

Feeder Watcher Instructions

Counting Birds: Look for the **maximum number** of each species visible (or within earshot) at any one time—this maximum number is what should be recorded. **Example:** If you see one Black-capped Chickadee and it comes to the feeder 24 times, you've only seen one Black-capped Chickadee. If you see a flock of 4 Black-capped Chickadees and later see a flock of 7 Black-capped Chickadees, the total number of Black-capped Chickadees to be recorded is 7.

Tracking Time: Record the number of hours, to the nearest quarter hour, spent looking at your feeder(s). **Example:** If two people watch one feeder and one watches from 8:00 - 9:00 and the other watches from 8:30 - 10:00, the resulting total is two hours of time. If these two people were watching two separate feeders, then the times spent observing are added together, for a total of 2.5 hours. You may also use eBird (see the handout on CBC Data Recording and Submission); each time you begin an observation period, start a new eBird checklist. No checklist should last more than an hour.

Tally Sheets: Please use the Tally Sheet or eBird. The first page lists the most commonly seen birds on the Moscow-Pullman Christmas Bird Count in taxonomic order. The second page lists less common species and very rare species. If you observe a species highlighted in **bold**, you will need to supply documentation for that sighting (see below).

Reporting Sheet: You may report your results three ways: (1) Use your phone to take a photo of each page of the Tally Sheet and text or email the photos to Kas (kas.birder@gmail.com; 208.301.2324) or Casey (casey.lowder@me.com; 704.438.1533). (2) List the species (in the order on the tally sheet) and the maximum number seen, along with the number of observers and time spent observing, within the text of an email to either Kas or Casey. (3) Send Kas or Casey a link to an eBird Trip Report (see the handout on CBC Data Recording and Submission).

Documenting Rarities: If you see a bold highlighted species, or a species not on the tally sheet, you must provide documentation. Attached is a rare bird documentation form, "CBC Rare Bird Report." You may either print it and fill it in by hand, or, it can be filled in digitally (preferred). Note that a complete description of the bird and observation are required, and that can be done as an accompanying Word doc; digital or other photographs would be great! A link to an eBird Checklist is fine. Hardcopy forms should be mailed asap to Kas Dumroese, 482 Ridge Road, Moscow, ID 83843. The digital form and accompanying file with the description/observation and any digital photographs can be emailed to Kas at kas.birder@gmail.com

Not Positive about the Species? If you happen to have an accipiter or buteo species in your yard and you can't identify it to species, note that we provide "Accipiter species?" and "buteo species?" checkboxes as well. If you can't tell if a junco is either Oregon, Slate-colored, or Cassiar (see the junco handout), you should record it as "Dark-eyed Junco, form?"

Questions? Call or email Kas Dumroese (kas.birder@gmail.com; 208.301.2324) or Casey Lowder (casey.lowder@me.com; 704.438.1533).