

The Great Backyard Bird Count

February 16-19, 2024



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Free online course with Bird Academy



The Great Backyard Bird Count

Count birds wherever you like

- Backyards
- Patios/Porches
- City Streets
- Parks
- Nature Centers
- Anywhere!



People birding in Uttarakhand, India by Ankush Chowdhury

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Why participate?



Gila Woodpeckers

- Make sure your birds are counted
- Long-term record of birds
- Scientists can't be everywhere, all the time
- It's fun and connects you to nature

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You Can...

- Participate from anywhere in the world
- Access personal bird lists
- Use your account to report birds year round
- Life lists and records



Northern Harrier above; California Quail below



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What do we learn?

- Migration patterns
- Year-to-year changes
- Long-term trends

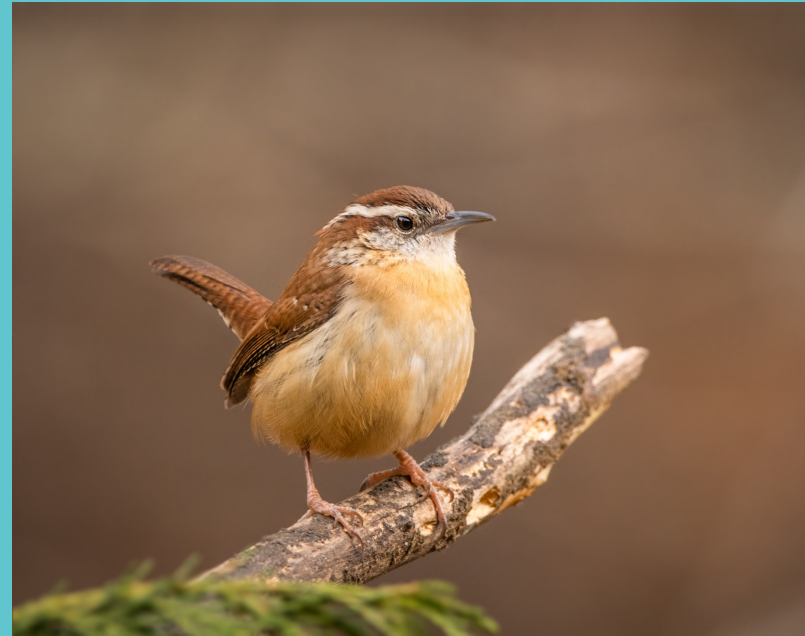


Black-capped Chickadees

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What do you do?

- Count birds anywhere for at least 15 minutes
- Count longer if you wish!
- Keep track of time
- Best estimate on the number of individuals for each species observed



Carolina Wren

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You will need....

- New checklist for each day
- New checklist for each new location
- New checklist for same place, new time



Canvasbacks and lesser Scaups by Laura Fraizer

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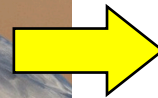
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PARTICIPATE

Birds are everywhere, all the time,
doing fascinating things.

Join us in February,
when the world comes together
for the love of birds.

Press Play Button



How to Participate

Participating is easy, fun to do alone, or with others, and can be done anywhere you find birds.

Choose the easiest way for you to share your birds:

- Identify birds with [Merlin Bird ID app](#) and add sightings to your list
- Use the [eBird Mobile app](#)
- Enter your bird list on the [eBird website](#) (Desktop/laptop)

All you need is a free Cornell Lab account to participate. This account is shared with Merlin, eBird, Project FeederWatch and other projects at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. If you already have an account please use the same username and password for submitting your bird list for the Great Backyard Bird Count.

We recommend **observing birds for at least fifteen minutes**. [See this page for more counting instructions.](#)



Clockwise from top left: Belize Audubon Society/Audubon; Justin Dutcher/GBBC; Parvaiz Shagoo/GBBC; Bethany Gray/GBBC

Arctic Tern by Tyler Ficker/Macaulay Library at the Cornell Lab

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Important!

- Create an account if you are new to the Great Backyard Bird Count or have not participated since before 2013.
- If you already participate in other Cornell Lab projects such as; eBird, Merlin, FeederWatch, NestWatch, etc., enter that username and password.
- ALL sightings reported to eBird over the weekend and

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1 2 3 **Where did you bird?**

Identify the location where you made your observations.

Choose from Your Locations

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Find it on a Map

 Enter a region



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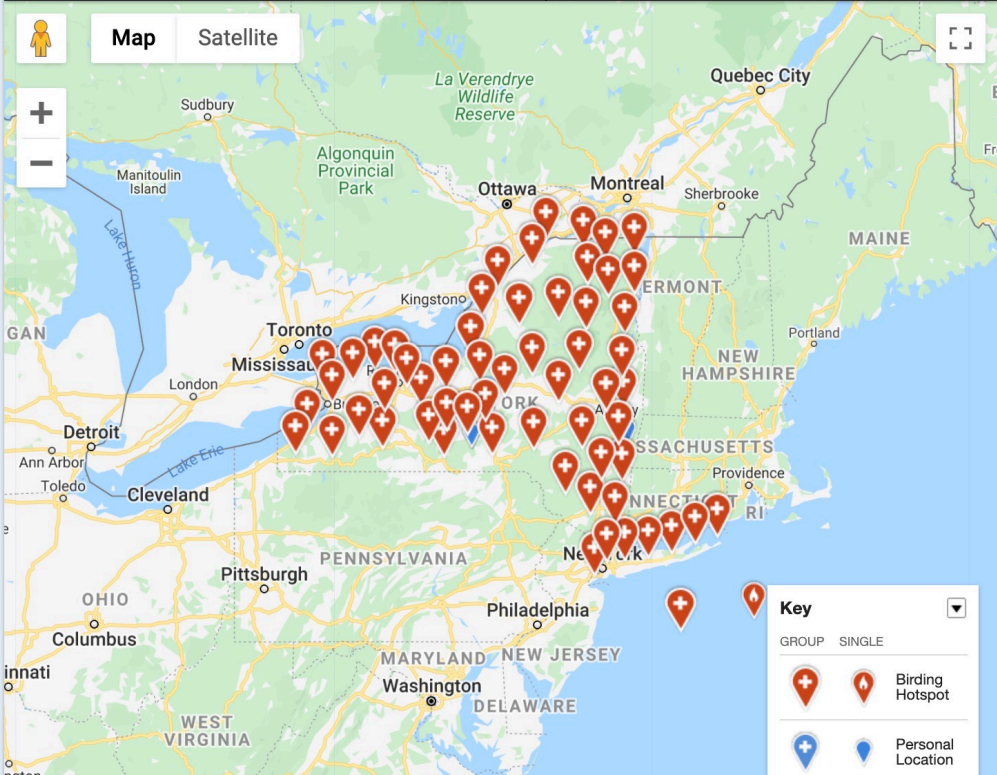
Where did you bird?

Zoom to:

 Map Satellite



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Key

GROUP SINGLE

  Birding Hotspot

  Personal Location

Use the "zoom to" box to zoom to a place name, address, or coordinates in decimal degrees (e.g., 42.4792, -76.45138). You can also click "+" markers to zoom in on groups of birding hotspots or personal locations.

To choose an existing location, click on its marker.

For new locations, **zoom in as far as possible** and click on the map to place a green marker. This marks your new location. To reposition the marker, click anywhere on the map.

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1 2 3 **Date and Effort** Sapsucker Woods--Mt. Sapsucker, Tompkins County, ... [Change](#)

*** Observation Date:** Feb 17 2020 [Calendar](#) *** = Required**

*** Observation Type:**

- ☒ **Traveling** You traveled a specific distance — walking a trail, driving a refuge loop, field birding. [More Info...](#)
- ☐ **Stationary** You stayed at a fixed location — watching from a window, hawkwatching, seawatching. [More Info...](#)
- ☐ **Historical** Birding was your [primary purpose](#), but you cannot estimate start time, duration, and distance; use Traveling or Stationary if you can estimate these. [More Info...](#)
- ☐ **Incidental** Birding was not your [primary purpose](#) — noting a bird while driving or gardening. [More Info...](#)
- ☐ **Other**

*** Start Time (AM/PM):** : --

*** Duration:** hrs. min.

*** Distance:**

*** Party Size:** Enter the total number of people in your birding party

Checklist Comments:

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What did you see or hear?

Sapsucker Woods--Mt. Sapsucker, Tompkins County, ...

Change

Mon Nov 02, 2020 9:00 AM

Change

WATERFOWL

Snow Goose

Graylag x Swan Goose (Domestic type) (hybrid)

Domestic goose sp. (Domestic type)

Brant

Cackling Goose

Canada Goose

Domestic goose sp. (Domestic type) x Canada Goose (hybrid)

Cackling/Canada Goose

goose sp.

Muscovy Duck (Domestic type)

Wood Duck

Blue-winged Teal

Northern Shoveler

Gadwall

American Wigeon

Mallard

Mallard (Domestic type)

American Black Duck

Mallard x American Black Duck (hybrid)

Mallard/American Black Duck

Northern Pintail

Green-winged Teal

Canvasback

Redhead

Ring-necked Duck

Greater Scaup

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Jump to Species...

+ Add Species

↓ Alphabetic

Show Rarities

Show Subspecies

Group by Most Likely ?

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What did you see or hear?

Sapsucker Woods--Mt. Sapsucker, Tompkins County, ...
Mon Nov 02, 2020 9:00 AM

Change

Please fix the items below

Need Details

500

Graylag x Swan Goose (Domestic type) (hybrid)

Change Species

Media:
To add media, first save this checklist then go to **Add media** on the next page. [Learn more](#)

Details:
Add text describing the bird, its habitat, and behavior...

Add data...
Age & Sex Breeding Code Oiled Birds Media Details

This is a high count for this date & location: please add comments, check 'Complete', and add any photos or sounds after submitting and saving the checklist.

Why?

Complete

Need Details

10

Domestic goose sp. (Domestic type) x Canada Goose (hybrid)

Change Species

Media:
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Details:
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WATERFOWL

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Snow Goose

Add Details

Change Species

Domestic goose sp. (Domestic type)

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☐ Show Rarities

☐ Show Subspecies

☐ Group by Most Likely ?

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Preferences



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VIREOS	<input type="checkbox"/>	Blue-headed Vireo
JAYS, MAGPIES, CROWS, AND RAVENS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2 Blue Jay Add Details
	<input type="checkbox"/>	American Crow
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fish Crow
	<input type="checkbox"/>	crow sp.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Common Raven
	<input type="checkbox"/>	crow/raven sp.
TITS, CHICKADEES, AND TITMICE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1 Black-capped Chickadee Add Details Change Species
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tufted Titmouse
LARKS	<input type="checkbox"/>	Horned Lark
MARTINS AND SWALLOWS	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tree Swallow
KINGLETS	<input type="checkbox"/>	Golden-crowned Kinglet
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
NUTHATCHES	<input type="checkbox"/>	Red-breasted Nuthatch
	<input type="checkbox"/>	White-breasted Nuthatch
TREECREEPERS	<input type="checkbox"/>	Brown Creeper
WRENS	<input type="checkbox"/>	Winter Wren
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Carolina Wren
STARLINGS AND MYNAS	<input type="checkbox"/>	European Starling
CATBIRDS, MOCKINGBIRDS, AND THRASHERS	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gray Catbird
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Northern Mockingbird
THRUSHES	<input type="checkbox"/>	Eastern Bluebird
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hermit Thrush
	<input type="checkbox"/>	American Robin
WAXWINGS	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Are you submitting a **complete checklist** of the birds you were able to identify?

☒ Yes ☐ No [?](#)

[←](#) [Submit →](#)

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After you submit your count, you can:

- Review and edit the list
- Share your list with others who compile the list (if group)
- Submit another list



Tufted Titmouse

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Snow Geese



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Northern Harrier by Ed Wransky

California Quail by Patricia Ediger

Black-capped Chickadees by Jocelyn Anderson

Carolina Wren by Jenny Burdette

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