check out how many species or checklists you've entered for your yard, visit <https://ebird.org/canada/site/yard>