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Dear Citizen Scientist,

Our Christmas Bird Count will be on Saturday, December 19, 2026

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 use the reporting form on the back of this letter.

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 19**. 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 17 - 23) that you do not see on count day, call the compiler, Lisa Coombs at 715-602-2838.
8. Record details if you see a rare bird for our area in winter.

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 19**.

Compiler
Lisa Coombs

Chambersburg Christmas Bird Count – Feeder Watch
Species List – **Saturday, December 19, 2026**

_____ Canada Goose
_____ Mallard
_____ American Black Duck
_____ Wild Turkey
_____ Ring-necked Pheasant
_____ Mourning Dove
_____ Great Blue Heron
_____ Sharp-shinned Hawk
_____ Cooper's Hawk
_____ Red-tailed Hawk
_____ Eastern Screech-Owl
_____ Great Horned Owl
_____ Barred Owl
_____ Belted Kingfisher
_____ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
_____ Red-bellied Woodpecker
_____ Downy Woodpecker
_____ Hairy Woodpecker
_____ Pileated Woodpecker
_____ Northern Flicker
_____ Blue Jay
_____ American Crow
_____ Carolina/Black-capped Chickadee
_____ Tufted Titmouse
_____ Ruby-crowned Kinglet
_____ Golden-crowned Kinglet

_____ White-breasted Nuthatch
_____ Red-breasted Nuthatch
_____ Brown Creeper
_____ Winter Wren
_____ Carolina Wren
_____ European Starling
_____ Northern Mockingbird
_____ American Robin
_____ House Sparrow
_____ House Finch
_____ Pine Siskin
_____ American Goldfinch
_____ Fox Sparrow
_____ Dark-eyed Junco
_____ White-crowned Sparrow
_____ White-throated Sparrow
_____ Song Sparrow
_____ Brown-headed Cowbird
_____ Common Grackle
_____ Northern Cardinal
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_____ Total time watching

_____ Your observer number

If you see an unusual species at your feeder between December 16 and December 22 that you do <u>not</u> see on count day, it can be reported as seen in the count week. Notify the compiler, Lisa Coombs, to report it.

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