

Sea & Sage Audubon Christmas Bird Counts — Report from Area Leaders — (page 1)

Count:

Area #:

Leader:

Date:

- I. **Combine totals from all parties in your area on ONE tally form to turn in to the compiler.** Written descriptions of any birds not on the tally sheet or marked (DS) must be included with your report. Have observers fill out a "Rare Bird" form for each rare sighting. Rare birds with inadequate written descriptions will be dropped.
- II. **Collect "State Location" notes from each party.** Individual tally sheets should contain this information.
- III. **Calculate time and mileage statistics on the back of this form.** It is VERY IMPORTANT that you gather accurate effort data from your counters.
- IV. **Enter names and contact info** below for all participants (leaders, observers, counters and talliers). Suggestion: fill in participants' names and contact info BEFORE count day. Then you can turn in a nice printed copy and not do it by hand at the last minute. I need to be able to read what you enter. I can give you an electronic form if you want.
- V. **Enter fees collected to the left of each names, and total below.** \$5 fee is required of all field observers 19 & older. 18 years & younger are free. Talliers are free.
- VI. **Turn in this form with attached combined tally sheet, Rare Bird report forms and the individual tally sheets from your various parties.**
- VII. **Come to the compilation meeting at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary and celebrate.** See directions and times on page 2.

	Fee Paid	Name	Address	Zip	Telephone	E-Mail
1						
2						
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10						
11						
12						
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14						
15						
16						
17						
Total amount of money turned in						
Tallier &						
Under 19						
No fee						

ONLY OBSERVERS PAYING THE \$5.00 FEE WILL RECEIVE THE CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT ISSUE of "AMERICAN BIRDS".

Contact count compiler with questions or concerns: **Steve Alter**. 714-669-9482. scalter1@pacbell.net

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Sea & Sage Audubon Christmas Bird Counts — Report from Area Leaders — (page 2)

Count: (Coastal or N.E.) _____ **Area:** _____ **Leader:** _____ **Date:** _____

In the table below, list each party and break out their time and miles. Just add it all up to get the totals at the bottom.

Total up nighttime hours and miles separately (“Night” is before 6:30 AM or after 5:30 PM)

	Start Time	End Time	Night Hrs.	Daytime Hrs.	Daytime Hours Only			Night Miles	Daytime Miles	Daytime Miles Only		
					Hours by Foot	Hours by Car	Hours by Boat			Miles by Foot	Miles by Car	Miles by Boat
Party 1												
Party 2												
Party 3												
Party 4												
Party 5												
Party 6												
Party 7												
Party 8												
Party 9												
Party 10												
Party 11												
Party 12												
Party 13												
Party 14												
GRAND TOTALS												
			Night Hrs.	Daytime Hrs.	by Foot	by Car	by Boat	Night Miles	Daytime Miles	by Foot	by Car	by Boat

or motorcycle

Earliest Start Time: _____ **Number of feeder-watchers:** _____

Latest End Time: _____ **Total hours by feeder-watchers:** _____

A “Party” is any number of people birding together, or even one person birding alone.

If the same group is together all morning, eats lunch, then stays together all afternoon, that’s one party.

But, if the same group is together all morning, then after lunch they split up into 2 groups, they become 2 new parties. In that case they had a total of 3 parties that day (one in the morning and two in the afternoon). It does NOT matter how many people are in each party.

All of the CBC statistics are based on “parties” not “people”.

Base the decision of “how many parties” on the makeup of each group. When people shift around, it becomes a different party.

Feeder-watchers are people whose only participation is to sit and watch a feeder. There are instructions on-line about counting for feeder-watchers.

Compiling count results: We’ll meet at the Learning Center (the big grey “house”) at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary in Irvine after the count. We’ll have the room open at 5:00 if you want to come early to relax & complete your paper work, and we’ll have “munchies” available then. Supper will be at 6:00 and the Tally will start at 7 PM. EVERYONE who took part in the count is invited! (This is a great time to find out what was seen by other groups on the count.)
FOOD: We’ll have hot coffee & decaf and “munchies”, sodas, pizza, salad and some cookies. RSVP to Nancy Kenyon if you plan to eat with us; that way we’ll know how much food to get. Otherwise, we may run short! 949-786-3160; nancykenyon@cox.net . Cost per person \$10 payable at the Tally.
Hope to see you there! Directions and a map are on the Invitation Form.