

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE COUNT REPORT FORM:

The Boone County Christmas Bird Count will be conducted by parties of field participants (teams of 2 or more birders) and by feeder watchers. The parties of field birders are assigned territories, with the goal of censusing all the wild birds in our 15-mile diameter circle. Each area has an Area Coordinator, who is responsible for the Count Report Form.

In most cases, only one Count Report Form will be needed for each area. However, if the birders in an area decide to work in separate groups that do not meet to share results, then each sub-group will need to complete a Count Report Form. The Count Report Forms need to be returned to me by Saturday, January 6th at the latest. It would be nice if your results could be brought to the dinner at the Golden Corral.

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1. Give names of all participants working in your area (please include yourself). And include addresses for any birders not shown on your area sheet.
2. Use the maximum number of parties (for example, if you start with one party and the party splits into two parties later, the total number of parties is two).
3. Each party needs to keep track of hours in the field and how many hours were spent birding by car, on foot, watching feeders, and owling.
4. Self-explanatory
5. Each party also needs to keep track of miles traveled while birding. For miles by car, either use your odometer or trace your route on the map provided. Each numbered square is a square mile.
6. If anyone sees bald eagles, have them note whether they're adult (white head) or immature.
7. OPTIONAL: If you want to note species that you have seen in the count circle from December 27 to 29 or December 31 to January 2, that did not turn up on December 30th, you may list them here (no numbers needed).

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### 8. Species List

- Please use pencil. You may find it necessary to change numbers as the day goes on.
- Write in the number of birds of each species seen. When watching a feeder, record the highest number of birds of a species seen at one time to avoid counting the same birds more than once.
- Species starred (and those not listed at all on Page 2) will need special documentation. Please use the form on Page 3 to describe your observations.





## Field Checklist of Iowa Birds

### LOONS

Common Loon

### GREBES

Pied-billed Grebe  
 Horned Grebe  
 Red-necked Grebe  
 Eared Grebe  
 Western Grebe

### PELICANS

American White Pelican

### CORMORANTS

Double-crested Cormorant

### HERONS, EGRETS, BITTERNS

American Bittern  
 Least Bittern  
 Great Blue Heron  
 Great Egret  
 Snowy Egret  
 Little Blue Heron  
 Cattle Egret  
 Green Heron  
 Black-crowned Night Heron  
 Yellow-crowned Night Heron

### SWANS, GEESE, DUCKS

Tundra Swan  
 Trumpeter Swan  
 Mute Swan  
 Greater White-fronted Goose  
 Snow Goose  
 \*Ross' Goose  
 Canada Goose  
 Wood Duck  
 Green-winged Teal  
 American Black Duck  
 Mallard  
 Northern Pintail  
 Blue-winged Teal  
 Cinnamon Teal  
 Northern Shoveler  
 Gadwall  
 American Wigeon  
 Canvasback  
 Redhead  
 Ring-necked Duck  
 \*Greater Scaup  
 Lesser Scaup  
 Oldsquaw  
 Black Scoter  
 Surf Scoter  
 \*White-winged Scoter  
 Common Goldeneye  
 Bufflehead  
 Hooded Merganser  
 Common Merganser  
 Red-breasted Merganser  
 Ruddy Duck

### VULTURES

Turkey Vulture

### KITES, EAGLES, HAWKS

Osprey  
 Mississippi Kite  
 Bald Eagle  
 Northern Harrier  
 Sharp-shinned Hawk  
 Cooper's Hawk  
 \* Northern Goshawk  
 (Accipiter species)  
 Red-shouldered Hawk  
 Broad-winged Hawk  
 Swainson's Hawk  
 Red-tailed Hawk  
 Rough-legged Hawk  
 #Golden Eagle (NE)

### FALCONS

American Kestrel  
 \*Merlin

\*Peregrine Falcon

\*\*Prairie Falcon

### PHEASANTS, QUAIL

Gray Partridge  
 Ring-necked Pheasant  
 #Ruffed Grouse (NE)  
 Wild Turkey  
 Northern Bobwhite

### RAILS, COOTS

\*Yellow Rail  
 \*King Rail  
 Virginia Rail  
 Sora  
 Common Moorhen  
 American Coot

### CRANES

Sandhill Crane

### PLOVERS

Black-bellied Plover  
 American Golden-Plover  
 Semipalmated Plover  
 Piping Plover  
 Killdeer

### AVOCETS

American Avocet

### SANDPIPERS, PHALAROPES

Greater Yellowlegs  
 Lesser Yellowlegs  
 Solitary Sandpiper  
 Willet  
 Spotted Sandpiper  
 Upland Sandpiper  
 Hudsonian Godwit  
 \*Marbled Godwit  
 Ruddy Turnstone  
 Sanderling  
 Semipalmated Sandpiper  
 \*Western Sandpiper  
 Least Sandpiper  
 White-rumped Sandpiper  
 Baird's Sandpiper  
 Pectoral Sandpiper  
 Dunlin  
 Stilt Sandpiper  
 Buff-breasted Sandpiper  
 \*Short-billed Dowitcher  
 \*Long-billed Dowitcher (Dowitcher species)  
 Common Snipe  
 American Woodcock  
 Wilson's Phalarope  
 Red-necked Phalarope

### GULLS, TERNS

Franklin's Gull  
 Bonaparte's Gull  
 Ring-billed Gull  
 Herring Gull  
 Tayer's Gull  
 Lesser Black-backed Gull  
 \*Glaucous Gull  
 Great Black-backed Gull  
 Black-legged Kittiwake  
 Caspian Tern  
 \*Common Tern  
 Forster's Tern  
 Least Tern  
 Black Tern

### DOVES

Rock Dove  
 Mourning Dove

### CUCKOOS

Black-billed Cuckoo  
 Yellow-billed Cuckoo

### BARN OWLS

Barn Owl

### TYPICAL OWLS

Eastern Screech-Owl  
 Great Horned Owl  
 Snowy Owl  
 \*Burrowing Owl  
 Barred Owl  
 Long-eared Owl  
 Short-eared Owl  
 Northern Saw-whet Owl

### GOATSUCKERS

Common Nighthawk  
 #Chuck-will's-widow (S)  
 Whip-poor-will

### SWIFTS

Chimney Swift

### HUMMINGBIRDS

Ruby-throated Hummingbird

### KINGFISHERS

Belted Kingfisher

### WOODPECKERS

Red-headed Woodpecker  
 Red-bellied Woodpecker  
 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker  
 Downy Woodpecker  
 Hairy Woodpecker  
 Northern Flicker  
 Pileated Woodpecker

### TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

Olive-sided Flycatcher  
 Eastern Wood-Pewee  
 Yellow-bellied Flycatcher  
 Acadian Flycatcher  
 \*Alder Flycatcher  
 Willow Flycatcher  
 Least Flycatcher (Empidonax species)  
 Eastern Phoebe  
 Great Crested Flycatcher  
 #Western Kingbird (W)  
 Eastern Kingbird  
 \*Scissor-tailed Flycatcher

### LARKS

Horned Lark

### SWALLOWS

Purple Martin  
 Tree Swallow  
 N. Rough-winged Swallow  
 Bank Swallow  
 Cliff Swallow  
 Barn Swallow

### JAYS, CROWS

Blue Jay  
 American Crow

### TITMICE, CHICKADEES

Black-capped Chickadee  
 Tufted Titmouse

### NUTHATCHES

Red-breasted Nuthatch  
 White-breasted Nuthatch

### CREEPERS

Brown Creeper

### WRENS

Carolina Wren  
 \*Bewick's Wren  
 House Wren  
 Winter Wren  
 Sedge Wren  
 Marsh Wren

### KINGLETS, THRUSHES

Golden-crowned Kinglet  
 Ruby-crowned Kinglet  
 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher  
 Eastern Bluebird  
 \*Townsend's Solitaire  
 Veery  
 Gray-cheeked Thrush

Swainson's Thrush

Hermit Thrush

Wood Thrush

American Robin

Varied Thrush

### MIMIC THRUSHES

Gray Catbird  
 Northern Mockingbird  
 Brown Thrasher

### PIPITS

American Pipit

### WAXWINGS

\*Bohemian Waxwing  
 Cedar Waxwing

### SHRIKES

\*Northern Shrike  
 Loggerhead Shrike (Shrike species)

### STARLINGS

European Starling

### VIREOS

White-eyed Vireo  
 Bell's Vireo  
 Solitary Vireo  
 Yellow-throated Vireo  
 Warbling Vireo  
 Philadelphia Vireo  
 Red-eyed Vireo  
 \*Blue-winged Warbler  
 Golden-winged Warbler  
 Tennessee Warbler  
 Orange-crowned Warbler  
 Nashville Warbler  
 Northern Parula  
 Yellow Warbler  
 Chestnut-sided Warbler  
 Magnolia Warbler  
 Cape May Warbler  
 Black-throated Blue Warbler  
 Yellow-rumped Warbler  
 Black-throated Green Warbler  
 Blackburnian Warbler  
 Yellow-throated Warbler  
 \*\*Pine Warbler  
 \*\*Prairie Warbler  
 Palm Warbler  
 Bay-breasted Warbler  
 Blackpoll Warbler  
 Cerulean Warbler  
 Black-and-white Warbler  
 American Redstart  
 Prothonotary Warbler  
 Worm-eating Warbler  
 Ovenbird  
 Northern Waterthrush  
 Louisiana Waterthrush  
 Kentucky Warbler  
 Connecticut Warbler  
 Mourning Warbler  
 Common Yellowthroat  
 Hooded Warbler  
 Wilson's Warbler  
 Canada Warbler  
 Yellow-breasted Chat

### TANAGERS

#Summer Tanager (S)  
 Scarlet Tanager

### GROSBEAKS

Northern Cardinal  
 Rose-breasted Grosbeak  
 #Blue Grosbeak (W)  
 Indigo Bunting  
 Dickcissel

### SPARROWS, TOWHEES

Eastern Towhee  
 Spotted Towhee  
 American Tree Sparrow  
 Chipping Sparrow  
 Clay-colored Sparrow  
 Field Sparrow  
 Vesper Sparrow  
 Lark Sparrow  
 Savannah Sparrow  
 Grasshopper Sparrow  
 \*Henslow's Sparrow  
 Le Conte's Sparrow  
 \*Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow  
 Fox Sparrow  
 Song Sparrow  
 Lincoln's Sparrow  
 Swamp Sparrow  
 White-throated Sparrow  
 White-crowned Sparrow  
 Harris' Sparrow  
 Dark-eyed Junco  
 Lapland Longspur  
 \*Smith's Longspur  
 Snow Bunting

### BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES

Bobolink  
 Red-winged Blackbird  
 Eastern Meadowlark  
 Western Meadowlark (Meadowlark species)  
 Yellow-headed Blackbird  
 Rusty Blackbird  
 \*Brewer's Blackbird  
 Great-tailed Grackle  
 Common Grackle  
 Brown-headed Cowbird  
 Orchard Oriole  
 Baltimore Oriole

### FINCHES

Purple Finch  
 House Finch  
 Red Crossbill  
 White-winged Crossbill  
 Common Redpoll  
 Pine Siskin  
 American Goldfinch  
 Evening Grosbeak

### OLD WORLD SPARROWS

House Sparrow  
 Eurasian Tree Sparrow

### CASUAL SPECIES

(recorded in 4 to 7 of last 10 years)

Red-throated Loon  
 \*Pacific Loon  
 \*\*White-faced Ibis  
 \*Black-necked Stilt  
 \*\*Whimbrel  
 \*Red Knot  
 \*Red Phalarope  
 \*California Gull  
 \*Iceland Gull  
 \*Sabine's Gull  
 \*Rock Wren  
 \*Mountain Bluebird  
 \*Western Tanager  
 \*\*Pine Grosbeak

### ACCIDENTAL SPECIES

(recorded in <4 of last 10 yrs.)

\* = give details of appearance/song  
 \*\* = fully doc. appearance & behavior  
 # = doc.if away from range indicated

## Big Bluestem Audubon Society Field Trip Record

Field trip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Coordinator(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Location: \_\_\_\_\_

### Brief summary of field trip for newsletter

*(Summarize trip highlights, including unusual bird sightings, weather conditions, participant turnout, and any other tidbits of interest.)*

Please send this field trip summary to Rebecca Shivers for the newsletter by email or regular mail  
E-mail address: [shivers@ameslab.gov](mailto:shivers@ameslab.gov)  
Mailing address: Rebecca Shivers, 2380 220th Street, Boone IA 50036



# Big Bluestem Audubon Society Field Trip Record

## List of Participants

Field trip: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Coordinator(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Participants			
Name	Address	Phone	e-mail
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