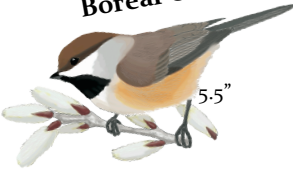


Black-capped Chickadee



Boreal Chickadee

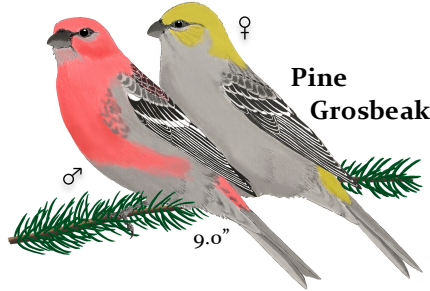


Chickadees are common, spunky feeder visitors. ID using black vs. brown cap.

Common Redpoll

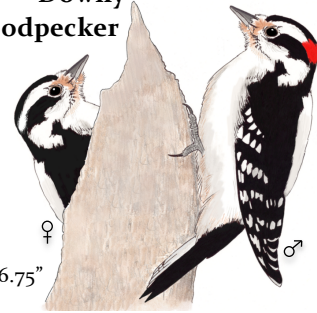


Grosbeaks & redpolls are finches. They often visit feeders in groups. Male redpolls' chests turn reddish in spring. Watch for Hoary Redpolls. They have little to no brown streaking on their sides, white under the tail, & a white rump.



Pine Grosbeak

Downy Woodpecker



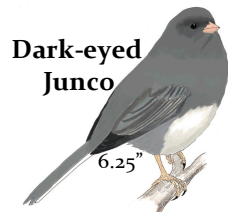
Gray Jay

Red-breasted Nuthatch



Red-breasted Nuthatch

Dark-eyed Junco



Watch for late migratory species like juncos & robins.

Observer: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____ Add to ASI email list? _____

Section of Borough: _____

Enclosed is my gift of \$ _____ to support Fairbanks FeederCount

Number of Birds at your Feeders (see instructions)

| Winter 2018-2019 | Nov 10 | Dec 8 | Mar 2 |
|------------------------|--------|-------|-------|
| Ruffed Grouse | | | |
| Spruce Grouse | | | |
| Rock Dove (Pigeon) | | | |
| Downy Woodpecker | | | |
| Hairy Woodpecker | | | |
| Gray Jay | | | |
| Black-capped Chickadee | | | |
| Boreal Chickadee | | | |
| Red-breasted Nuthatch | | | |
| Pine Grosbeak | | | |
| Redpolls (total) | | | |
| Hoary | | | |
| Common | | | |
| Dark-eyed Junco | | | |
| Other: | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| Watched but none seen | | | |
| Temperature/Weather | | | |

| Types of Food (total quantity) | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | Black oil sunflower seeds |
| | Sunflower chips |
| | Mixed seed |
| | Thistle (niger) |
| | Suet (fat) |
| | Peanut butter |
| | Grit |
| | |
| Types of Feeders (# of each) | |
| | Tray or Shelf |
| | Hopper/enclosed |
| | Tube |
| | Clinger |
| | Hanging Suet |
| | Suet on tree |
| | |
| Outdoor Pets (# of each) | |
| | Cats |
| | Dogs |
| | |
| Housing Density (check one) | |
| | High (≤ 0.5 acre lots) |
| | Moderate (0.6-2 acres) |
| | Low (2-5 acre lots) |
| | Rural (< 1 house/5 acres) |
| Habitat (approximate % of each) | |
| | River/Stream |
| | Wetland |
| | Shrub* (≤ 2.5 m) |
| | Mixed Forest* |
| | Deciduous Forest* |
| | Coniferous Forest* |
| | |

*Please list dominant species if possible.

Count Instructions

2018-19 Count Days – This year’s count days are: **November 10, December 8, and March 2** (3 Saturdays). You may substitute another day within a week of the scheduled day, if necessary. Count only the birds seen on your count day. If a pair of Downy Woodpeckers has been coming fairly regularly to your feeder but fail to show up on your count day, they should not be reported (but you may note it under *Comments*).

Who to count – Count only the birds that are attracted to the food or grit you set out. You may also include others waiting nearby, but do not count birds coming to chokecherry trees or other sources of food, grit or shelter in your area—*unless the birds are attracted to your feeders as well*. Please use the comment section to share interesting observations of other birds, such as waxwings, crossbills, shrikes, owls, or goshawks. Be sure to share the circumstances around those sightings!

How to estimate numbers – *Count the maximum number of each species around your feeders at any one time on the count day.* If you have 3 Black-capped Chickadees at your feeders and you see 6 more perched in the nearby shrubs, your count would be 9. If later on your count day, you see 11 Black-capped Chickadees at once, change your report to 11. (Do not add 9 + 11 and report 20.) Follow the same protocol for each species. With large flocks of Redpolls, count by 2’s, 5’s, or 10’s to come up with a reasonable estimate.

When & Where to Turn in Count Forms – If possible, hold on to your data form and fill in your counts for each of the three count days. Return it following the March count. If you would rather return your form after each count, please do so. It is ok to copy this form and share it with others.

Mail completed forms to the Alaska Songbird Institute, P.O. Box 80235, Fairbanks, AK 99708. OR email forms to tricia.blake@aksongbird.org.

Identification Assistance – For help with bird identification, you can visit the Alaska Songbird Institute’s website: www.aksongbird.org. Look for the FeederCount tab in the menu bar. There you will find extra data sheets, free bird feeding resources, recommended websites to learn more, and a link to the reporting form for any birds with deformed bills. (For more information on this phenomenon, called avian keratin disorder, visit the FeederCount tab on ASI’s website.)

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Donation Amount: \$10 \$25 \$50 Other: _____

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YES NO

Comments: Please share interesting sightings here.

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