



# Backyard Winter Bird Survey

February 10 & 11, 2024

Thank you for participating! Please read the detailed instructions on the reverse. If you participate both days, combine your results into **one survey** for the weekend. *Please check off a date so your results will be used.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ (Please print)

☐ I can't participate in the survey this year but please keep me on the mailing list.

☐ I am a minor.

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

Don't forget to fill in the date!

**CHECK OFF** Date(s) observed: ☐ 2/10 ☐ 2/11 — **REQUIRED**. Hours watched # \_\_\_\_\_ (estimate as closely as possible)

Watch Location (Street Address): \_\_\_\_\_ Town: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

(Use blank spaces above for other species. Use back of page to document unusual or confusing species.)

## Help Support the 2024 Backyard Winter Bird Survey

**Yes – I'd like to support the survey with a donation. Enclosed is my contribution of:**

☐ \$25 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$250 ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

You do not need to be a member to contribute, but we welcome new members and appreciate your support for NH Audubon.

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

☐ Senior/Student \$30 ☐ Individual \$45 ☐ Family \$60 ☐ Contributor \$100 ☐ Supporter \$250 ☐ Already a Member

☐ Enclosed is my check payable to NH Audubon ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover ☐ Amex

Acct No. \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I wish this gift to remain anonymous.

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☐ RE

☐ Birds

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

**Submit results online at** <https://nhbirdrecords.org/bwbs-online-data-entry/>

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**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 over 50 years ago as the “Cardinal-Tufted Titmouse Survey,” it was expanded in 1987 to gather data on the distribution and abundance of all backyard winter bird species in New Hampshire.

### When to watch

February 10 and 11 **only**. Watch and count the birds in your yard at any time during the weekend. Remember to **check off the date**. We can’t assume you did the survey on the correct weekend (not everyone does). Data protocols require a date so please fill it in for your data to be valid.

### 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.

### 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. The results are also posted on the web site.

*See the new 2023 Photo Gallery on the website!*

### 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.

### Additional and unusual species

#### Write a Description

Use the blank lines to record any additional bird species observed. These are usually uncommon species so please include a detailed description of the bird’s appearance and behavior that you observed. A drawing is also a great way to record your sightings!

#### Take Photos

Photographs are always helpful, even if you consider them to be of poor quality. Without this documentation, any unusual reports may not be included in the final tally.

#### Email your digital photos

Digital photos, including those of unusual birds or Purple Finch, may be sent to [bwbs@nhaudubon.org](mailto:bwbs@nhaudubon.org). Include your name and address in your e-mail and a note on your survey that you sent a photo via e-mail. Photos suitable for publication are always appreciated

### Confusing species

Be sure you can distinguish between similar species, such as Purple and House Finch, Chipping and American Tree Sparrow, and the Sharp-Shinned and Cooper’s Hawk. A current field guide can help. House Finch is more common than Purple Finch (except in Coos County) and Chipping Sparrows will be in their winter plumage. Send descriptions and/or photos.

### 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.
- You can enter your Survey results online.

### Donations

Contributions make this survey possible, but are not required to participate. You can contribute using this form or on the website:

<https://www.nhaudubon.org/make-a-donation-to-bwbs/>

## Thanks for your help and support!