

On Wed. May 10th 2023, members of the Sussex Bird Club participated in the Delaware Ornithological Society (DOS) Bird-a-thon, a state-wide fund raising event to preserve critical bayshore habitat in the state. The team, aptly named "The Road Runners", started the day at 4AM and birded Sussex County for 16 hours, ending with a count of 128 species. Donations totaling \$9,390.00 resulted in the Road Runners being recognized as the top winning team in the county category for the third year in a row. Since the team was formed in 2014, they have raised a total of \$50,072.00, averaging about 130 species per count day.

DOS initiated this fund raising effort in 2007. Since then, more than \$700,000 has been raised for conservation, helping to preserve 2,680 acres of habitat, and supporting DOS's Conservation Science Grants program.

More information on the Bird-a-thon can be found here:

<https://www.dosbirds.org/conservation/bird-a-thon/>

A list of all the birds recorded during the count can be found here:

<https://ebird.org/tripreport/126977>



Road Runners (L to R) Carol Blye, Rob Blye, Rob Schroeder, Sue Gruver, Sharon Lynn, Tom Stock.