

Sea & Sage Audubon Christmas Bird Counts — Report from Area Leaders — (page 1)

Count:

Area #:

Leader:

Date:

- I. **Combine totals from all parties in your area on ONE tally form to turn in to the compiler.** Written descriptions of any birds not on the tally sheet or marked (DS) must be included with your report. Have observers fill out a “Rare Bird” form for each rare sighting. Rare birds with inadequate written descriptions will be dropped.
- II. **Collect “State Location” notes from each party.** Individual tally sheets should contain this information.
- III. **Calculate time and mileage statistics on the back of this form.** It is VERY IMPORTANT that you gather accurate effort data from your counters.
- IV. **Enter names and contact info** below for all participants (leaders, observers, counters, and talliers). Suggestion: fill in participants’ names and contact info BEFORE count day. Then you can turn in a nice, printed copy and not do it by hand at the last minute. I need to be able to read what you enter. I can give you an electronic form if you want.
- V. **Turn in this form with attached combined tally sheet, Rare Bird report forms and the individual tally sheets from your various parties.**

Please join us on Zoom the night AFTER the count for the compilation meeting and celebration! We'll be meeting on Monday, December 19th, at 7:00 p.m. The link will be provided to Area Leaders, ahead of the count, so it can be shared with all participants. Please invite all participants, everyone is welcome.

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In the table below, list each party and break out their time and miles. Just add it all up to get the totals at the bottom.

Total up nighttime hours and miles separately (“Night” is before 6:30 AM or after 5:30 PM)

	Start Time	End Time	Night Hrs.	Daytime Hrs.	Daytime Hours Only			Night Miles	Daytime Miles	Daytime Miles Only		
					Hours by Foot	Hours by Car	Hours by Boat			Miles by Foot	Miles by Car	Miles by Boat
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GRAND TOTALS												
			Night Hrs.	Daytime Hrs.	by Foot	by Car	by Boat	Night Miles	Daytime Miles	by Foot	by Car	by Boat

Earliest Start Time: _____

Number of feeder-watchers: _____

Latest End Time: _____

Total hours by feeder-watchers: _____

A “Party” is any number of people birding together, or even one person birding alone.

If the same group is together all morning, eats lunch, then stays together all afternoon, that’s one party.

But, if the same group is together all morning, then after lunch they split up into 2 groups, they become 2 new parties. In that case they had a total of 3 parties that day (one in the morning and two in the afternoon). It does NOT matter how many people are in each party.

All of the CBC statistics are based on “parties”. . . not “people”.

Base the decision of “how many parties” on the makeup of each group. When people shift around, it becomes a different party.

Feeder-watchers are people whose only participation is to sit and watch a feeder. There are instructions on-line about counting for feeder-watchers.