“Though I grew up with access to nature I really got into birds when I was in high school. By the time I reached college at Northland I was so immersed it was clear I'd spend the rest of my life working in the bird field. Now 22 years later I've done nothing else academically or professionally. Why? Well, first and foremost I love birds. News flash, eh? But just as important, many birds need our help, not only to thrive but just to survive in today's challenging environment. So while I alone may not change the world, I can do my part. We can all do our part. And that's precisely why I'm again leading the Lake Superior eBirders team in this year's Great Wisconsin Birdathon, a walkathon-style fundraiser for the protection of Wisconsin's birds. About a month from now we'll rise at 2am and try to find as many species as possible in a single day. It'll be fun as always, but it will only be worthwhile if we can raise significant funds to help birds. Support our team or form one of your own today. Thank you!"