

Christmas Bird Count

Santa Barbara, Saturday, January 3, 2015

Lets join the effort of Christmas Bird Count. <http://casbbirdcount.org>

This event started over a century ago and relies on committed volunteers.

This is a worldwide event, taking place in different locations in different countries, between December 14, 2014 to January 5, 2015.

This is a FREE event, but it requires signing up.

To sign up for the Santa Barbara Christmas bird count: <http://casbbirdcount.org/sign-up/>

Or to sign up at a different location use this link to search for all locations available:

<http://netapp.audubon.org/cbc/public/search.aspx>



The Christmas Bird Count

The Christmas Bird Count (CBC) is a worldwide cooperative effort to count birds in a single 15-mile diameter circle in multiple different locations.

The counters try to cover as much of the circular area as possible, counting each individual bird and species they see or hear. Later, compilers add the efforts of all teams together and assemble a final count total, which can be compared to counts from the past 115 years.

Nationwide there are about 50,000 people who volunteer for this annual effort.

The data collected provides valuable insights to changes in bird population. Helping scientists understand long-term health of bird populations and the environment, effects of seed crop fluctuations, weather, and the influence of humans on the abundance and distribution of birds.



Recommended further Information about Birds :

- In California there are 33 species of birds that are listed threatened or endangered: https://www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/nongame/t_e_spp/bird.html
- The IUCN lists the status of bird species: <http://www.iucnredlist.org>
- Bird Photos: <http://calphotos.berkeley.edu/fauna/com-Bird.html>
- Bird Species Information: <http://www.arkive.org>
- The American birding association: <http://aba.org>
- Birdnet: <http://www.nmnh.si.edu/BIRDNET/index.html>