

# Tally Sheet

## Effort

When did you watch your FeederWatch Count Site?

- ☐ Day 1, morning    ☐ Day 1, afternoon  
☐ Day 2, morning    ☐ Day 2, afternoon

Estimate the cumulative time you watched your FeederWatch Count Site.

- ☐ Less than 1 hour    ☐ 4+ to 8 hours  
☐ 1 to 4 hours    ☐ More than 8 hours

## Weather

### Daylight temperature

Mark the temperature extremes for each count day. Submit only the extreme low and high for the two-day count.

Low		Temperature	High	
Day 1	Day 2		Day 1	Day 2
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Under -18°C (under 0°F)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	-18° to -10°C (0° to 14°F)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	-9° to 0°C (15° to 32°F)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1° to 10°C (33° to 50°F)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	11° to 20°C (51° to 68°F)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Over 20°C (over 68°F)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Daylight precipitation

Indicate the kind of precipitation that occurred during the two-day count.

Type	Duration
<input type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> Under 1 hour
<input type="checkbox"/> Rain	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 to 3 hours
<input type="checkbox"/> Rain and Snow	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 to 6 hours
<input type="checkbox"/> Snow	<input type="checkbox"/> Over 6 hours

### Total depth of ice/snow cover

Mark the average conditions during the two-day count.

- ☐ None  
☐ Under 5 cm (under 2")  
☐ 5 cm to 15 cm (2" to 6")  
☐ Over 15 cm (over 6")  
☐ Hard crust or ice covers snow  
☐ Snow cover is patchy (less than 50% cover)

FeederWatch ID number:

Online password:

Online login name:

The dates of this count are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Use the space below to tally the number of each bird species you see at one time. Report your highest counts to Project FeederWatch using online or paper data forms (do not send in the tally sheet). Report only the highest number seen at one time—do not add your counts together.

Species name

Highest number seen at one time

House Finch    3/5 (12)    (Example—report 12 House Finches)

## Helpful hints

- Under "Species name," list the birds you see most often. Then make copies of your tally sheet.
- Print tally sheets from our website at: [www.feederwatch.org/InstruxandUpdates/Tally\\_sheet.htm](http://www.feederwatch.org/InstruxandUpdates/Tally_sheet.htm)

## Quick Instructions

### 1. Select your count site

Choose a portion of your yard that is easy to monitor, typically an area that is visible from your home.

### 2. Choose your count days

Select two consecutive days within each count period (paper forms) or week (online). Counts must be at least five days apart (leave at least five days when you do not count between each of your two-day counts).

### 3. How to count

Record the maximum number of each species visible at any one time during your two-day count. *Do not add your counts together!*

### 4. What to count

Please count

- all of the individuals of each species in view at any one time
- birds attracted to food or water you provided
- birds attracted to fruits or ornamental plantings
- hawks and other predatory birds that are attracted by the birds at your feeders

But do not count

- birds that simply fly over the count site
- birds seen on non-count days

### 5. Report your counts

Submit your data to Project FeederWatch via the Internet at [www.feederwatch.org](http://www.feederwatch.org) or use a paper data booklet. *This tally sheet is for your own record-keeping and cannot be used for submitting data.*

### 6. Optional reports

To report rare, sick, or unusual birds or to submit comments, follow links on the Your Data page of our website or include notes with your data booklet. Before the end of each season, describe your count site by following the link on the Your Data page or by filling out the Count Site Description Form in your data booklet.

*For complete instructions see instruction booklet, or follow the instructions link in the Your Data section of our website:*

[www.feederwatch.org](http://www.feederwatch.org).

*For assistance, contact the Project FeederWatch office in your country.*

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