

How to Apply

Step 1 – Primary contact person creates a web account

Step 2 – Complete the names, addresses, contact details for the important officials and partners and select the criteria that you will be addressing in your narrative.

Step 3 – Download the PDF of contact information and the Word template for writing your narrative of how you meet each criteria selected.

Step 4 – Upload the generated PDF of contact information, save your Word document of your narrative, and upload to our website.



BIRD FRIENDLY IOWA

Application for Bird Friendly Iowa City

This page puts your community in the queue for certification and you will build upon this to submit your final application. You will need to login to complete your application. The applicant may be contacted periodically to offer assistance as needed. *If your city is not in the dropdown, someone else has started the process. Please contact us for some help if needed.*

<input type="text" value="Select City"/>	Population (to determine the proper criteria standards for your community's size) <input type="radio"/> Less than 10,000 <input type="radio"/> 10,000 to 50,000 <input type="radio"/> More than 50,000
<input type="text" value="Contact Name"/>	<input type="text" value="Contact Email"/>
Your Security Credentials	
<input type="text" value="User Name"/>	<input type="text" value="Password (7 char. minimum)"/>
<input type="text" value="Confirm Password"/>	<input type="text" value="E-mail"/>
<input type="text" value="Create Security Question (i.e., favorite color, first car, etc.)"/>	<input type="text" value="Security Answer"/>

Submit

Application for Bird Friendly Iowa City

Contacts/Partners and Criteria

Submit Application

This page creates a PDF of the basic identifying information for your application. Combine this with a PDF of your narrative, including supporting documents, and submit. The easiest way to create this is to complete this form and then download the Word template. **Note that you must first do the pre-application to continue with this step.**

APPLICATION for OFFICIAL RECOGNITION as a BIRD FRIENDLY COUNTY

Applicant Name

Title of Applicant (mayor, parks director, etc.)

Please provide contact information for **at least two** officials with parks, forestry, environmental, or other community organizations who are the best follow-up contacts to deal with questions regarding this application.

Official 1

Name

Title

Address

City

Zip

Phone

Email

Official 2

Name

Title

Address

City

Zip

Phone

Email

Official 3

Name

Title

Address

City

Zip

Phone

Email

BIRD FRIENDLY CITY PARTNERS

Conservation and wildlife education projects benefit from strong partnerships. Please list your community partners, including a contact person and email address for each:

Partner1

Partner2

Partner3

Partner4

Partner5

Check the criteria addressed in your narrative. Identify each section of your narrative using, at a minimum, the codes for each. The easiest way to create this is to complete this form and then download the Word template after creating your PDF.

1. Protect, restore & enhance bird habitat (3 of 12)

- 1-A. Community has prepared a park system or open spaces habitat assessment.
- 1-B. A list of bird species present has been completed for the community.
- 1-C. A portion of the community's land has legal protection through public ownership or conservation easement.
- 1-D. Park management provides native habitat for birds, plants and other wildlife.
- 1-E. Community has programs to encourage native habitat development on private property and/or does not restrict "wild" or natural lawns comprised of native plant species.
- 1-F. A local leadership organization, civic club, etc., takes active role in planning for protected habitat favorable to birds native plants and other wildlife.
- 1-G. Community has a volunteer support group for a DNR Bird Conservation Area or Audubon Important Bird Area.
- 1-H. Community offers public information about controlling or removing invasive plant species.
- 1-I. The community follows sustainability principles for land use planning and resource management recommended by aligned organizations.
- 1-J. The community has established a storm water management program that reduces polluted runoff and ensures protection for wetlands (including riparian and other aquatic ecosystems) and also promotes use of native plantings to accomplish management goals.
- 1-K. The Community is currently designated as a TREE CITY USA.
- 1-L. Demonstrate in narrative account some other community action to further native habitat creation or protection, or some other important accomplishment in this category.

2. Reduce threats to birds (3 of 6)

- 2-A. Community has regulatory or administrative program to control free roaming cats & actively publicizes the "Cats Indoors" campaign. Trap- neuter-release does not reduce bird predation!
- 2-B. Community provides information on how businesses and homes can protect birds from building and window collisions (such as Lights Out), and publicly recognize those taking such steps.
- 2-C. Community supports bird- friendly construction and placement of communication towers.
- 2-D. Community has a program to reduce pesticide use on public lands and/or an educational effort to reduce pesticides use by home & property owners.
- 2-E. The community strongly discourages destruction and removal of bird and wildlife native habitat during nesting seasons (i.e., through its permitting process).
- 2-F. Demonstrate in narrative account some other important accomplishment in this category.

3. Educate & engage people in birding & conservation (3 of 12)

- 3-A. A program is in place to help students and community members in general take part in developing a community species bird checklist.
- 3-B. Schools in the community are implementing "Flying WILD", or similar curriculum, to help insure students learn about conservation of birds, butterflies and other wildlife.
- 3-C. Through bulletin boards, brochures and publications in the city hall, public library or other public places, plus newsletters, websites or other media, the community provides information to property owners on methods for creating and enhancing backyard habitat.
- 3-D. Community encourages property owner or homeowner use of best practices, ordinances, & building codes to reduce bird collisions, create wildlife- friendly gardens, etc.
- 3-E. Local news media periodically runs stories about migratory birds, habitat conservation, etc.
- 3-F. The community provides links to organizations with information about backyard habitat programs.
- 3-G. The community is represented in at least one bird monitoring program such as the Great Backyard Bird Count, Audubon Christmas Bird Count, Project FeederWatch, or other actively coordinated citizen science project.
- 3-H. The community adopts an official resolution recognizing International Migratory Bird Day and hosts a celebration recognizing International Migratory Bird Day during spring or fall migration season.
- 3-I. The community sponsors and supports an annual birding festival.
- 3-J. The community has a program that involves schools, garden clubs or other organizations, habitat development or butterfly & bird conservation activities.
- 3-K. The community provides information regarding safe and responsible wildlife rescue & assistance, including contact information for aligned organizations & Iowa permitted wildlife rehabilitators.
- 3-L. Demonstrate in narrative account some other community accomplishments in public education about native birds & birdwatching, & other forms of wildlife.

Submit and Create PDF

(save for application)

Create Word Template for Narrative

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Submit Application

Market your community as bird friendly and then upload your PDF (up to three documents but combined into one is preferred) which should include the identifying information created in step 2 and your list of criteria met with narrative.

Your City Website

In 500 words or less, market your community as bird friendly

Upload file(s)

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