

SKAGWAY CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Route number: _____

CHANGES - Please describe changes to route path (if different from established path) or to the number of people in this group (split or fused with another group)

WEATHER - optional (any weather data you can provide is helpful - don't stress over it!)

Air temp, maximum of day: _____ °F

minimum of day: _____ °F

Wind direction: _____

Wind speed, maximum: _____ mph

Wind speed, minimum: _____ mph

Snow depth, maximum: _____ inches

Snow depth, minimum: _____ inches

Cloud cover, am: _____ pm: _____

Rain, am: _____

Rain, pm: _____

Snow, am: _____

Snow, pm: _____

Still water condition: _____

Moving water condition: _____

wind direction → compass bearing, "calm" for no wind, "variable" if direction keeps changing

wind speed → give representative values, not extremes. Example: if winds were generally 5-15 mph with infrequent gusts to 30, report max = 15 and min = 5

snow → to nearest quarter inch. Give representative values, not extremes.

Example if depth was typically between 4 and 8 inches, but 3 foot drifts and some bare areas were also seen, report max = 8 and min = 4. If depth increases with elevation, report the representative minimum depth at low elevation and representative maximum depth at high elevation.

cloud cover → give condition that was true most of the time. Conditions are:

local fog (only portions of area had fog for most of period)
foggy (whole area had fog for most of period)

clear (0-15% clouds)
partly cloudy (15-33% clouds)
partly clear (33-66% clouds)
cloudy (66-100% clouds)

rain/snow am/pm → give all conditions that are true during the period. Conditions are:

none light heavy unknown

water condition → give condition that describes predominant condition

Open = 100% water
Frozen = 100% ice

Partly Frozen = more water than ice
Partly Open = more ice than water

TRAVEL METHODS - (for other side)

car = car, truck or other motorized road vehicle

walk power boat
ATV kayak
bike canoe
ski other (give explanation)
snowshoe

COUNT WEEK BIRDS

(3 days before and 3 days after count day)

Before count: record any uncommon birds, especially any species not listed on data sheet. After count, record any new birds. Report to Elaine (983-2049)

RARE BIRDS

Rare birds are any species or forms that are out of range, season, or difficult to identify.

Get a photo if possible. Write a good description of how you made your identification - these reports must be examined and approved by our regional reviewer!

HINTS

--- Avoid duplicate counts of the same birds! If you retrace or revisit any part of your route, do not count those birds unless they are a new species or form for your route, or greater numbers than seen before.

--- If you follow a linear route (out and back on the same path or road) record the **distance one way, NOT round trip**. Record hours round trip. Remember: do not recount the same birds on your way back - see note above about duplicate counts.

-- Make a note on the data sheet if you may have duplicate counted for any reason!

--- Take your time - try to record all birds on your route. You can "pish" to bring birds in. You can revisit areas, but adjust your distance and do not duplicate count.

--- It is OK to record birds seen at bird feeders in homeowner's yards along your route, but if a feeder watcher may be recording at that site, please note it as a possible duplicate count.

--- If you can identify a bird by sound, it is OK to include it even if not seen.

--- Give standard bird name or code: eg. Raven, Common, or CORA

--- If unable to determine species, give genus level name + "sp.": eg. Grebe sp.

--- If able to tell form, please include: eg. Warbler, Yellow-rumped (Audubon's)

SKAGWAY CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT - ROUTE DATA

Date: _____

Route number: _____

Route name: _____

complete new block every time method of travel changes, or after you take a break of 15 minutes or more

Method of travel (see back)					
Distance (to 1/4 mile)					
Start time (to 1/4 hour)					
Stop time (to 1/4 hour)					

IF YOUR TRAVEL ROUTE DIFFERS FROM THE
ESTABLISHED PATH, PLEASE DESCRIBE ON
BACK SIDE.

IF THE GROUP SPLITS INTO SMALLER
GROUPS OR FUSES WITH ANOTHER GROUP,
PLEASE DESCRIBE WHAT HAPPENED ON
BACK SIDE.

NAMES OF PEOPLE
ON THIS ROUTE:

indicate birds included in your totals
but which might be an overlap with
another route or a feeder watcher
(give location)

[illegible]

Below list notable birds (species, number, location) seen on count day but off your route, such as when driving to or from your route. Do NOT add these to your totals.

Record any uncommon birds, especially those not listed, that you see 3 days before count day as "cw".
If they are then seen on count day, replace "cw" with the number seen on count day.