



## NEIGHBORHOOD INFORMATION

# Neighborhood Environmental Project Case Study Form

Neighborhood/Community Name Maple Leaf Golf and Country Club

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## **PROJECT INFORMATION: *Track 1 Wildlife* -Development of an eBird Account for Maple Leaf Golf and Country Club.**

**Please provide an overview of the project. Why did you choose it? What were the conditions like before and after implementing the project?**

Maple Leaf Golf and Country Club is a birding hotspot in Charlotte County Florida. The 18-hole Executive Golf Course is a Certified Audubon Cooperative Conservancy. While there is broad general interest on the part of residents in the variety of wildlife found in the Park, many residents would like help in identifying what they see. Creating an eBird Account for the Park will provide a data base from which information on the variety of species that are present and have been observed can be disseminated to residents.

**Please list your goals for this project:**

- Create an eBird Account for MLG&CC.
- Collect and submit data on bird species, seen or heard, on or over MLG&CC on an ongoing basis.
- Produce periodic compilations on species observed and make these available to users of the Natural Resources Committee website.
- Compile historic data on species observed from eBird observation previously submitted for MLG&CC and make these data available on the Website.

**What specific steps did you take to implement your project? What kind of ongoing maintenance will it require? (Please give sufficient detail so that someone interested in duplicating this project could do so.)**

- Consulted with the eBird Regional Reviewer for Charlotte County to confirm that creation of a location specific eBird Account (as opposed to a person specific account) is acceptable and appropriate under eBird policies and procedures.
- Appointed a Coordinator to open and manage the Account, submit observations and produce reports and compilations.
- Compile and submit historical observations for the last five years.

**Describe the results you achieved. What were the environmental benefits? Please be as specific as possible about any tangible results (*i.e.*, numbers of acres naturalized, new species observed, or number of fledglings).**

- EBird Regional Reviewer contacted and confirmed our proposal was acceptable under eBird policies.
- Account created and named Maple Leaf Golf and Country Club.
- Limited lists of observations (with photos when available) have been submitted to the Account in the last 4 months but no information has been posted to the Website as yet.
- Some historical data has been compiled and are available on the website.

**How did people respond to the project? How did you communicate your actions and results?**

None to date as the roll out of the project is scheduled for November/December 2017.

**What, if anything, would you do differently if you were to do the project again? What would you recommend to others implementing this project?**

Too early to assess.

**How much did it cost to implement this project?**

There are no costs involved in this project. The only resources involved are the efforts of the Project Coordinator.

**What are your anticipated or actual financial savings?**

There are no projected savings involved in this project.