

Great Backyard Bird Count

It is time again to count the birds that you see in and around your yard and surrounding areas.

Launched in 1998 by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the National Audubon Society, the Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) was the first online citizen-science project to collect data on wild birds. This is an annual snapshot of the distribution and abundance of birds in February.


This year the bird count will be from Friday, February 15, to Monday, February 18. Information as well as instructions and a tally sheet for the most common species for the locality where you will be observing are available online at gbbc.birdcount.org.

Last year, almost 177,000 checklists were submitted worldwide, and over 6,300 species of birds were observed. The 10 most frequently reported species in 2018 were: northern cardinal, dark-eyed junco, mourning dove, American crow, blue jay, downy woodpecker, house finch, black-capped chickadee, house sparrow and European starling.

An expanded online tool is available this year to help you identify species. Visit ebird.org/explore for identification tips on over 3,000 species as well as the option to select a region to explore—where you will find lists of likely species and information on the best time of day to spot them.

This is a fun project for all ages, and you can count in your own yard, in a public park, or even on a trail. Pine Knoll Shores is a bird sanctuary, and Fort Macon has a good assortment of birds as well, including shorebirds—so get your binoculars and bird book and join the count.

Note: We are interested to know how many people in Pine Knoll Shores participate in the bird count. Please send an email to shoreline@townofpks.com to let us know about your observations. Traveling during the bird count? You can count wherever you are.—The Editors



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local park, or wherever you spot a bird,
and submit your observations online.

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