

Iowa City Christmas Bird Count

Feeder Watch Report Sheet

Sunday, December 15, 2024

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The Iowa City Christmas Bird Count is sponsored by the Iowa City Bird Club and the National Audubon Society. It is held annually on a Sunday in mid-December. Nationally, the first Christmas Bird Count was held in 1900, and the Iowa City count has been held annually since 1951. We would like to invite you to participate in the Feeder Watch portion of the Iowa City Christmas Bird Count as the information provided from backyard sightings is valuable to determine long term changes in bird species and numbers. Please follow the instructions below.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Count Area: The count area encompasses a circle 15 miles in diameter centered on Highway 965 and Penn Street/F-28 in North Liberty. This includes North Liberty, Coralville, Tiffin, Solon, Lake Macbride, the Coralville Reservoir, and the north and west portions of Iowa City. If you are a first-time participant, please contact Chris Edwards at credwards@aol.com or (319) 430-4732 to verify that your home is within the count area.

Recording Numbers: Record the **maximum number of each species that were present at any one time** during the day. For example, if you saw 8 Northern Cardinals at one time and then 6 later in the day, record 8, not 14. Use the list on the other side to enter numbers for the more common birds. Include birds seen in your yard or the immediate area around your yard as well as those at your feeder.

Recording Hours: Estimate the total time during the day you spent watching for birds. If you watch off and on for 8 hours, do not record 8 hours; estimate the number of hours you were actually watching.

Unusual Birds: We are interested in finding out about any unusual birds for this time of year as soon as possible. Some of the more likely unusual birds include Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Brown Thrasher, Eastern Towhee, Spotted Towhee, Evening Grosbeak, Red Crossbill, White-winged Crossbill, and Common Redpoll. If you see one of these or any another unusual bird on the day of the count, or during the week leading up to the count, please call Chris Edwards at (319) 430-4732 as soon as possible. **Photographs of unusual birds seen on the day of the count are very helpful** for documentation purposes, even those taken with a cellphone.

On Monday after the count, please send this form to Chris Edwards, 4490 Daniels Cir NE, Solon, IA 52333. If you prefer, you may scan and email the form to credwards@aol.com.

On behalf of the Iowa City Bird Club and the National Audubon Society – thank you for participating!

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Number of hours watching your feeder area: _____

Rock Pigeon _____

Mourning Dove _____

Cooper's Hawk _____

Bald Eagle _____

Red-headed Woodpecker _____

Red-bellied Woodpecker _____

Downy Woodpecker _____

Hairy Woodpecker _____

Northern Flicker _____

Blue Jay _____

American Crow _____

Black-capped Chickadee _____

Tufted Titmouse _____

Red-breasted Nuthatch _____

White-breasted Nuthatch _____

Brown Creeper _____

Carolina Wren _____

European Starling _____

House Sparrow _____

Eurasian Tree Sparrow _____

House Finch _____

Purple Finch _____

Pine Siskin _____

American Goldfinch _____

Dark-eyed Junco _____

White-throated Sparrow _____

Northern Cardinal _____

Other birds – please list below: