

**November 2023**

**Dear CBC Feeder Counter:**

'Tis the season for the Greater Akron Audubon Christmas Bird Count which will be conducted on Sunday, December 17th, 2023.

The Feeder Count Form is in PDF format. Please return the completed form within 10 days as an email attachment to Dan Toth <[DToth@summitmetroparks.org](mailto:DToth@summitmetroparks.org)>.

Counting the birds at your feeders will require only as much time as you want to spend observing your feeders. For example, you can spend a few minutes observing your feeders at different times during the day or spend one extended period of time counting birds. To calculate your total time for the day, use the following examples. If you observe your feeders for 5 minutes each hour for 8 hours you will record 5 minutes times 8 hours or 40 minutes on the form. Please know that we do not want the Feeder Count to interfere with Sunday Church services or any of your Christmas Holiday preparations.

We know that it is difficult to count birds of one species as they keep flying in and out of feeders. Here is a tip in counting the total number of birds of one species. You count the highest number. For example, if you see 4 Chickadees at one time and 8 later on, record 8, which is the highest number. However, if later, you see 14 Chickadees you record 14 and not add it to the previous number of 8. Another example is if there are 20 Cardinals sitting in your trees and 2 at the feeders, you report 22 Cardinals. Your whole yard is your observation area.

We thank you for your participation in our yearly Christmas Bird Feeder Count-Your participation is greatly appreciated. The birds observed at your feeders are important to our annual bird count totals. If you have any questions or concerns, please email me at my address below.

Happy Holidays from your compilers,

Dan Toth

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