



## HELP CELEBRATE 20 YEARS OF TOM BARTLETT'S BIG SIT FOR BLACK SWAMP NATURE EDUCATION!



### It's a fundraiser that has become a 20 year tradition!

At 5:00 AM on May 10, 2014, Mr. Tom Bartlett will take a seat at Magee Marsh Wildlife Area. Tom will stay in that spot for the next 12 hours and tally every bird he sees and hears from a 15 foot circle. He has been doing this annual BIG SIT for 20 years. Why, you ask? Because Tom cares about the future of birds and bird conservation! Tom conducts the BIG SIT and collects donations and pledges to help raise funds to support Black Swamp Bird Observatory's education programs.

### Show Your Support for Tom and for nature education

Tom makes his own pledge of \$1.00 per species, and he challenges YOU to do the same, or more! The BIG SIT has raised more than \$50,000 throughout its history, and this year we need your help to break our single year record. Last year, the count raised more than \$11,000 and with your generous support we

can beat that total! And 100% of the proceeds will help educate young people about the joy of birds and the importance of being good stewards of natural resources!

### Contributions Are Tax-Deductible

BSBO is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, so your donations are tax-deductible. Please fill out the form on this flyer and return it by May 5th, 2014. Everyone who contributes will receive a thank you letter from Tom, and a list of all the bird species tallied during the BIG SIT.

### What We Will Do With Your Contribution

All proceeds from the BIG SIT benefit BSBO's youth education programs. Because of your past BIG SIT contributions, these programs are able to reach thousands of students each year. Our strong focus on youth education is highlighted by our Wetland Investigation Network (WIN) program, which offers students grades K-12 a day-long exploration of the entire marsh ecosystem. Our highly acclaimed Ohio Young Birders Club, for ages 12-18, encourages, educates, and empowers our future conservation leaders, and is serving as a model program for many other state-wide youth birding clubs.



Make your contribution by calling 419-898-4070, visit us online at [www.bsbo.org](http://www.bsbo.org), or tear off, fill out, and mail in the form, below to BSBO ♦ 13551 West State Route 2 ♦ Oak Harbor, Ohio 43449

Thank you for supporting BSBO and nature education!



DONATION AMOUNT: \_\_\_\_\_ OR CHECK BIG SIT PLEDGE PER BIRD:

\_\_\_ \$3.00

\_\_\_ \$2.00

\_\_\_ \$1.00

\_\_\_ \$ .75

\_\_\_ \$ .50

\_\_\_ \$ .25

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