

Dear Feeder Watcher,

Please join us for the annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count on **Saturday, December 20, 2025**.

I, (Cindy Bonner), will be the feeder watch data compiler for our local chapter, Seneca Rocks Audubon Society. Here are the directions on what to do to participate:

- Your location must be in the circle. You can view the geographical circle on our website, <u>senecarocksaudubon.org</u> under projects, Christmas bird count. I will double check your address against the map and let you know only if you are not in the circle.
- 2. Count the highest number of each species at your feeder during the 24-hour period on **December 20th**.
- 3. Use the enclosed form to record species. If you are counting chickadees for example, keep track of the number at the feeder each time you check. Then report the one time during the day that had the highest number of Chickadees. Let's say you check your feeders seven times during the day with counts of 6,8,1,6,7,9, and 5. You would the report 9 Chickadees on the form.
- 4. You will notice that there are species on the form that may be counted as male and female separately. If unsure count as either male or female and make a notation.
- 5. Report your data and estimated total time observing your feeders and counting to Cindy. Please let me know by the end of the day on the 21st of December. You may call me at (814) 745-3801, or email me at bonners74@comcast.net. Also, please email or mail me a copy of your completed form, or you may bring it to the tally luncheon. My address is 1000 Lincoln St., Sligo, PA 16255. No count is too small!!

On Monday December 22nd, field teams and feeder watchers will gather for the "tally". Meet us at the Perkins restaurant (Exit 62 I-80) at 2:00 p.m. to share. We will order off the menu with separate checks.

I am looking forward to working with all of you. Have fun!

Cindy Bonner