**CATEGORIES & TROPHIES:**

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| **Category** | **Rules** | **Winner based on:** | **Trophy** |
| **Competitive** | Carden only, max 5 team members, stay together. | Bird species | Carden Cup |
| **Biodiversity** | Carden only, max 5 team members, stay together. | Overall species | Biodiversity |
| **Recreational** | Carden only, max 5 team members, stay together. | Bird species | Loon |
| **Hybrid** | Count anywhere, no max, can split up. | Bird species | Wooden Birds |
| **Dan Bone Can** | Biodiversity teams only | Most butterflies | Can |
| **Teeter Ass** | Spirited participation | Opinions | Teeter Ass “trophy” |

**OTHER RULES:**

* Two people to confirm a species (app can supplement ID).
* Download the species checklist from our website or pick up a paper copy from the cabin.
* Encouraged to count birds, mammals, reptiles, lepidoptera (butterflies), odonata (dragonflies), amphibians.
* We use the honour system.
* All species must be alive, wild & unrestrained.
* Scouting in advance of the count is helpful, and sharing information with other teams is encouraged (please make sure that they want the help - some teams like to figure out a species ID!).
* Maintain proper birding ethics.
* Nesting birds should not be disturbed, nor the location of nests revealed.
* Please do not use bird recordings to seek out species by eliciting a response. This is stressful for the birds.
* Use of apps such as Merlin may be used to supplement identification (use headphones or low volume). Use of electronic sonar detectors to identify bat species is permitted, since this does not involve attraction or disturbance of the bats.
* Do not trespass and be aware of your surroundings.
* Don't block roadways.
* Hybrid species don’t count towards count (such as Brewster’s warbler or Lawrence’s goldfinch).
* Your safety is important. Please call 911 in an emergency situation.