



Say Tom, it seems to me the reporting system only covers Rare, unusual Birds — By what method do we know if our common birds are decreasing or increasing. It seems to me we need a <sup>way</sup> better to discern this.

Tom, I would like to see a 200+ list of birders each year listed in the IBH. From this we could get some very good information. I don't know how many birders get over 200 species a year but their combined records would be great for future years. Things like species per hour, Total Number/hour, hours per trip. Let's say we have 20 birders that report this information each year, what a number of birds seen. Also a good way to rate each birder and also determine changes is this eq  $\frac{\text{Species}}{1 + \log \text{hours}} \times \text{Log Total Number}$   
I use this equation for every birding trip, I can compare back months, years or days.

For example = I made 4 trips in Jan 80  
Total 17.5 hours  
total 50 species  
Total Number 3488

$$\text{Rate} = \frac{50}{1 + 1.24} \times 3.54 = 78.9 \text{ Jan 1980}$$

Think about it  
Thanks  
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