

Form for Reporting  
Iowa Christmas Bird Counts to Iowa Bird Life

Eldora Count Name  
29, 12, 86 Day/Month/Year of Count Total  
33 Number of Species  
2417 Total Number of Birds

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Data for Field Parties (do not include feeder watching or owling here)

9 Number of Field Observers  
3 Number of Field Parties  
28 Total Field-Party Hours  
(sum of hrs for all parties)  
305 Party-Miles by Car (sum for all parties)  
9½ Party-Miles by Foot      Other miles, mode \_\_\_\_\_

Owling (predawn, post-sunset only)

1 Total Party-Hours Owling

Feeder Birding

5 Number of Feeder Parties (feeder locations)  
5 Number of Feeder Observers  
6 Total Feeder-Party Hours

Birds seen in circle during  
Count period - but not on 29th  
2 Snowy owls  
1 Barred owl  
1 Wild turkey  
1 Belted Kingfisher  
1 Bald Eagle

Weather (data from newspaper if available)

28° to 31° Temperature, low/high  
0-3 Snow Cover, Average Inches  
10 to 15 Wind, Velocity Range, mph  
NW Wind, Predominant Direction

Sky conditions  
(circle best descriptor for a.m. and p.m.)

a.m.: clear, partly cloudy, cloudy, rain, sleet, snow

p.m.: clear, partly cloudy, cloudy, rain, sleet, snow

Observers: A sheet is attached listing last year's observers for your count. Check those that participated this year (cross out those that did not), correct misspelled names, mark with an "f" those that only participated as feeder watchers, and add additional participants to the list.

## Regular Species

_____	Great Blue Heron
_____	Canada Goose
_____	Wood Duck
_____	Am. Black Duck
<u>4</u>	Mallard
_____	Canvasback
_____	Lesser Scaup
_____	Common Goldeneye
_____	Common Merganser
_____	Bald Eagle
_____	Northern Harrier
_____	+Sharp-shinned Hawk
_____	+Cooper's Hawk
_____	Accipiter sp.
_____	*Northern Goshawk
_____	Red-shouldered Hawk
<u>13</u>	Red-tailed Hawk
<u>17</u>	Rough-legged Hawk
<u>2</u>	American Kestrel
<u>18</u>	Gray Partridge
<u>4</u>	Ring-necked Pheasant
_____	Wild Turkey
_____	Northern Bobwhite
_____	Common Snipe
_____	Herring Gull
<u>152</u>	Rock Dove
_____	Mourning Dove
<u>2</u>	Eastern Screech-Owl
<u>2</u>	Great Horned Owl
_____	Barred Owl
_____	Long-eared Owl
_____	Short-eared Owl
_____	Belted Kingfisher
<u>11</u>	Red-headed Woodpecker
<u>11</u>	Red-bellied Woodpecker
_____	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
<u>28</u>	Downy Woodpecker
<u>6</u>	Hairy Woodpecker
<u>13</u>	Northern Flicker
_____	Pileated Woodpecker

<u>41</u>	Horned Lark
<u>100</u>	Blue Jay
<u>82</u>	American Crow
<u>66</u>	Black-capped Chickadee
<u>1</u>	Tufted Titmouse
<u>2</u>	Red-breasted Nuthatch
<u>32</u>	White-breasted Nuthatch
_____	Brown Creeper
_____	Winter Wren
_____	Golden-crowned Kinglet
_____	Eastern Bluebird
<u>3</u>	American Robin
_____	Cedar Waxwing
<u>1</u>	+Northern Shrike
_____	+Loggerhead Shrike
_____	Shrike sp.
<u>528</u>	European Starling
<u>84</u>	Northern Cardinal
<u>16</u>	American Tree Sparrow
_____	+Field Sparrow
_____	Fox Sparrow
_____	Song Sparrow
_____	Swamp Sparrow
_____	White-throated Sparrow
_____	White-crowned Sparrow
_____	Harris' Sparrow
<u>46</u>	Dark-eyed Junco
_____	Lapland Longspur
<u>3</u>	Snow Bunting
_____	Red-winged Blackbird
_____	Meadowlark sp.
_____	Rusty Blackbird
_____	+Brewer's Blackbird
<u>8</u>	Common Grackle
_____	Brown-headed Cowbird
<u>13</u>	Purple Finch
_____	Common Redpoll
<u>26</u>	Pine Siskin
<u>33</u>	American Goldfinch
_____	Even Grosbeak
<u>1059</u>	House Sparrow

## Uncommon Species

_____	Pied-billed Grebe
_____	*Tundra Swan
_____	*Mute Swan
_____	White-fronted Goose
_____	Snow Goose
_____	Green-winged Teal
_____	Northern Pintail
_____	Northern Shoveler
_____	Gadwall
_____	American Wigeon
_____	Redhead
_____	Ring-necked Duck
_____	Bufflehead
_____	Hooded Merganser
_____	Red-breasted Merganser
_____	Ruddy Duck
_____	*Osprey
_____	*Merlin
_____	*Prairie Falcon
_____	Ruffed Grouse
_____	American Coot
_____	Killdeer
_____	Ring-billed Gull
_____	+Glaucous Gull
_____	Snowy Owl
<u>1</u>	N. Saw-whet Owl
_____	Carolina Wren
_____	+Ruby-crowned Kinglet
_____	*Townsend's Solitaire
_____	Hermit Thrush
_____	Northern Mockingbird
_____	Brown Thrasher
_____	+Bohemian Waxwing
_____	*Yellow-rumped Warbler
_____	Rufous-sided Towhee
_____	*Lincoln's Sparrow
_____	+Western Meadowlark
_____	Yellow-headed Blackbird
_____	*Pine Grosbeak
_____	*House Finch
_____	Red Crossbill
_____	White-winged Crossbill

Additional Species--must be documented by observer(s):

details of Northern Shrike - Small mask, mask doesn't go over top of bill, distinct hook on bill, watched with scope & binocs, pumping tail up ward.

+ = written details required from observer; accipiters and shrikes will be counted as sp. unless convincing details given.

\* = documentation by observer(s) required; use official IOU form enclosed (make copies as needed).

All details and documentations should be printed in black pen or typed.

Send completed form to W. Ross Silcock, Box 300, Tabor, IA 51653

as soon after the count as possible.

Reports received after 15 January 1987 cannot be included in the report.