



## Travis Audubon Master Birder Program 2024 Application

Please type or print clearly and mail or email to [Volunteer@TravisAudubon.org](mailto:Volunteer@TravisAudubon.org) no later than 5:00 PM CST on December 15, 2023. You will be notified of acceptance status no later than December 20, 2023.

### Personal Information

Name:

E-mail Address:

Mailing Address:

City, State, Zip:

Preferred Contact Phone Number:

Emergency Contact Information: (please give name, relationship, and contact number):

Are you a current member of Travis Audubon: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: You must be a Travis Audubon member upon starting the program on January 4, 2024. You can sign up for membership [here](#) or by calling the office.*

1. What interests you most about the Travis Audubon Master Birder Program?

2. How/where did you hear about the Travis Audubon Master Birder Program?



## **Birding Experience**

*The Master Birder Program is a program for intermediate-level birders. Participants are expected to have experience with basic birding equipment and basic identification skills, and have taken an introductory birding class. Please answer the following questions to help us know how you meet this criteria.*

3. Have you taken an introductory birding class? If so, when and where?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. List any other birding classes or formal bird identification or ornithological classes/programs you have participated in, who offered them, and when you took them.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. Please describe the extent to which you have used/practiced your birding skills on your own or with groups.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. Describe any "community science" efforts you have recently participated in, such as Christmas Bird Counts, Backyard Bird Counts, Breeding Bird Surveys. Give dates and locations of these efforts.



## Volunteer Experience

7. Please list organizations/societies for which you have contributed volunteer service in the last 5 years.

Organization	Approximate volunteer hours	Year(s)
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8. What kind of volunteer activities would you be interested in performing to fulfill the Travis Audubon Master Birder 30 hour requirement for this year?

Lead or co-lead field trips or nature hikes \_\_\_\_\_

Give public talks or presentations to community groups \_\_\_\_\_

Represent Travis Audubon at community festivals and events \_\_\_\_\_

Work with K-12 school groups \_\_\_\_\_

Participate in family programming \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer for workdays at Travis Audubon sanctuaries \_\_\_\_\_

Assist in the office \_\_\_\_\_

Participate in Community Science research \_\_\_\_\_

Participate on a Travis Audubon committee \_\_\_\_\_



## Commitment

Your signature below indicates that you have read and agree to the following statements:

- I will attend at least 8 of the 10 scheduled classes starting in January 2024, and at least 5 of the 8 field trips in order to be certified as a Travis Audubon Master Birder.
- I will complete assigned "homework" reading and other activities assigned by the class instructors.
- Upon acceptance into the 2024 class of the Travis Audubon Master Birder Program, I agree to pay the full class fee of **\$250** before the program orientation on January 4, 2024. I understand that no refunds will be given after the first scheduled class.
- I understand that I am responsible for my personal expenses including park entrance fees, transportation, and food, for any field trips.
- I am physically able to complete the physical challenges of all field trips, which may include but are not limited to standing for long periods, walking on uneven surfaces, varying temperatures and weather conditions.
- I understand that, in order to maintain my certification, I must maintain membership in TAS and complete a minimum of 30 hours of Travis Audubon-approved volunteer service and 8 hours of continued education each year for three years immediately following the completion of the program.

Name *(please type or print)*: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Applications must be completed and e-mailed or printed and mailed to Travis Audubon by December 15, 2023 at:**

**[Volunteer@TravisAudubon.Org](mailto:Volunteer@TravisAudubon.Org)**

**OR**

**Travis Audubon**

**Master Birder Program**

**PO Box 301629**

**Austin, TX 78703**