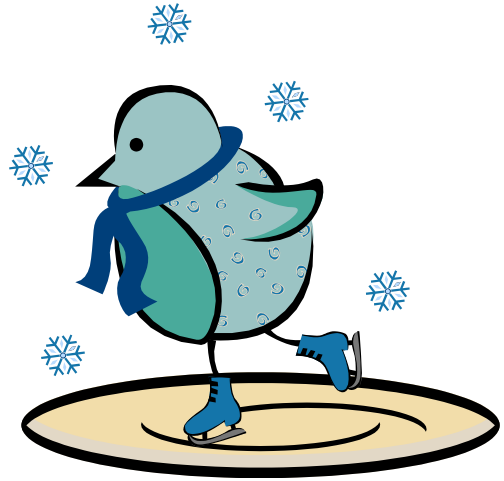


Great Backyard Bird Count

February 17 through 20, 2012
www.birdsource.org/gbbc



SIMPLE AS 1, 2, 3 ... 4

1. Plan to count bird for at least 15 minutes on one or more days of the count. You may count for longer periods of time if you wish! You may submit more than one checklist per day if you count in other areas that day. Submit a separate checklist for each new day.

2. Count the largest number of individuals of each species that you see together at any one time. (Example: You see 3 Blue Jays in your yard at 9 AM, later in the morning you see 4 Blue Jays and in the afternoon you see 3. Do not add them together, just list the largest number seen at one time – which would be 4) Print out a regional bird checklist from the website, www.birdsource.org/gbbc to get an idea as to what kinds of birds you are likely to see.

3. When finished counting, enter your results through the webpage. Hit the button marked “Submit Your Bird Checklist” here is what will come up:

- It will ask for the zip code or your town and state in which you counted
 - Your email address
- You will be asked if you are reporting every species you saw. It is fine to indicate “no” if you don’t know some of the birds you saw
- A bird checklist in either alphabetical order or taxonomic order for you to fill in. If you accidentally list a species that normally does not occur in your area an “oops” will appear. Double check your list and identification.

4. Your data becomes part of a permanent record which can help determine patterns of winter bird movement, bird abundance or decline, which could be caused by urbanization, environmental changes, diseases, climate ... you are a “citizen scientist”!

The birds “Thank you”