

DATA FORM

2012 Backyard Winter Bird Survey – February 11 & 12

Please read the instructions before participating in the survey (see page 2 or the survey website).

Print this form, fill in the data and mail your results to: **Backyard Winter Bird Survey
New Hampshire Audubon
84 Silk Farm Rd.
Concord, NH 03301**

Name: _____ Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ _____ I can't participate this year, but please keep me on the mailing list.	2012 Backyard Winter Bird Survey Thanks for participating in this statewide survey sponsored by NH Audubon. Please record the maximum number of individuals of each species seen at one time during this weekend. For any unusual sightings, please include a detailed description of the bird's appearance and behavior. More detailed instructions are on page 2.
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2012 Date(s) observed (check off): 2/11 2/12 both. Hours watched # _____ (estimate as closely as possible)

Location: Road/Street: _____ Town: _____

Brief comments: (i.e. weather, etc.) _____

SPECIES	MAX#	SPECIES	MAX#	SPECIES	MAX#
Rock Dove (pigeon)		American Robin		American Goldfinch	
Mourning Dove		Northern Mockingbird		Evening Grosbeak	
Downy Woodpecker		European Starling		House Sparrow	
Hairy Woodpecker		Cedar Waxwing			
Blue Jay		American Tree Sparrow			
American Crow		White-throated Sparrow			
Black-capped Chickadee		Dark-eyed Junco			
Tufted Titmouse		Northern Cardinal			
Red-breasted Nuthatch		Purple Finch			
White-breasted Nuthatch		House Finch		Red Squirrel	
Brown Creeper		Pine Siskin		Gray Squirrel	

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Help Support the Backyard Winter Bird Survey! Contributions make this survey possible.

____ Yes, I'd like to support the survey with a donation. Enclosed is my contribution of:

\$20 \$35 \$50 (free gift) \$100 (free gift) other _____

Thank you!

Backyard Winter Bird Survey

February 11 & 12, 2012

Survey Instructions



<http://nhbirdrecords.org/bird-conservation/backyard-winter-survey.htm>

Backyard Winter Bird Survey participants report any bird species visiting their yard and/or feeders in New Hampshire on the second weekend of February. Originally begun as a “Cardinal-Tufted Titmouse Census,” it was expanded in 1987 to gather information on the distribution and abundance of many winter species in New Hampshire.

When to watch

February 11 and 12 only. Watch and count the birds in your yard at any time during the weekend.

How long to watch

Watch as little or as long as you wish during the survey weekend. Be sure to record the total number of hours you observed. Approximate as closely as possible. For example, if you were home all day, but only watched for five minutes every hour, your time will be 45 minutes.

How to count birds and squirrels

Record only the maximum number of each species seen at one time. Do not add to your total each time you see a bird at the feeder. For example, at 10:00AM you see six Blue Jays, at 2:00PM you count seven, and at 5:00PM you count four, your survey total for Blue Jays is seven. Even if you did not see any birds, mark the survey card accordingly and send it in just the same. Count squirrels the same way.

What birds are in my “backyard”?

Count and record whatever birds you can see from your backyard – they could be at your feeder, flying overhead, or swimming in the river bordering your yard. If you can see it while standing in your house or yard, you can report it. If you watch from more than one residence, use separate forms for each location.

Additional and unusual species

Use the blank lines to record any additional species observed. These are often uncommon species. Please include a detailed description of the bird’s appearance and behavior. Photographs are always helpful. E-mail them to bwbs@nhaudubon.org; be sure to include your name and address in your e-mail and note on your survey form that you’ve e-mailed a photo. Without this documentation, unusual reports may not be included in the final tally.

Birds you can’t identify

If you don’t know the names of all the birds visiting your yard, you can still participate, but please record only the species you can identify.

Confusing species

Please be sure you can distinguish between similar species, such as Purple and House Finches, Chipping and American Tree Sparrows, and the Sharp-Shinned and Cooper’s Hawks. A current field guide can help. Remember that the House Finch is more common than the Purple Finch and Chipping Sparrows will be in their winter plumage. Send descriptive details of Chipping Sparrow or Cooper’s Hawk sightings.

Survey results

The survey reports are computerized over the spring and summer, with final interpretation in the fall. All participants receive a copy of the results with next year’s forms when they are mailed in January.

Other notes

- Remember to fill out the entire form.
- Your mailing address and zip code are necessary to ensure that you remain on the survey mailing list.
- If you cannot participate but would like to remain on the mailing list, you must still return the survey. Please fill in your name and address and return to NH Audubon.

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