

AMERICAN BIRDING ASSOCIATION ABBREVIATED CODE OF BIRDING ETHICS



Respect wildlife, its environment, and the rights of others.

1. Promote the welfare of birds and their environment.

- Support the protection of important bird habitat.
- Avoid stressing birds or exposing them to danger.
- Limit methods of attracting birds.
- Remain well back from nests, roosts, display areas, and feeding sites.
- Keep habitat disturbance to a minimum.

2. Ensure that feeders, nest structures, and other artificial bird environments are safe.

- Maintain and clean feeders and nest structures regularly.
- Keep birds safe from predatory cats and other domestic animals.

3. Group birding, whether organized or impromptu, requires special care.

- Respect fellow birders. Share your knowledge, especially with beginners.
- Document unethical birding behavior, intervene if prudent, and notify appropriate individuals or organizations.
- Leaders must teach ethics through word and example.
- Limit group impact on birds, their environment, and on other birders using the same area.



4. Respect the law and the rights of others.