Zumbro Valley Audubon Christmas Bird Count December 16, 2017

Count the maximum number of birds of a species seen at one time. For example, if you see 10 blue jays and 6 cardinals at one time, and 9 blue jays and 12 cardinals another time, count 10 blue jays and 12 cardinals. Please report all species you see, not just those that come to your feeder. **Only count birds observed on December 16, 2017.**

If you have an unusual or hard-to-find bird coming to your feeder, or if you need help identifying a bird, call Clifford Hansen at 507-281-0249 before the day of the count.

If you see species other than those listed below, add them to the bottom of this form.

SPECIES	MAXIMUM # SEEN
Mourning Dove	
Red-bellied Woodpecker	
Downy Woodpecker	
Hairy Woodpecker	
Blue Jay	
American Crow	
Black-capped Chickadee	
Red-breasted Nuthatch	
White-breasted Nuthatch	
European Starling	
American Tree Sparrow	
Dark-eyed Junco	
Northern Cardinal	
Purple Finch	
House Finch	
Pine Siskin	
American Goldfinch	
House Sparrow	

Hours spent watching feeder: _____

Feeder Location: _____

Name: _____

Phone or email (in case we need to contact you about a rarity): _____

Make time in your busy schedule for a holiday tradition, the Audubon Christmas Bird Count! Between December 14th and January 5th, birders throughout the western hemisphere will be counting birds on one selected day in over 2000 count circles. **The Rochester CBC will be held Saturday, December 16th.**

Zumbro Valley Audubon produces strong results each year, typically sighting between 50 and 60 different species. You don't need to be an expert birder to take part. It is an excellent way to learn from experienced birders. If you can't join us in the field, you can still take part by counting the birds coming to your feeder -- the count form is on the reverse side of this flyer.

We will meet at 7:15 a.m. in the west Silver Lake parking lot, near the formerfire station. Lunch and a mid-day tally will be held at Quarry Hill Nature Center from noon to 1 p.m. Bring your own lunch. A light meal and final tally will be held at the Nature Center at 4:45 p.m. Hot soup provided, bring something to share. New half-day and full-day participants are welcome. Counting is done from the warmth of cars or on short hikes. For additional information, contact Clifford Hansen at 281-0249.

Besides being great fun, the Christmas Bird Count provides long term information on early winter bird distribution and relative population levels. Count results, from 1900 to the present, are available through Audubon's website at www.audubon.org/conservation/science/christmas-bird-count Check it out!

Want to have even more bird counting fun?

The 22nd annual Whitewater River Valley Christmas Bird Count will take place January 1st. Participants will explore the area winter wonderland on foot for short walks and/or by car as they document wintering birds. Anyone with an interest in birds, regardless of birding experience, is invited to participate. Counters will meet at the Whitewater Valley Visitor Center in Whitewater State Park starting at 8 am. There will be a fire in the wood stove and hot beverages and homemade treats provided. The feeders at the visitor center will be full of seeds and birds. What a great way to start the New Year! To sign up, email sara.holger@state.mn.us or call 507-312-2308.

Whitewater River Valley Christmas Bird Count

Date: Jan. 1, 2018
Time: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Directions : 3 miles south of Elba on State Hwy. 74.
More Information Call 507-932-3007.
Directions: Located 3 miles south of Elba on State Highway 74.
More Information: Call 507-312-2308.

If you would like to financially support the Audubon Christmas Bird Count, please include a check made out to Zumbro Valley Audubon Society.

Thank you for your participation!

Please mail the completed count form to:
Zumbro Valley Audubon Society
PO Box 6244, Rochester, MN 55903-6244

or **email the form** to Clifford Hansen at clhroch@yahoo.com