

2026 Annual Big Sit!

The Annual Lake Waxahachie Big Sit! event will be on Saturday, Oct 10, 2026, and you're invited! Join Fort Worth Audubon Society member Ted Drozdowski at his place for his annual event on the western end of Lake Waxahachie in central Ellis County. The Big Sit! is a semi-competitive birding event originated by the New Haven Bird Club in 1992. Participants stay in a 17-foot diameter circle and count species of birds from that circle. The Big Sit has been called "Birding's Tailgate Party!"

From 2001 to 2019 Birdwatcher's Digest ran the Big Sit, and in 2020 the New Haven Bird Club once again took ownership of its great invention! The Big Sit!

The west end of Lake Waxahachie is a great birding location and about anything can show up here. The bird list here stands at 235 species. The new raised birding platform faces north, giving us a nice vantage point for migrating birds over the lake. There are mudflats, lots of willow trees, thickets, towering cottonwoods, brushpiles and a feeding station with a drip. This is a relaxing place to spend the day watching birds while building your Ellis County list. Every year is different, but some good birds always show up.

Participants are free to come at any time of the day and for any length of duration as we will be manning the circle from dawn to dusk. However, you must contact Ted ahead of time to sign up so we know you're coming. Bring a chair, binoculars, scope if you have one, a hat, and sunscreen if you need it. We will have shade tents and there will be large coolers to keep food and drink cold down at the lake. You should bring your own snacks, beverages, and food if you're going to be around awhile. We will provide bottled water and the bathrooms are back up at the house. We hope you'll join us for a fun filled day of birds and camaraderie.

For more information and/or to RSVP, you'll need to E-mail Ted at muddykayak@gmail.com or text him at 817-908-6897

The website for the BigSit! is <https://www.thebigsit.org/>