

NEW YORK BREEDING BIRD ATLAS III

The New York Breeding Bird Atlas III is a 5-year community science project to document where and when birds are breeding in New York State. From 2020-2024, NY BBA III will provide critical information on how New York's birds are faring, informing management decisions and conservation efforts. Anyone from beginning to expert birders can participate.



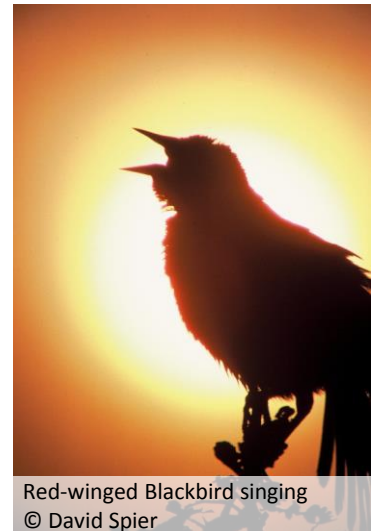
Bald Eagle chicks © Dave Menke/USFWS

HOW TO ATLAS

1. **Create** a free eBird account on ebird.org/atlasny or on the mobile app ([iOS](#) | [Android](#)).
2. **Learn** basic [breeding behaviors](#) to watch for while birding.
3. **Explore** the [atlas blocks](#) that are used to ensure coverage across the entire state.
4. **Atlas** and log all breeding behaviors on each outing in the [New York Bird Atlas eBird portal](#).

BREEDING BEHAVIORS

Atlasing is really just observing bird behavior, something you probably do already! Simple behaviors like singing and nest building have a lot of meaning. Each time you go birding you'll note down the strongest [breeding evidence](#) you observe. Reporting behaviors every time you go birding allows us to understand both *when* and *where* birds are breeding across the state. Plus you'll get a glimpse into the daily lives of birds while having fun!



Red-winged Blackbird singing
© David Spier



Wilson's Phalarope chicks © Jacquelyn Jacobson/USFWS

ATLAS BLOCKS

The entire state is divided into blocks that are roughly 9 square miles (5,712 in total). Approximately a third of these blocks will be designated "priority" blocks, which represent the coverage needed to understand where birds are breeding across all habitats and regions of New York. Sightings from anywhere in the state (any block) count towards the atlas project, but the atlas isn't finished until we've completed all priority blocks. Log sightings within the boundaries of a single block for them to count.

GET STARTED!

Does all of this sound exciting? Get started and learn more at ebird.org/atlasny. Join the atlas community on Facebook [@nybba3](#) and Instagram [@nybbaiii](#) and help spread the word!