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Identifying Migratory Birds

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Boy Scout Troop 23

20+

April 28 at 8:53pm

Fair warning: this is probably, quite literally, the dumbest question ever asked in this group...

Would you explain to me how you go "birding?" This is not facetious or sarcastic. I'm honestly curious about your... process, if we can call it that?

How do you decide where to go? Do you have a goal bird in mind when you go, or do you just go to see what you see? If you go to, say, a county park, do you: stay in one place? Walk around? Walk slow, walk fast? Follow the calls? Just walk at random? Do you look in the same places? What do you wear? Do you try to blend in a little or does it not matter?

Do you use binoculars? A scope? A zoom camera? How do you find the birds? How long do you go and how many species would you say you see in one trip? Do you go certain times of the day?

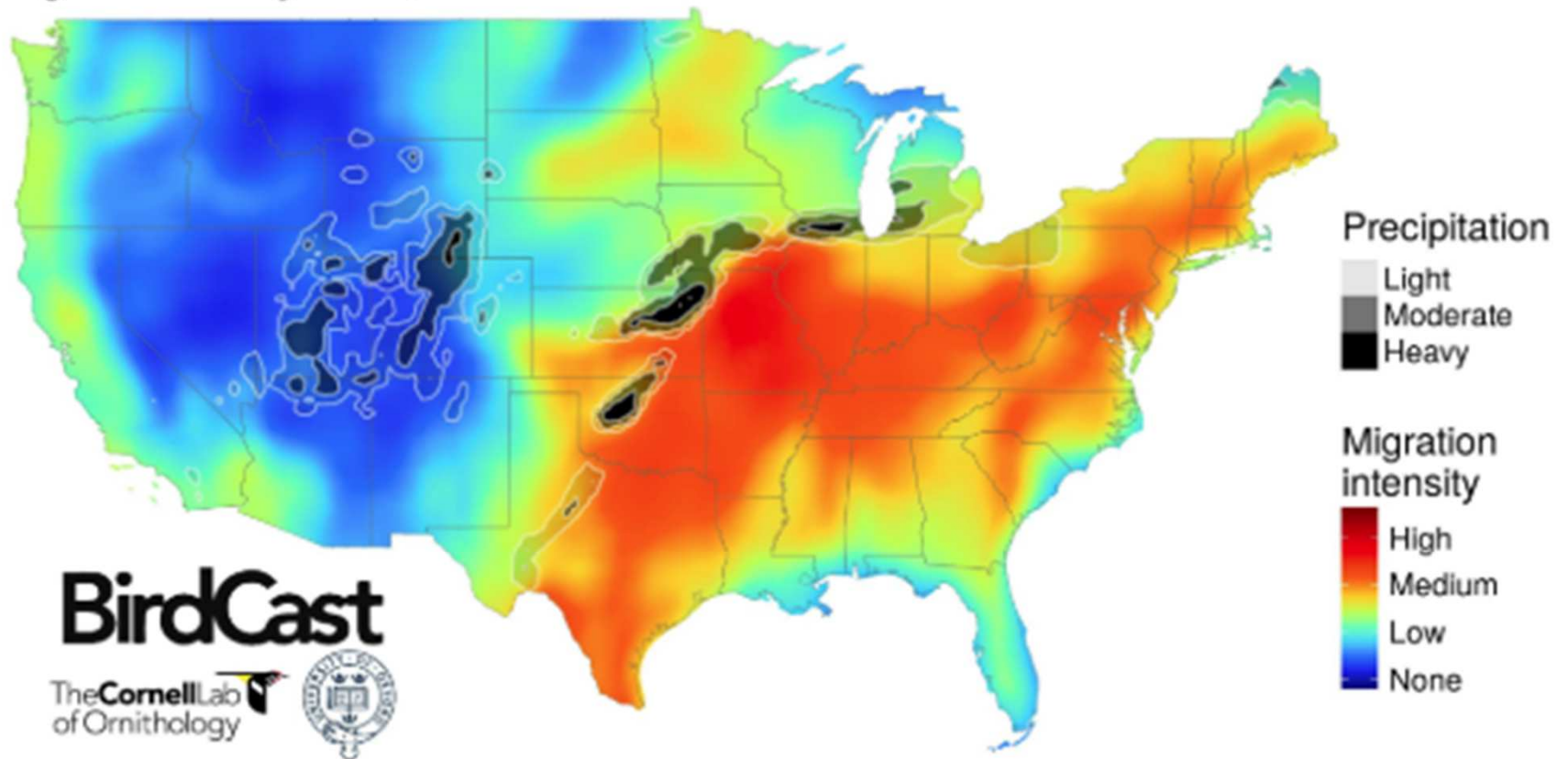
Then, how do you keep track of what birds you saw? Do you keep the ebird app open and just track them as you see them? Do you write them down and report later? Just remember then?

How in the world do you find owls?

I'm just curious as to your process. I'm a newbie, clearly, and still just trying to find the way that works best for me.

Thanks in advance!

Night of May 2-3, 2018



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The Cornell Lab
of Ornithology



Van Doren and Horton 2018

Generated 02 May 2018 at 12:00 UTC (02 May at 08:00 ET)

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2018/05/02

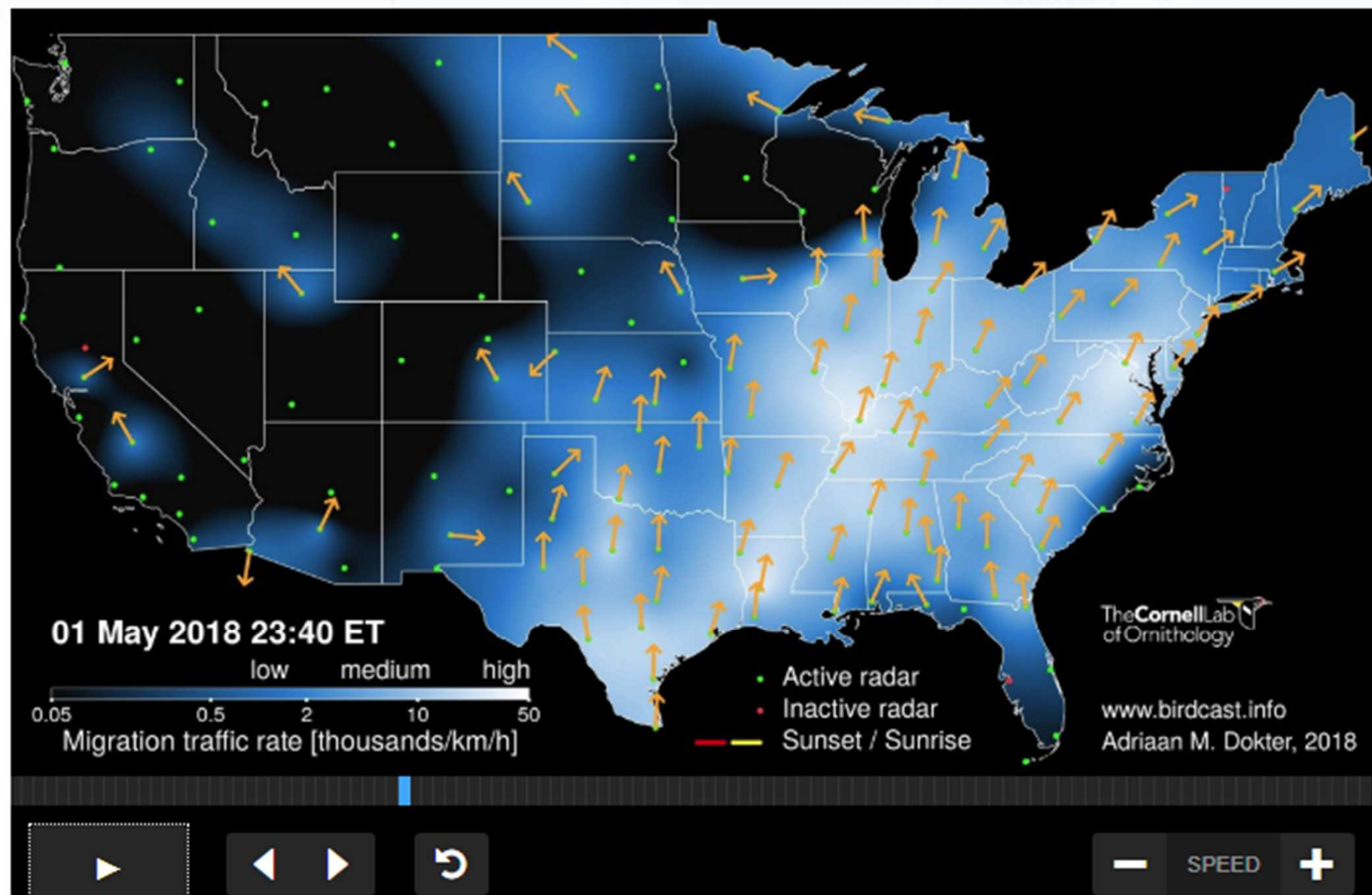


Photo: Jason Mrachina

Eagles and other hunters
congregate around dams in
Illinois during the winter



Corn fields and open water



Snow geese



Sandhill Cranes



Red Winged Black birds



Pelicans



Photo: Graham Owen

Hooded Mergansers



Photo: Graham Owen

Hooded Warbler



Photo: Stephen Tabone

Ruby Throated Hummingbird



Photo: Walterboro Live



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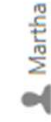
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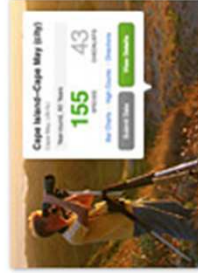


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Hotspot: Date: Year-round, All Years Location:



Identify “Hot Spots” – places other birders consider great places to find birds

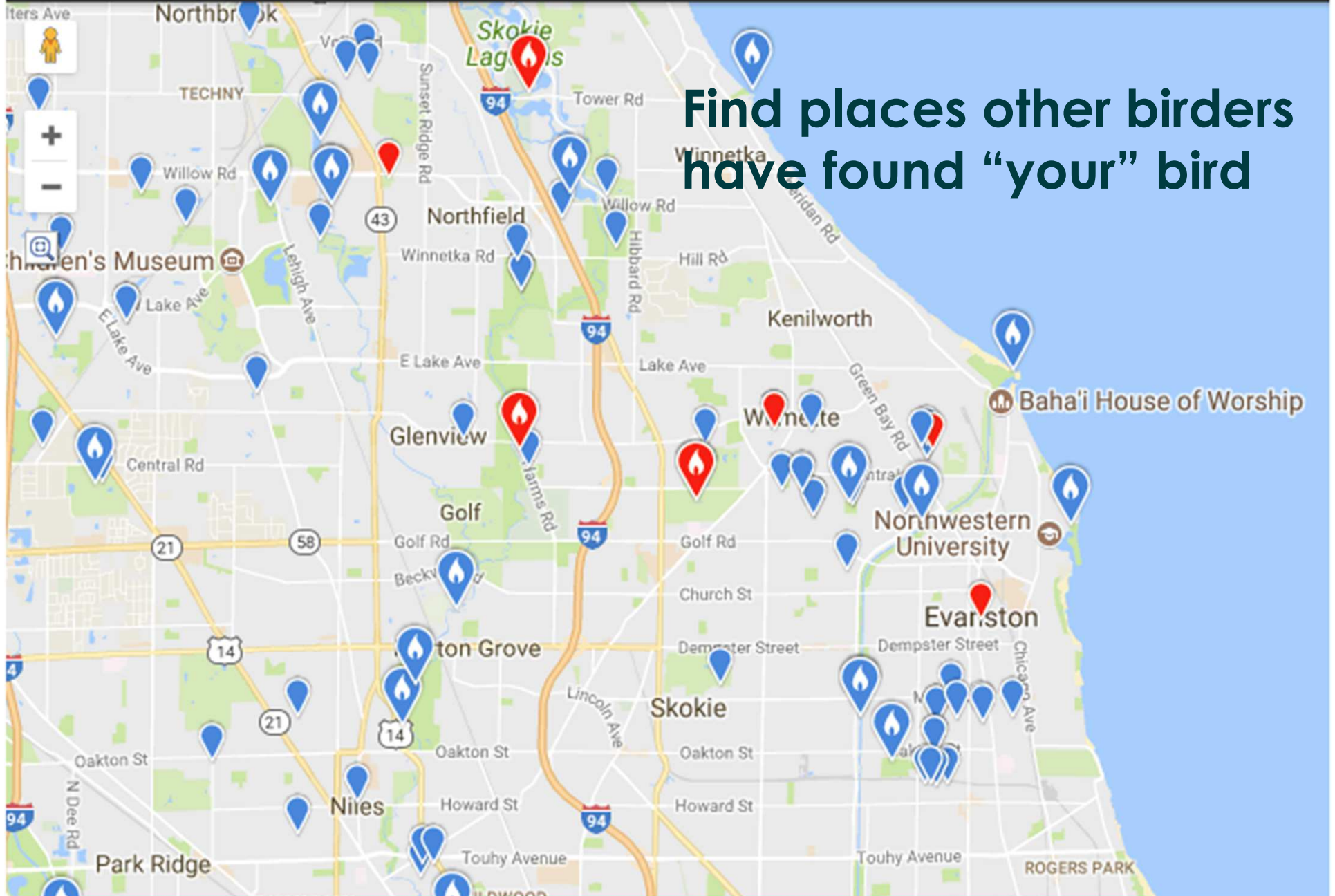
Species:

Great Horned Owl



Date:

Year-Round, All Years



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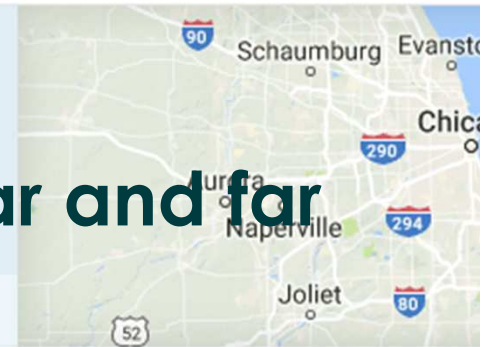
Change Location

Illinois, US

All Years

Set

Find hotspots near and far



Overview

Hotspots

Recent Visits

Illustrated Checklist

SPECIES ▾

1	Montrose Point, Lincoln Park, Chicago	328
2	Jackson Park, Chicago	299
3	Lincoln Park, Chicago	291
4	Lake Calumet area (PLEASE use sub locations if possible)	281
5	Northwestern University (Main Campus and Lakefill)	268
6	Jackson Park, Chicago--Wooded Island/Bobolink Meadow area	260
7	Montrose Dunes, Lincoln Park, Chicago	255
8	Montrose Harbor, Chicago	251
9	Northerly Island, Chicago	251
10	Gillson Park, Wilmette	250
11	Eggers Grove Forest Preserve (Chicago)	245
12	Grant Park, Chicago--Museum Campus	245
13	Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe	242

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see today?

Pop Quiz – possible birds



Mourning Dove

Library's back door



Photos: Lewis Ulrey



American Robin



House Sparrow



Cardinals



Canada Geese



Goldfinch



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