

## Welcome to the Five Valley's Audubon Christmas Bird Count.

The following checklist and notes on expected winter feeder/yard species will help you with your feeder list for count day.

1) Please keep track of the hours you spend while counting birds. Round to the nearest  $\frac{1}{4}$  hour. You can keep a cumulative list for the day, just add up all of the time increments spent birding.

2) To avoid double counting, record the highest count of the day for each species. For example, if Black-capped Chickadees come to your feeder in several groups of 11, then 5 and later 6, record 11 (not 22).

3) Please try to record the form of the Dark-eyed Junco (**Oregon** or **Slate-colored**), Northern Flicker (**Red-shafted**, Yellow-shafted or hybrid), and **Harlan's** Red-tailed Hawk, if you can see the field marks to differentiate these subspecies. If not, just record "Dark-eyed Junco", "Northern Flicker", or "Red-tailed Hawk".

4) Please try to record if any **Eagles** seen are **adult or immature**. If not, just record "Bald Eagle" for example.

5) Some species are not well-documented during winter in our area. These are noted on the checklist. Please pay extra attention to these species, to provide details on how you made the identification of these birds, and how you eliminated other, more common species.

6) To save space, we have left off most waterfowl or other birds that might not be seen at feeders. Simply add them in if you see them.

7) Most other species **not** on this list would need to have detailed field notes or photographs. They are not impossible, so please help us to understand our winter bird distribution by carefully noting field marks you saw that helped you to make the identification.

Have fun and Thanks for your data. It all helps us to help birds.

Consider entering your data into eBird, similar to the Great Backyard Bird Count. Go to <http://ebird.org/content/ebird/> for more info.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address birded: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Hours spent (to 0.25 hour): \_\_\_\_\_

Notes:

Great Blue Heron \_\_\_\_\_

Canada Goose \_\_\_\_\_

Mallard \_\_\_\_\_

Common Merganser \_\_\_\_\_

Unidentified duck species \_\_\_\_\_

Bald Eagle: adult: \_\_\_\_\_ immature: \_\_\_\_\_

Age unknown: \_\_\_\_\_

Golden Eagle: adult: \_\_\_\_\_ immature: \_\_\_\_\_

Age unknown: \_\_\_\_\_

Northern Harrier \_\_\_\_\_

Sharp-Shinned Hawk \_\_\_\_\_

Cooper's Hawk \_\_\_\_\_

Northern Goshawk \_\_\_\_\_

Unidentified accipiter species \_\_\_\_\_

Red-tailed Hawk \_\_\_\_\_

**Harlan's Red-tailed Hawk** (mostly black with white in the tail) \_\_\_\_\_

Rough-Legged Hawk \_\_\_\_\_

Unidentified buteo species \_\_\_\_\_

American Kestrel \_\_\_\_\_

Merlin \_\_\_\_\_

Prairie Falcon \_\_\_\_\_

Peregrine Falcon (not likely, please provide details that eliminated Merlin or other Falcon species, for example) \_\_\_\_\_

Unidentified falcon species \_\_\_\_\_

Gray Partridge \_\_\_\_\_

Ring-necked Pheasant \_\_\_\_\_

Wild Turkey \_\_\_\_\_

other or unid quail, grouse \_\_\_\_\_

American Coot \_\_\_\_\_

Killdeer \_\_\_\_\_

Wilson's Snipe \_\_\_\_\_

Ring-billed Gull \_\_\_\_\_

Unidentified gull species \_\_\_\_\_  
Rock Pigeon \_\_\_\_\_  
Mourning Dove \_\_\_\_\_  
Eurasian Collared-Dove \_\_\_\_\_  
Great Horned Owl \_\_\_\_\_  
Northern Pygmy-Owl \_\_\_\_\_  
Unidentified owl species \_\_\_\_\_  
Belted Kingfisher \_\_\_\_\_  
Downy Woodpecker \_\_\_\_\_  
Hairy Woodpecker \_\_\_\_\_  
Northern Flicker-**Red-shafted type** \_\_\_\_\_

Northern Flicker-unable to differentiate subspecies:

\_\_\_\_\_

flicker hybrid \_\_\_\_\_

Northern Flicker Yellow-shafted type (not likely here) \_\_\_\_\_

Pileated Woodpecker \_\_\_\_\_

Unidentified woodpecker species \_\_\_\_\_

Horned Lark \_\_\_\_\_

Gray Jay \_\_\_\_\_

Steller's Jay \_\_\_\_\_

Blue Jay \_\_\_\_\_

Clark's Nutcracker \_\_\_\_\_

Black-billed Magpie \_\_\_\_\_

American Crow \_\_\_\_\_

Common Raven \_\_\_\_\_

Crow/Raven (couldn't differentiate) \_\_\_\_\_

Black-capped Chickadee \_\_\_\_\_

Mountain Chickadee \_\_\_\_\_

Chestnut-backed Chickadee \_\_\_\_\_

Unidentified chickadee species \_\_\_\_\_

Red-breasted Nuthatch \_\_\_\_\_

White-breasted Nuthatch \_\_\_\_\_

Pygmy Nuthatch \_\_\_\_\_

Unidentified nuthatch species \_\_\_\_\_

Brown Creeper \_\_\_\_\_

Pacific Wren (formerly Winter Wren) \_\_\_\_\_

American Dipper \_\_\_\_\_

Golden-crowned Kinglet \_\_\_\_\_

Ruby-crowned Kinglet \_\_\_\_\_

Townsend's Solitaire \_\_\_\_\_

American Robin \_\_\_\_\_

Varied Thrush \_\_\_\_\_

Unidentified thrush species \_\_\_\_\_

Gray Catbird (Possible but rare. Please provide details on what you saw that determined how you made the identification. How did you differentiate it from an American Robin? \_\_\_\_\_

American Pipit \_\_\_\_\_

Bohemian Waxwing \_\_\_\_\_

Cedar Waxwing \_\_\_\_\_

waxwing species (you were unable to differentiate the species) \_\_\_\_\_

Northern Shrike \_\_\_\_\_

European Starling \_\_\_\_\_

Yellow-rumped Warbler (possible but rare. Please provide details on what you saw that determined how you made the identification) \_\_\_\_\_

Spotted Towhee (Not common. Please provide details on what you saw that determined how you made the identification) \_\_\_\_\_

American Tree Sparrow \_\_\_\_\_

Fox Sparrow \_\_\_\_\_

Song Sparrow \_\_\_\_\_

White-throated Sparrow \_\_\_\_\_

White-crowned Sparrow \_\_\_\_\_

Harris's Sparrow \_\_\_\_\_

Chipping Sparrow (not likely, review Am. Tree Sparrow or immature White-crowned Sparrow; otherwise, please provide a photograph) \_\_\_\_\_

Unidentified sparrow species \_\_\_\_\_

Dark-eyed Junco-**Oregon type** \_\_\_\_\_

Dark-eyed Junco-**Slate-colored type** \_\_\_\_\_

Dark-eyed Junco (type not determined) \_\_\_\_\_

Lapland Longspur \_\_\_\_\_

Snow Bunting \_\_\_\_\_

Red-winged Blackbird \_\_\_\_\_

Western Meadowlark \_\_\_\_\_

Brewer's Blackbird \_\_\_\_\_

Gray-crowned Rosy-finch \_\_\_\_\_

Pine Grosbeak \_\_\_\_\_

House Finch \_\_\_\_\_

Cassin's Finch \_\_\_\_\_

Purple Finch (Not likely, please provide details to distinguish this from Cassin's Finch, and if possible please provide a photograph) \_\_\_\_\_

Unidentified Finch Species \_\_\_\_\_

Red Crossbill \_\_\_\_\_

White-winged Crossbill \_\_\_\_\_

Common Redpoll \_\_\_\_\_

Pine Siskin \_\_\_\_\_

American Goldfinch \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Grosbeak \_\_\_\_\_

House Sparrow \_\_\_\_\_