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Dear Citizen Scientist,

Our Christmas Bird Count will be on Saturday, December 16, 2023.

We really appreciate your participation in this nationwide endeavor. Audubon and other organizations use data collected in this longest-running wildlife census to assess the health of bird populations and to help guide conservation action. Please see the reverse of this letter for the reporting form.

Please follow these guidelines to make the count as accurate as possible.

1. Be sure feeders are within the count circle.
2. If two or more people are counting in the immediate area, compare your counts and report only the largest number of each species.
3. Birds coming to feeders should not be totaled for the day. Report only the highest number of individuals of any species seen at one time. For example, when watching a feeder over a period of time, if 11 American Goldfinches are seen all at once then leave, 5 more appear then leave, and 6 visit the feeder later, the number you should report is 11, not 22.
4. In some species (e.g., Northern Cardinal) males and females look different. Count the largest number of each sex. Thus if you see 4 male Cardinals at one time and later see 3 female Cardinals at one time, report 7 Cardinals.
5. Please keep track of and report the total time you spend watching your feeders. If you watch for two separate half-hour periods, report 1 hour.
6. **Telephone your report to Marguerite Fries at 717-263-2934 by 7 PM on count day, Saturday, December 16.** Notice that we are encouraging you to include the birds' typical late afternoon feeding time by extending the reporting time to 7:00 PM. ☺
7. If you happen to see an unusual species during count week (December 13-19) that you do not see on count day, call the compiler, Valerie Barnes at 717-352-4397.
8. Record details if you see a rare bird for our area in winter.

There will be no tally dinner this year.

Thanks again for your help. Have a great day watching your feeders! Remember to **telephone your report to Marguerite Fries at 717-263-2934 by 7 PM on count day, Saturday, December 16.**

Compiler
Valerie B. Barnes

Christmas Bird Count – Feeder Watch
Species List – **Saturday, December 16, 2023**

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| <p>_____ Canada Goose</p> <p>_____ American Black Duck</p> <p>_____ Mallard</p> <p>_____ Wild Turkey</p> <p>_____ Ring-necked Pheasant</p> <p>_____ Mourning Dove</p> <p>_____ Great Blue Heron</p> <p>_____ Sharp-shinned Hawk</p> <p>_____ Cooper’s Hawk</p> <p>_____ Red-tailed Hawk</p> <p>_____ Eastern Screech-Owl</p> <p>_____ Great Horned Owl</p> <p>_____ Barred Owl</p> <p>_____ Belted Kingfisher</p> <p>_____ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker</p> <p>_____ Red-bellied Woodpecker</p> <p>_____ Downy Woodpecker</p> <p>_____ Hairy Woodpecker</p> <p>_____ Pileated Woodpecker</p> <p>_____ Northern Flicker</p> <p>_____ Blue Jay</p> <p>_____ American Crow</p> <p>_____ Carolina/Black-capped Chickadee</p> <p>_____ Tufted Titmouse</p> <p>_____ Ruby-crowned Kinglet</p> <p>_____ Golden-crowned Kinglet</p> | <p>_____ Red-breasted Nuthatch</p> <p>_____ White-breasted Nuthatch</p> <p>_____ Brown Creeper</p> <p>_____ Winter Wren</p> <p>_____ Carolina Wren</p> <p>_____ European Starling</p> <p>_____ Northern Mockingbird</p> <p>_____ American Robin</p> <p>_____ House Sparrow</p> <p>_____ House Finch</p> <p>_____ Pine Siskin</p> <p>_____ American Goldfinch</p> <p>_____ Fox Sparrow</p> <p>_____ Dark-eyed Junco</p> <p>_____ White-crowned Sparrow</p> <p>_____ White-throated Sparrow</p> <p>_____ Song Sparrow</p> <p>_____ Brown-headed Cowbird</p> <p>_____ Common Grackle</p> <p>_____ Northern Cardinal</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> |
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_____ Total time watching

_____ Your observer number

If you see an unusual species at your feeder between December 13 and December 19 that you do not see on count day, it can be reported as seen in the count week. Notify the compiler, Valerie Barnes, to report it.

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