

December, 2007

Hello GC Birders,

I hope many of you can join us for the 2007 North Greenville Christmas Bird Count. The details and instructions follow. Please contact either J.B. Hines (jbhines@chesnet.net) or Donnie Coody (dcoody@gcbirdclub.org) if you plan to participate so that we can make area assignments. The GCBC pays the National Audubon Society participation fee for all individuals helping with the count. Additional information will follow prior to count day.

The North Greenville Christmas Bird Count will be held on Saturday December 29, 2007 with the count week spanning Dec. 26 through Jan. 1. Thank you for your willingness to help in this important service project. The count is the compilation of field parties, short jaunt and yard/feeder surveys. Your contribution at any level is appreciated. Everyone is encouraged to participate regardless of skill level. Christmas Bird Counts are a fixed circle with a diameter of 15 miles. This year the circle is divided into nine sections with a field party captain for each section. The count circle is centered at the intersection of SC Hwy 253 and Few's Bridge Rd. It includes Lake Cunningham, Lake Robinson, Berry's Millpond, and Paris Mountain State Park.

Directions for Field Parties:

1. On count day, record the total number of each species found in your section on a checklist. I recommend that you print a copy of the winter species list for reference. It can be found on the GCBC website along with a map & CBC information.
2. Record numbers for generic sightings of species which you cannot identify.
3. Check out your areas ahead of time if possible. During count week record only species, not numbers.
4. Exercise safety precautions in the field. Be aware of hunters, you may want to wear an international orange cap or vest. Always obtain permission before entering private land.
5. Weather is never predictable, so the count is on rain or shine.
6. Record the miles (by car & on foot), hours (by car & on foot) and each individual in your group on the form at the end of this page. Also record separate data for nocturnal counting.

Yard and Feeder Watchers:

1. Please report the species and number of individuals observed in your yard or feeder. Expect the same birds to be visiting, so to avoid duplicate counts, if you see 7 house finches in the morning, and 14 later in the afternoon, report 14, not 21.
2. Report the names of people participating in your count and the number of hours spent observing.

Nocturnal Owl Watch:

Throughout Count Week & Count Day please listen for owls and record the time spent.

Countdown:
TBD

Field Party Form:

Names _____

Miles Walked _____ Miles Driven _____
Miles Nocturnal _____

Hours Walked _____ Hours Driven _____
Hours Nocturnal _____