

Ann Arbor Christmas Bird Count

Feeder Watch form

This form is intended to assist anyone wishing to participate in the Christmas Bird Count as a “feeder watcher.” The list below of some of the more common feeder visitors is intended to be an aid for recording your results, but is by no means an exhaustive list of birds that might show up at your feeders. There are five things that you must do to participate as a feeder watcher:

- 1) The feeders you intend to watch must be within the “count circle”, an area defined by a 15-mile diameter circle centered at the corner of Huron River Drive and Maple Road – please check out the map of the count circle at www.washtenawaudubon.org/aacbc.
- 2) Contact Feeder Watch Coordinator Kurt Hagemeister at (734) 663-9746 or send an email to khagemeister@sbcglobal.net to sign up as a feeder watcher.
- 3) Identify and count the number of each species that visits your feeder on the day of the count. Record only the maximum number seen at any one time. In other words, if a single chickadee visits your feeder twelve times, but you never actually see more than one chickadee at a time, then that counts as one chickadee seen, not twelve.
- 4) Record the total hours (to the nearest quarter) spent observing the action at your feeder(s). It is by no means necessary to glue yourself to the feeder for the entire day. Watch for an hour or for ten hours; we’re still interested in receiving your data.
- 5) Tell us about it! Please report the species and numbers that you observed by contacting Kurt Hagemeister or the CBC area leader for your address (see the WAS website for more information), **preferably on the day of the count**. This will allow your data to be included in the totals most expediently. Pay \$5.00 if you’d like to receive the CBC issue of the American Birds magazine.

Date of bird count: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Feeder(s) were watched for _____ hours and _____ minutes

LIST OF COMMON WINTER FEEDER BIRDS					
Cooper's Hawk		Black-capped Chickadee		American Tree Sparrow	
Red-tailed Hawk		Tufted Titmouse		Dark-eyed Junco	
Rock Pigeon		Red-breasted Nuthatch		House Finch	
Mourning Dove		White-breasted Nuthatch		American Goldfinch	
Red-bellied Woodpecker		Carolina Wren		Pine Siskin	
Downy Woodpecker		European Starling		House Sparrow	
Hairy Woodpecker		American Robin			
Northern Flicker		Eastern Bluebird			
Blue Jay		Northern Cardinal			
American Crow		Song Sparrow			