

Ann Arbor Christmas Bird Count

Feeder Watch Form

This form is intended to assist anyone wishing to participate in the Christmas Bird Count as a “feeder watcher.” The list below of some of the more common feeder visitors is intended to be an aid for recording your results but is by no means an exhaustive list of birds that might show up at your feeders. There are five things that you must do to participate as a feeder watcher:

- 1) The feeders you intend to watch must be within the “count circle”, an area defined by a 15-mile diameter circle centered at the corner of Huron River Drive and Maple Road – please check out the map of the count circle at <https://washtenawaudubon.org/christmas-bird-count/>.
- 2) Sign up as a feeder watcher through the form on the WAS CBC page or contact Feeder Watch Coordinator Kurt Hagemeister at (734) 546-9464 or send an email to kurt.liz.h@gmail.com to sign up as a feeder watcher.
- 3) Identify and count the number of each species that visits your feeder on the day of the count. Record only the maximum number seen at any one time. In other words, if a single chickadee visits your feeder twelve times, but you never actually see more than one chickadee at a time, then that counts as one chickadee seen, not twelve.
- 4) Record the total hours (to the nearest quarter) spent observing the action at your feeder(s). It is by no means necessary to glue yourself to the feeder for the entire day. Watch for an hour or for ten hours; we’re still interested in receiving your data.
- 5) Tell us about it! Please report the species and numbers that you observed by entering them into eBird and sharing your checklist with the **A2CBCFeeders** account (there are instructions available on the WAS CBC webpage), or by contacting Kurt Hagemeister, **preferably on the day of the count**. This will allow your data to be included in our CBC’s totals most expediently.

Date of bird count: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____

Feeder(s) were watched for _____ hours and _____ minutes

LIST OF COMMON WINTER FEEDER BIRDS					
Rock Pigeon		Black-capped Chickadee		Pine Siskin	
Mourning Dove		Tufted Titmouse		American Goldfinch	
Cooper's Hawk		White-breasted Nuthatch		American Tree Sparrow	
Red-tailed Hawk		Red-breasted Nuthatch		Dark-eyed Junco	
Red-bellied Woodpecker		Carolina Wren		Song Sparrow	
Downy Woodpecker		European Starling		Northern Cardinal	
Hairy Woodpecker		Eastern Bluebird			
Northern Flicker		American Robin			
Blue Jay		House Sparrow			
American Crow		House Finch			