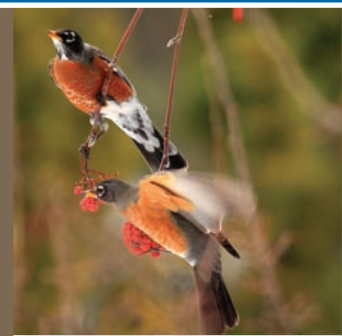


COUNT FOR FUN! COUNT FOR THE FUTURE!

13TH ANNUAL
GREAT BACKYARD
BIRD COUNT

FEBRUARY
12-15, 2010



AMERICAN ROBINS / CHRISTINE HAINES



EASTERN BLUEBIRD / KATYA PORTER



TERE BAWN



BURROWING OWL / SHANE CONKIN

"The GBBC is an important tool for tracking birds and for getting people interested in birds."

"I am happily impressed at how easy this was to do. Friends have encouraged me to participate for several years; I am glad I did!"

"This seems like a good way to keep me and my kids involved with something to do with wildlife and the outdoors."



KATYA PORTER

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• Discover and help the birds in your community
• It's fun, family-friendly, and educational • Free and open to all ages and skill levels

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“It is rewarding to know that I contributed to the count and that the birds in my yard that I so enjoy are counted.”

Lori, New Castle, PA

“GBBC reports add up to an amazing snapshot of winter bird populations.”
John Fitzpatrick, Director of the
Cornell Lab of Ornithology



1 Count alone or with friends

This February, take part in a family-friendly, educational activity that: (1) doesn't cost money, (2) makes a difference, and (3) is lots of fun!

Each year, tens of thousands of people throughout the U.S. and Canada take part in the Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC). You can count the birds you see in your backyard, off your balcony, at your local park, or from your window.

People of all ages and all levels of bird-watching experience are welcome. The GBBC is a great way to learn more about the birds in your backyard and neighborhood. It's also a fun and engaging activity that encourages kids to get outside and connect with nature. You can count by yourself, or with your family, community group, school, or friends! It's an ideal way for more experienced birders to introduce children, grandchildren, and others to the wonderful world of birds.

2 Send in your observations

Whether you are new to spotting and counting birds, or an expert birder, your counts count! Your checklist will contribute valuable information for conservation when you enter your tally online at www.birdcount.org. Short or long, your list will help scientists understand more about how the distribution and abundance of birds are changing through time.

Last year, participants identified 619 species and submitted a record-breaking 93,600 checklists. Their reports tracked the locations and numbers of American Robins, Black-capped Chickadees and other familiar birds as well as a massive surge of Pine Siskins over much of the eastern United States. The siskins moved southward because of seed crop failures in their usual wintering grounds in Canada and the boreal forests.

Anyone can explore which species have been seen in their community, state, or province and see maps showing where specific species have been found on the GBBC website.

Top 10 most commonly reported species in GBBC 2009 were

1. Northern Cardinal
2. Mourning Dove
3. Dark-eyed Junco
4. American Goldfinch
5. Downy Woodpecker
6. Blue Jay
7. House Finch
8. Tufted Titmouse
9. American Crow
10. Black-capped Chickadee

3 It's easy to participate

February 12–15, 2010

1. Visit www.birdcount.org for easy-to-follow instructions, including tips for identifying bird species. Download a checklist for your area.
2. Count the birds you see, wherever you choose to count. Write down the highest number of individual birds you see at one time—that way you will avoid counting any bird twice.
3. After at least 15 minutes of watching in one place, report your results online at www.birdcount.org. (You can spend more time observing if you prefer.)
4. You can repeat your count at the same place on each day of the Great Backyard Bird Count, or you can visit other locations. Submit a new checklist for each day that you count.

View your results

Online maps and lists are updated throughout the count, making it easy to see how your birds fit into the big picture.

Send your photos and videos!

You can submit your digital images of birds—or of Great Backyard Bird Count participants—for review and possible inclusion in our online gallery at www.birdcount.org. Photos are also eligible for our photo contest!

If you'd like to post a video about your GBBC experience, please post to www.youtube.com and tag it “Great Backyard Bird Count”.

All bird photos in this brochure were taken by GBBC participants.

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