BECKHAM BIRD CLUB
BIRDATHON REPORT FORM FOR 2024 GRANTS

This grant report is due by March 15, 2025. The report form is used by the board to aid in deciding recipients of grants and the amounts for the following year.

DATE: March 6, 2025

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Project Description: (Recap of the project funds were granted to support) The Beckham Bird Club supported KNLT's efforts to protect the Pine Mountain Wildlands Corridor, a vital and climate-resilient landscape in Central Appalachia. Home to some of the world's most biodiverse temperate forests, it shelters thousands of species, including over 200 that are rare or endangered. Unique habitats like cove forests, bogs, and limestone barrens support wildlife such as American black bears, Blackburnian warblers, white fringeless orchids, and green salamanders. These mountains serve as a crucial refuge and migratory corridor, linking North, Central, and South America.

Activity Update: (Brief description of how the funds helped you achieve the goals and objectives of project) One of KNLT's 2024 land acquisitions protected 204 acres on Pine Mountain's north face in Bell County, Kentucky. This acquisition will safeguard headwater streams of the Cumberland River, one of the world's most biodiverse temperate freshwater systems. These waterways, part of the Mississippi River Watershed, the fourth largest in the world, are critical to regional biodiversity. Watersheds provide essential habitat for birds and other animals by supporting healthy forests, wetlands, food sources, nesting sites, and critical stopover points for migratory species.

Budget: (Itemized list of how the funds were spent) Beckham Bird Club's support helped with key expenses for land conservation efforts, including land surveys, title research, and stewardship. Protecting large landscapes requires strong partnerships, and we are grateful for BBC'S ongoing commitment to this vital work.

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