



# Backyard Winter Bird Survey

February 10 & 11, 2018

**Attention—New Form!**  
Let us know what you think.

- I can't participate in the survey this year but please keep me on the mailing list.
- I am a minor.

Thank you for participating! Please read the detailed instructions included with this mailing. Please make name and/or address corrections on the label below.

**Please read the instructions before participating in the survey (see page 2 or the survey website).**

Survey results may also be submitted online at [www.nh Audubon.org/get-outside/birding/data-form-instructions/](http://www.nh Audubon.org/get-outside/birding/data-form-instructions/)

**2018** Date(s) observed (check off):  2/10  2/11  both. Hours watched # \_\_\_\_\_ (estimate as closely as possible)

Watch location: Road/Street: \_\_\_\_\_ Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief comments: (i.e. weather, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIES	MAX#	SPECIES	MAX#	SPECIES	MAX#
Wild Turkey		Carolina Wren		White-throated Sparrow	
Rock Pigeon		Eastern Bluebird		Dark-eyed Junco	
Mourning Dove		American Robin		Northern Cardinal	
Red-bellied Woodpecker		Northern Mockingbird			
Downy Woodpecker		European Starling			
Hairy Woodpecker		Cedar Waxwing			
Blue Jay		House Sparrow			
American Crow		House Finch			
Black-capped Chickadee		Purple Finch			
Tufted Titmouse		Common Redpoll			
Red-breasted Nuthatch		Pine Siskin			
White-breasted Nuthatch		American Goldfinch		Red Squirrel	
Brown Creeper		American Tree Sparrow		Gray Squirrel	

## Help Support the 2018 Backyard Winter Bird Survey

**Yes – I'd like to support the survey with a donation (see reverse for Gift). Enclosed is my contribution of:**

- \$25  \$50 (Free Gift)  \$100 (Free Gift)  \$250 (Free Gift)  other \_\_\_\_\_

You do not need to be a member to contribute, but we welcome new members and appreciate your support for New Hampshire Audubon's mission to protect New Hampshire's natural environment for wildlife and for people.

**Yes – I'd like to become a member of New Hampshire Audubon.** Please send me my new member packet.

- Senior/Student \$29  Individual \$45  Family \$59  Contributor \$100  Already a Member

Enclosed is my check payable to New Hampshire Audubon

Visa  MC Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ Acct No \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

I wish this gift to remain anonymous

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

My e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**MAIL THIS FORM TO: New Hampshire Audubon,  
84 Silk Farm Road, Concord, NH 03301**

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### Survey Instructions



<http://nhbirdrecords.org/bird-conservation/backyard-winter-survey.htm>

**Backyard Winter Bird Survey** participants report any bird species visiting their yard and/or feeders in New Hampshire on the second weekend of February. Originally begun 50 years ago as the “Cardinal-Tufted Titmouse Survey,” it was expanded in 1987 to gather information on the distribution and abundance of all backyard winter bird species in New Hampshire.

#### **New in 2018!**

The reporting form has a new look. We’ve also added Wild Turkey, Carolina Wren, Eastern Bluebird, and Common Redpoll. How do you like it?

#### **When to watch**

February 10 and 11 **only**. Watch and count the birds in your yard at any time during the weekend.

#### **How long to watch**

Watch as little or as long as you wish during the survey weekend. Be sure to record the total number of hours you observed. Approximate as closely as possible. For example, if you were home all day, but only watched for five minutes every hour, your time will be 45 minutes.

#### **How to count birds and squirrels**

Record only the maximum number of each species seen at one time. Do not add to your total each time you see a bird at the feeder. For example, at 10:00AM you see six Blue Jays, at 2:00PM you count seven, and at 5:00PM you count four, your survey total for Blue Jays is seven. Even if you did not see any birds, mark the survey card accordingly and send it in just the same. Count squirrels the same way.

#### **What birds are in my “backyard”?**

Count and record whatever birds you can see from your backyard – they could be at your feeder, flying overhead, or swimming in the river bordering your yard. If you can see it while standing in your house or yard, you can report it. If you watch from more than one residence, use separate forms for each location.

#### **Additional and unusual species**

Use the blank lines to record any additional species observed. These are often uncommon species. Please include a detailed description of the bird’s appearance and behavior. Photographs are always helpful. E-mail them to [bwbs@nhaudubon.org](mailto:bwbs@nhaudubon.org); be sure to include your name and address in your e-mail and note on your survey form that you’ve e-mailed a photo. Without this documentation, unusual reports may not be included in the final tally.

#### **Birds you can’t identify**

If you don’t know the names of all the birds visiting your yard, you can still participate, but please record only the species you can identify.

#### **Confusing species**

Please be sure you can distinguish between similar species, such as Purple and House Finches, Chipping and American Tree Sparrows, and the Sharp-Shinned and Cooper’s Hawks. A current field guide can help. Remember that the House Finch is more common than the Purple Finch (except in Coos County) and Chipping Sparrows will be in their winter plumage. Send descriptive details of Chipping Sparrow or Purple Finch sightings.

#### **Survey results**

The survey reports are computerized over the spring and summer, with final interpretation in the fall. All participants receive a copy of the results with next year’s forms when they are mailed in January.

#### **Other notes**

- Please fill out the entire form **including dates**.
- Your mailing address and zip code are necessary to ensure that you remain on the survey mailing list.
- If you cannot participate but would like to remain on the mailing list, be sure to return the survey form with your name and address and check off where indicated (below your address).