

# 2006 ABA Big Day and List Reports

Once again, it is our pleasure to present to the ABA membership the ABA Big Day and List Report. This document contains the arduous accomplishments achieved by ABA members over the last year. These milestones define who we are as an organization and our members should all be proud of the goals attained in a year of hard work and dedication to the sport of birding.

As you make your way to your destinations, I am sure you will come across a birder or two that are not members of the ABA. We encourage you to share with these people your excitement of the sport and what it means to be a member of the American Birding Association. It is only with your continued support that ABA can survive in today's ever evolving world. If you are ever in need of ABA promotional materials, applications, or publications to share with your fellow bird club members or other social groups, don't hesitate to call our membership department at (800) 850-2473.

It is our goal to continue to build the birding community, and with your help, it will be a grand success!

## --- ON THE COVER ---

Did you know that the ABA sponsor's youth teams in two of the biggest Big Day events in the country? Did you know that one of the teams came in first place this year?

The ABA's youth birding teams, the ABA/Leica Tropicbirds, took to the field in two of birding's premier Big Day competitions this year. The first team, of Ethan Kistler, Saraiya Ruano, Andy Bankert, and Jesse Pakkala [bottom group shot, left to right], headed south to The Great Texas Birding Classic. The team put up an impressive list of 206 species, winning them first place in the 14-to-18-year-old bracket.

The ABA's second team, consisting of Chris West, Jacob Guettler, Neil Gilbert, and Jonathan Lautenback, [top group shot, left to right], embarked on the World Series of Birding, scoring a tally of 178 species, all within Cape May County.

Congratulations to both teams for their outstanding work and dedication to these Big Day events and the ABA!

If you would like to donate to the ABA/Leica Tropicbirds team, you can still do so at [www.aba.org/yb/tropicbirds/pledge.html](http://www.aba.org/yb/tropicbirds/pledge.html) or call Lori Fujimoto at (800) 850-2473, ext 237 for more information.

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