



Participants' Christmas Bird Count Cheat Sheet

Be sure to chat with your circle compiler or section leader about which areas to cover and any other questions before your count date.

1. Record every bird seen or heard in your area, only between midnight and 11:59 pm on your count date.
2. Try to cover your assigned route/area as thoroughly as possible during daylight hours.
3. Nocturnal birding or "owling" is optional.
4. Record each mode of transportation used while watching and listening for birds (by foot, by car, etc).
5. For each mode of transportation:
 - a. Record the number of hours your party spent watching or listening for birds
 - b. Record the number of kilometres traveled while watching or listening for birds
6. Record hours spent watching feeders separately from any birding in the field.
7. Record hours and kilometres "owling" separately from any birding in the field during count day.

Please give these numbers to your sector leader or compiler at the end of count day. Thank you for participating in the Christmas Bird Count!