

FEEDER COUNT INSTRUCTIONS

On Sunday, December 14, 2025 pick a time with a lot of activity at your feeder(s) and/or in your yard or local park. Identify and record the number of *individuals* of each species that you see or hear and of the *period of time* that you spend observing. Use the checklist to record. (There will also be multiple teams “out in the field” ID-ing and counting birds within our local CBC “Count Circle” this day)

- Please observe for **a *minimum of one hour*** --but you are welcome to do more.
- It's important to identify the birds correctly. *Please use a BIRD ID GUIDE.*
- Record each species seen and the *highest* number of individuals of each seen or heard *at any one time period*. (Note: Try your best not to keep adding the same chickadees, quail, etc. as they revisit the area.—Perhaps just count the highest number of *each species* seen at *one* time. Whether you see a lot of birds or very few, this is equally valuable information.)
- Hawks, owls, gulls, crows or other species attracted to your area due to feeder activity or a water source should be also recorded. Count that hunting Cooper's Hawk or perched crow!
- Use checklist on reverse side (or download from: www.arrowsmithnats.org) to record the *species* and *number* of individual of birds of each species in your yard and *immediate area*.
- *If* you do see a (rare) bird that is not on the checklist, *or a bird that you cannot identify*, try to get a photo, and/or draw and write a detailed description of what you saw. Please note details of the bird (size, colour, markings, behaviour, etc.) –Thank you!

PLEASE SUBMIT CHECKLIST ASAP but NO LATER THAN December 18, 2025



Online at: www.arrowsmithnats.org homepage → CBC “button”

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Drop off at one of the following local business:

Buckerfield's (PV) - Cultivate G&G (PV) - Mulberry Bush Bookstore (QB)
North Island Wildlife Recovery Centre (Errington)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR VALUABLE PARTICIPATION!

For information about the CBC, various projects, articles and historical CBC records see:

<http://www.birdscanada.org/volunteer/cbc> or <http://birds.audubon.org/christmas-bird-count>

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