

2025 County Pars

In 2021 the WSB organizers updated the Limited Geographic Area pars and committed to revisiting them every five years. The new pars listed are effective in 2021-2025.



World Series of Birding County Pars			
Final Adjustments 2021			
	County	OLD	NEW
1	Atlantic	193	184
2	Bergen	163	163
3	Burlington	151	158
4	Camden	129	141
6	Cumberland	179	174
7	Essex	137	129
8	Gloucester	145	154
9	Hudson	156	146
10	Hunterdon	144	139
11	Mercer	152	142
12	Middlesex	159	155
13	Monmouth	190	181
14	Morris	149	144
14	Ocean	179	185
16	Passaic	151	142
17	Salem	175	169
18	Somerset	150	146
19	Sussex	175	172
20	Union	148	155
21	Warren	163	160

DOWN
UP
SAME

WSB county pars are meant to reflect the "gettable" species within a given county's boundaries during the World Series of Birding. They can vary over time due to habitat degradation and/or habitat improvement, and changes in migratory populations and behaviors. Because the timing of the WSB may vary, the pars represent species we believe to be present in our state for at least a day, a few days or more during the time period within which the WSB takes place, regardless of the exact date of the event. The 2021 Pars included a probability factor, which allowed the team to discount or include certain species that were deemed too difficult to assign an absolute "yes" or "no," ie. they were assigned "0.5" instead of a "0" or "1." As a result, participants should view the county pars as a theoretical target number rather than an absolute list of "gettable" species.

The 2021 par update team consisted of Brett Ewald, Bill Boyle, Carole Hughes, Scott Barnes, David Weber and Lillian Armstrong. The team identified reputable birders around the state and gathered their input. Data from ebird was used as a reference, but not as the primary resource. Many thanks to all who contributed.