

64th Rockland Christmas Bird Count

Rockland Audubon Feeder Count December 19, 2010

Almost 9000 common grackles (!) and one barnacle goose were highlights of the 2009 Christmas Bird Count in Rockland County. Unexpected birds have been found on almost every Rockland CBC. Each team hopes to find a species that no other group uncovers, and it's always fun to have the only one of a species. And there is always real anticipation to see if any team has found a species never before counted on the RAS CBC, like the barnacle goose spotted in the Hudson near the Pier by Drew Ciganek and Karl Knoecklein.

The 64th Rockland Audubon CBC will be held on Sunday, December 19. From dawn to dusk, there will be counters in each of nine areas of Rockland County, enumerating the birds of each species that they see. This data is sent to National Audubon Society to be compiled and compared to other national and international counts.

If you would like to participate in the CBC for the first time or were unable to count last year, please contact Carol at 845-358-3659 or cweiss1124@optonline.net . If you counted in 2009, you will be contacted.

If you can't spend the entire day out-of-doors, we also need volunteers to watch their bird feeders on Count Day. Feeder watchers should submit the highest number of individuals seen at one time. For example, if 5 titmice are seen at 9 a.m. and 3 at 10 a.m., the number reported should be 5, not 8. These feeder counts are very important as sometimes a species is seen only at someone's feeder on Count Day. The feeder watcher form is on the right.

The long birding day ends with a pot luck dinner and a countdown of the day's sightings. Alan and Della Wells of Stony Point will host the supper, and both field participants and feeder watchers are invited. Call the Wellses at 845-942-5751 to let them know what you will contribute to the pot luck. Driving directions will be sent or emailed to participants.

_____ Red-tailed hawk
_____ Sharp-shinned hawk
_____ Wild turkey
_____ Rock pigeon
_____ Mourning dove
_____ Eastern screech owl
_____ Northern flicker
_____ Red-bellied woodpecker
_____ Hairy woodpecker
_____ Downy woodpecker
_____ Pileated woodpecker
_____ Blue jay
_____ American crow
_____ Black-capped chickadee
_____ Tufted titmouse
_____ Red-breasted nuthatch
_____ White-breasted nuthatch
_____ American robin
_____ Gray catbird
_____ Northern mockingbird
_____ Brown thrasher
_____ European starling
_____ Eastern towhee (rufous-sided)
_____ Field sparrow
_____ Song sparrow
_____ White-throated sparrow
_____ Dark-eyed junco
_____ American tree sparrow
_____ Fox sparrow
_____ Northern cardinal
_____ Red-winged blackbird
_____ Brown-headed cowbird
_____ Common grackle
_____ House finch
_____ Common redpoll
_____ Pine siskin
_____ American goldfinch
_____ Evening grosbeak
_____ House sparrow
_____ Other - please specify

Name _____

Address _____

Tel.email _____

Ways to report your feeder count:

1. Come to the Countdown Potluck Dinner.
2. Phone your results: 845-942-5751.
3. E-mail your numbers: awells@bestweb.net
4. Mail to Alan Wells, 9 Dunderberg Rd., Tomkins Cove, NY 10986.