FEEDER COUNT INSTRUCTIONS

On count day, 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 the time that you spend observing. You can 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. If you're not sure try to get a picture or write down what the identification features are.

→ 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 to record the *species* and *number* of individual birds in your yard *and in the 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 to Susanknoerr@gmail.com or enter them on line at the following link Christmas Bird Count Feeder Watch



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