

REEDSPORT CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT--General Instructions, Dec 27, 2017

Thank-you for joining this bird count! This is the only coastal CBC in Douglas County!

Print out Views of your Area(s) from the Google Maps available at www.umpquabirds.org/cbc. Note that those of you with a smart phone can open the count circle and sectors map on your smart phone and find your way around that way as well (if you have cell coverage in your area).

On the Umpqua Birds CBC site (www.umpquabirds.org/cbc) you will find the following. Print out the asterisked documents to bring with you on the count. The others can be read online or printed out as you wish.

- This instruction sheet
- Team Assignments
- Area Birding Descriptions for each Sector
- ***Bird tally sheet*** (turn in to compiler after count)
- ***Observers and Effort sheet*** (turn in to compiler after count)
- Reedsport CBC Tips
- Seasonal Occurrence of Birds in Coastal Douglas County

Start and Finish

Our CBC typically involves about 8 hours of birding, approximately from dawn to dusk. Those interested in owling start much earlier or go out again later. This year we will meet for breakfast (for those interested) at Bedrocks on the Bay in Winchester Bay at 0700 (location at <https://goo.gl/maps/1n8NvAftZDD2>), and dinner and countdown at the Bedrocks Pizzeria in Reedsport 4 pm to 8 pm (countdown at about 6 or 6:30 pm)(location at <https://goo.gl/maps/oXLY8mcecSw>). You can turn in your Observers and Effort Sheet and Bird Tally Sheet then, or make other arrangements with the compiler.

Birding Strategy

Be sure to print out and/or look at the Area Birding Descriptions from the website, and it may also help to look at previous year's notes as well.

Note Your Beginning Times and Mileage

Use the Observers and Effort Sheet to keep track of the distances traveled by car and foot (or other) and time spent doing each. Start by recording your beginning vehicle mileage and time once you enter your area and begin looking for birds.

Counting Birds

The bird tally sheet is used to tally the birds you detect. Only tally birds you actually see or hear (not what you think are probably out there). It is best to tally birds frequently, at least every time you get back in the car or go to a different spot, not at the end of the day when you will have forgotten about those 15 flocks of juncos. When you come to the countdown gathering, you can add up all your totals for each species, but do the individual tallies in the field.

Rare Birds

If you observe a species not on the tally sheet, it could be a species only detected every few years on the count, or a really rare species. In either case, get photos if possible, and write a description of the bird to submit as documentation.

Personal Preparedness and Safety

The most valuable part of this count is you. Be prepared for the weather and road conditions predicted. It is often cold, sometimes rainy or windy. Be sure to dress appropriately (see CBC Tips for more info). If you feel conditions are too challenging for your participation, call the CBC leader and let her/him know. You may be able to count at your home or local area instead.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ANY TIME, INCLUDING COUNT DAY, JUST CALL ME!!!
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