Free eBird Workshop

The Michigan Bird Conservation Initiative (MiBCI) will present a free, interactive workshop on the use of eBird during its Saturday, April 10, 2010 session in Petoskey, Michigan at the 4th Ornithological Congress.

The session is suitable for backyard birders as well as more seasoned birdwatchers, and listers. Information on how you can use eBird to make your birding more enjoyable is a large part of the experience! Those currently using eBird are also encouraged to attend, as we will demonstrate many features you may not be familiar with, and you can share your own insights with other workshop participants.

The morning session will feature Chris Wood, a Project Leader for eBird for the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology, a leader of world birding tours and a frequent author in Birding and other publications. He will present an overview of the on-line data collection program and will be available to answer questions during the day. To provide examples of how eBird is being used in Michigan presentations will be given by Darrin O'Brien of southeast Michigan, Caleb Putnam, Coordinator of the Important Bird Areas Program in Michigan for National Audubon Society and current Chair of the Michigan Bird Records Committee, and Richard Wolinski, Wildlife Ecologist for the Michigan Department of Transportation.

The afternoon session will provide an interactive approach using the wireless internet facilities of North Central Michigan College. Participants should bring their laptop computer with them if they have wireless internet capability, or use one of the computers that will be available at the workshop- you just need to let us know what group you fall into. All you need to do is:

- Register on-line by going to mibci.org, then ornithological congress/ 2010/Saturday
- Attend for all or part of the session- pick what suits you best
- Let us know if you will be coming with a laptop computer, or not

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED AT NO COST