

Notes for Area Leaders

61st Ann Arbor Christmas Bird Count

Saturday, 15 December 2007

1) All participants should be advised that there is a \$5.00 fee and given the option of paying or not taking part.

- Participants under the age of 19 do not need to pay the fee but should be recorded.
- Feeder watchers are not required to pay the fee unless they wish their name to appear on the published count but should be recorded.

2) All Participants receive a free copy of American Birds if we have their address.

- Washtenaw Audubon members and people who have provided their current address for past counts need not include their entire address since we have it.
- People who participate in more than one count should provide an address to only one count so they can avoid receiving more than one copy of the magazine.
- If we do not get an address from you or you do not indicate that you want a copy of AB, **you will not receive this free issue.**

3) Keep track of such things as times that participants start counting, number of groups, times that groups begin, end and split, and car and foot mileage.

- We must report both maximum and minimum number of parties. If feeder watchers spend part of the time in the field and part of the time at feeders, please note separately. If you start out with two parties and one of these splits part of the day into two parties, the number of parties is a minimum of two and a maximum of three. Feeder hours and owling hours are reported separately.
- Please note carefully the number of party hours in the field. If 4 individuals bird together for 8 hours, then that represents 8 party hours. If two parties of two individuals each bird separately, each for 8 hours, that represents 16 party hours. If in the last example, one of the two parties breaks up into single individuals birding separately for 4 hours each, the total party hours are now 20 (one party of two for 8 hours, one party of two for 4 hours, and two parties of one each for 4 hours each).
- Starting and ending times should be recorded to the nearest quarter hour.
- If the area is covered by more than one party, do not overlap areas.
- Please carefully estimate the number of miles traveled on foot and by car. Calculate miles just as you do party hours. For example four individuals together in a car for 20 miles represents 20 party miles. If each person drives separately in different areas the distance is 80 miles.

4) Record the birds seen as you wish, but list your final totals on the bird list provided and hand this into the compiler.

- Reports of unusual species, even those common at other times of the year, must be documented. See the compiler about any questions in this matter.
- Please separately note birds seen during the **count week** (three days before and three days after count day) but not seen during the count day.

Please review the enclosed form before the count begins so it can be filled out accurately and completely.

If you have questions, contact compiler Jacco Gelderloos at (734) 973-9422 or jjgelderloos@yahoo.com.

Happy Birding !

ANN ARBOR CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT
Area Leader Reporting Form

Area Number/Letter: _____
Area Leader: _____

Please record the following information as accurately as possible. Refer to the provided information sheet "Notes for Area Leaders" or ask the compiler for help.

OBSERVERS (non-owling)

Number of observers: _____
Number of parties (min/max): _____ / _____
Number of feeder watchers: _____

TIME AND DISTANCE IN FIELD:

Time of count (not including owling): _____ AM to _____ PM

On foot:	_____ party hours	_____ party miles
By car:	_____ party hours	_____ party miles
By _____:	_____ party hours	_____ party miles
Totals:	_____ party hours	_____ party miles

TIME AND DISTANCE OWLING

Hours: _____
Miles: _____

TIME AT FEEDERS

Hours: _____

