



Baltimore Woods
Nature Center
Nature in your hands

Citizen Science Projects For the Birds!

Whether you are an avid birder or just a casual observer, you can help Ornithologists or bird scientists track the migratory patterns of birds. This can be done in the comfort of your own home with Project FeederWatch! Visit feederwatch.org to sign up! Below is an example of a tally sheet, you can create your own but be sure to include all of this information so your data can be entered into the website.

Bird Feeder Must Haves:

1. Black Oil Sunflower Seed
2. Nyjer or Thistle Seed
3. Cracked Corn
4. Safflower Seed
5. Suet

These top 5 foods will attract a variety of birds to your feeders! Be sure to keep feeders clean and near some tree or bush cover.



Project FeederWatch

FeederWatch ID number:	Password:	Username:
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Tally Sheet

The 2 consecutive dates of this count are _____ and _____

Bird Counts

Use the space to the right to tally the number of individuals of each species that you see simultaneously. Report your counts to Project FeederWatch at feederwatch.org (do not send in this Tally Sheet). Report only the highest number seen simultaneously—do not add your running tally together.

Species name	Highest number seen at one time
Example: House Finch 8/12	12 (enter this number online)

Effort

When did you watch your FeederWatch count site?

- Day 1, morning
- Day 1, afternoon
- Day 2, morning
- Day 2, afternoon

Estimate the cumulative time you watched your FeederWatch count site.

- Less than 1 hour
- 1 to 4 hours
- 4+ to 8 hours
- More than 8 hours

Snow depth

Mark the average conditions during the two-day count.

- None
- Under 5 cm (under 2")
- 5 cm to 15 cm (2" to 6")
- Over 15 cm (over 6")

Eye disease

Watch for eye disease in House Finches, Purple Finches, Evening Grosbeaks, or goldfinches and note how many birds you see with the disease at one time.

Behavior Interactions

Use the space below to note if a bird attempted to displace or depredate another bird and if the attempt was successful.

Source species	Behavior	Target species	Successful?
Example: Blue Jay	displaced	American Goldfinch	No

Helpful hints

- Under "Species name," list the birds you see most often. Then make copies of your tally sheet.
- Print tally sheets from our website at feederwatch.org/about/detailed-instructions/#prepare-a-tally-sheet.

Also check out ebird.org for data entry opportunities and to track what birds other citizen scientists are seeing in your area!

Happy Birding!