

# Host-a-Bird

Birds of Brooklyn

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## About:

As a way of beautifying Brooklyn's aural landscape, Birds of Brooklyn brings the songs of endangered and bygone birds to sites around the Borough.

During daylight and early-evening hours bird songs that are rarely heard in densely populated Brooklyn neighborhoods are projected from each Host location.

Twenty different recordings can be heard by neighborhood residents and passersby, including the Ring-necked Pheasant, Grasshopper Sparrow, and the Eastern Blue Bird.

This audio art project aims to reconnect city dwellers with the natural sounds of the area and raise awareness about declining bird populations in urban environments.

## Participation:

If you are considering or have agreed to be a Host-a-Bird participant, thank you!

Participation is voluntary and free of charge.

As a participating Host your site will be outfitted with a high-quality outdoor speaker and audio device.

You will also receive a prominent listing on [birdsofbrooklyn.org](http://birdsofbrooklyn.org) (if you desire), a window tag identifying your site as Birds of Brooklyn host, and a stack of informational postcards for interested neighbors, patrons, or visitors.

As a Host-a-Bird participant you are helping Brooklynites better understand urban birds.

To determine if you have an appropriate host site, please refer to the Guidelines on the back of this handout.

## Sign me up!

I would like to be a Host-a-Bird participant in the "Birds of Brooklyn" project, a community-focused audio artwork that will bring the songs of Brooklyn's endangered birds to different locations around the Borough.

My site, located at \_\_\_\_\_, is available from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

I have read, understand, and agree with the Guidelines presented on the back of this form.

*Sincerely,*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email

[ Please send a copy to: 371 Eastern Pkwy 3H, Brooklyn, NY 11216 or [jenna@birdsofbrooklyn.org](mailto:jenna@birdsofbrooklyn.org) ]

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## *Guidelines:*

### Duration:

The Host decides on the duration of the installation, but agrees to host the Birds of Brooklyn for a minimum of one month.

### Location:

In consultation with the artist, the Host decides where the audio equipment is safely installed on site.

A public location with heavy pedestrian traffic is best. Locations with excess noise, such as construction or loud music, are not ideal.

Please note: the audio is programmed to turn on at 9am and off at 9pm.

### Volume:

Loud & proud or soft & subtle? The audio volume can be adjusted upon installation to a level that is acceptable to the Host.

Any additional volume adjustments can be requested by contacting the artist.

### Installation Requirements:

The ideal Host has an awning or protected location for installation of the speaker, but if not, we can work it out.

Wires will run from the speaker to the audio device, which must be located indoors, near a dedicated electrical outlet.

It's a small job, but rest assured, installation will be completed by a professional.

### Equipment Care:

Please take care! We would like the Birds of Brooklyn to have a long life. The equipment is not replaceable and will be reinstalled at multiple host sites.

Precautions should be taken to protect the equipment from water, heat, and impact and should not be moved, adjusted, or unplugged by the Host. Unplugging the equipment will reset the internal clock and could damage the audio device.

### De-Installation:

The equipment will be de-installed on the date agreed upon by the artist and Host. All equipment will be returned in working order, ready for installation at the next Host site.

## *Equipment:*

The following equipment will be installed at the Host site:

(1) Compact 4" tamper-proof, outdoor, stainless-steel speaker

(1) 7"x7"x2" Digital Audio System with built in amplifier and standard wall plug.

## *Contact:*

Should any technical problems arise, the Host agrees to contact the artist for immediate support.

( 917-743-4678 )

( jenna@birdsofbrooklyn.org )



## *Sound Check?*

Listen to the bird song audio to determine if Birds of Brooklyn is right for you. Please visit: [birdsofbrooklyn.org](http://birdsofbrooklyn.org).