

Notes for Area Leaders

- 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 to receive a copy of the American Birds publication on the 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 do not need to provide you with their entire address since they have already done so in the past. However, it is helpful for the compiler to have a note indicating either WAS membership or past participation for a given participant (an address update may also be required if a participant has moved since the last count).
 - People who participate in more than one count need to provide an address to only one count so they can avoid receiving more than one copy of the American Birds magazine.
 - If we do not get an address from you or you do not indicate that you want a copy of American Birds, **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.**
 - Please 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 them separately (feeder watching time should be reported through Kurt Hagemeister). 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. Again, feeder hours (and owling hours) are reported separately.
 - Please note carefully the number of party hours in the field. If four individuals bird together for eight hours, then that represents 8 party hours. If two parties of two individuals each bird separately, each for eight hours, that represents 16 party hours. If in the last example one of the two parties breaks up into single individuals birding separately for four hours each, the total party hours are now 20 (one party of two for eight hours, one party of two for four hours, and two parties of one each for four 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 as you do party hours. For example, four individuals 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. Most compilers are sufficiently familiar with what species are regularly recorded on our CBC, but when in doubt, document it. It's better to have good documentation even if it's not required than to have no documentation and have a record rejected by the local or regional

compiler. Contact the compiler if you have any questions on this topic (a listing of species requiring documentation will be provided in the near future and posted to the WAS CBC website).

- Please make separate note of birds seen during the **count week** (CW, three days before and three days after count day), not seen during the count day.

Please review all CBC forms before the count begins so it can be filled out accurately and completely.

If you have any questions about the count, please contact compiler Jacco Gelderloos at (734) 973-9422 (home) or (734) 757-0596 (cell), or at JJGelderloos@yahoo.com.

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 THE FIELD

Time of count (not including owling): _____ a.m. to _____ p.m.

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

Party hours: _____

Party miles: _____

TIME AT FEEDERS

Hours: _____

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Participant information form

PARTICIPANTS/LEADERS – PLEASE READ:

Please fill in the information below:

- All participants over 18 years of age must pay a \$5.00 fee
- Include your address to receive a **free copy of the American Birds magazine**
- If you are a WAS member, please mention this to the area leader, but there is no need to include your full address. Please do indicate in the address space if you would to receive the free issue of the American Birds magazine
- If you have participated or will participate in another count this CBC season, let the area leader know so you do not receive more than one copy of the American Birds magazine
- You may make a tax deductible contribution to National Audubon in support of the Christmas Bird Count in addition to the \$5.00 fee.

You can pay the \$5.00 in cash or by check (made payable to “Jacco Gelderloos”).

PARTICIPANT'S NAME	PARTICIPANT'S ADDRESS	\$5.00 FEE PAID?
TOTAL # OF PARTICIPANTS (INCL. <19 YEARS)		

_____ Paying participants @ \$5.00 each = \$ _____

Contributions = \$ _____

Total due to compiler = \$ _____