



Christmas Bird Count

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## Participants' guide on what data to collect during your Christmas Bird Count

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1. Record every bird seen or heard in your assigned area, and only between midnight and 11:59 pm on your count date.
2. Try to cover your assigned route as thoroughly as possible during daylight hours.
3. Nocturnal birding or "owling" is optional.
4. Record all hours spent watching or listening for birds.
5. Record all miles traveled while watching or listening for birds (see guide to CBC party miles/hours for details).
6. Record each mode of transportation (by foot, by car, etc), and match the mode with # hours and miles for each type.
7. Record hours watching at feeders separately from any birding in the field.
8. Record hours and miles "owling" (nocturnal birding) separately from any birding in the field during count day.

**Give these to your sector leader by the end of your count day.**

Please donate to support the Christmas Bird Count! We rely solely on donations.

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