

# **ANNOUNCEMENT - Black Birders Week 2023 is coming and we're Flying Full Circle!!!**

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## **Black Birders Week to Highlight Expressive Ways in Which We Share Our Love for Birds**

*The fourth annual event will take place May 28-June 3 with daily themes.*

Join us for another year of connection during **Black Birders Week 2023** as we **Fly Full Circle** to reflect on our past, honor our present, and spread our wings to look toward the future. Look for a variety of activities from **May 28th through June 3rd** as we celebrate being bold, beautiful, and Black during Black Birders Week 2023. Follow us on social media @BlackAFInSTEM or check out our website at [www.blackafinstem.com](http://www.blackafinstem.com) to stay updated on events and activities.

#BlackBirdersWeek will feature panel discussions, bird walks, and giveaways among other engagements, both virtually and in person. The event week is organized in partnership with BirdNote, Cornell Lab of Ornithology, Bird Collective, and other organizations.

“Last year, we focused on celebrating lifelong journeys and connections made through birding,” said Nicole Jackson, one of this year’s planning team co-chairs. “This year, #BlackBirdersWeek is taking you on a tour, focusing on themes like, how Black birders share their joy of birds through a variety of means of expression, history and culture, and citizen science. For all members of BlackAFInSTEM, birding has been an incredible journey in many different ways and we know this to be true for other Black birders throughout America and the diaspora. We would like to engage and share the stories of as

many Black birders as we can, uplifting their connections to birds. This year we are Flying Full Circle!"

#BlackBirdersWeek got its start in 2020 as a primarily virtual event spurred by the [Central Park birding incident](#) involving the accomplished science writer and birder Christian Cooper. The event week and The BlackAFinSTEM Collective itself was created by a small group of friends and acquaintances to normalize the historically overlooked presence of Black birders, scientists, and nature enthusiasts in the field (literally and figuratively) in an effort to make the natural sciences more inclusive, diverse, and welcoming to people of all walks of life. The Collective also aims to inspire new audiences to engage in nature and share the stories of Black conservationists from across the globe.

**BLACK BIRDERS WEEK 2023**  
**"FLYING FULL CIRCLE"**

SUNDAY, MAY 28  
**#BBW23RollCall** Introduce yourself using the hashtag #BlackInNature

MONDAY, MAY 29  
**#BlackBirderCulture** Explore the historical & cultural connections between birds & Black folks

TUESDAY, MAY 30  
**#BlackBirdersSoFly** Showcasing the ways birds inspire our creativity

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31  
**#CalmTheFlockDown** Using the natural world to ground ourselves

THURSDAY, JUNE 1  
**#FreeAsABird** Share how birds can inspire you to be an advocate for Black liberation

FRIDAY, JUNE 2  
**#FlockForce** How citizen science & community awareness can help birds and Black folks

SATURDAY, JUNE 3  
**#JustWingIt** Errbody can bird! Whether solo or with your flock, get out there and #JustWingIt!

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