

The 2021 Fletcher Wildlife Garden Big Year

The Fletcher Wildlife Garden is a favorite location for many serious birders and also for those who enjoy seeing a large number of birds while walking through the property. Visitors often ask how many different birds can be seen at the Fletcher and whether there is a list of the different birds that have been seen over the span of a year. To answer these questions, we have decided to hold a Big Year at the Fletcher Wildlife Garden where anyone making a sighting can add to our Big Year list.

Fletcher Wildlife Garden Big Year Guidelines

1. The Big Year starts **12:00 am 1 January 2021** and ends at **11:59 pm 31 December 2021**
2. Eligible sightings are limited to the Fletcher Wildlife Garden property shown in the map below
3. Visitors are expected to adhere to current recommendations in Ottawa related to COVID-19
4. Participants are expected to abide by the OFNC ethics guidelines for wildlife watching (<https://ofnc.ca/programs/birding-in-the-ottawa-area/code-of-conduct-for-birders-birdwatchers-and-photographers>).
5. Please join our Facebook group - [Fletcher Wildlife Garden BIG Year 2021 | Facebook](#) - where you can report any bird you see at FWG, **except for Owls**. If you see any owls, do NOT report this on Facebook (FWG falls under the jurisdiction of the OFNC, so follow the OFNC Facebook posting Guidelines), but send to me Ted Farnworth in a private message to [Ted Farnworth](#). Sightings during the duration of the BIG YEAR (January 1- December 31, 2021) will be added to the count.
6. Sightings on Facebook can be reported supported by a photo, or details about the bird seen (S), heard (H) or if it flew over (FO). If you know the species of the bird, please include it in your report, approximately where you saw it (see attached map), date and time. Any additional info on the bird is appreciated (behaviour, feeding, caring for young etc.). A team of experienced birders will be reviewing all postings made to Facebook.
7. Participants will also be encouraged to post sightings on e-Bird <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L772477> the Fletcher Wildlife Garden hot spot.



Satellite map of the Fletcher Wildlife Garden. Big Year Boundary line in yellow.