

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.)**

<b>Winter 2023-2024</b>	<b>Nov 4</b>	<b>Dec 2</b>	<b>Mar 2</b>
Ruffed Grouse			
Spruce Grouse			
Rock Dove (Pigeon)			
Downy Woodpecker			
Hairy Woodpecker			
Canada 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)

	<b>High</b> ( $\leq 0.5$ acre lots)
	<b>Moderate</b> (0.6-2 acres)
	<b>Low</b> (2-5 acre lots)
	<b>Rural</b> (< 1 house/5 acres)

**Habitat** (approximate % of each)

	<b>River/Stream</b>
	<b>Wetland</b>
	<b>Shrub*</b> ( $\leq 2.5$ m)
	<b>Mixed Forest*</b>
	<b>Deciduous Forest*</b>
	<b>Coniferous Forest*</b>

\*Please list dominant species if possible.

# 2023-24 Fairbanks FeederCount

## Count Instructions

**2023-24 Count Days** – This year’s count days are: **November 4, December 2, 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  
[programs@aksongbird.org](mailto:programs@aksongbird.org).

**Identification Assistance** – For help with bird identification, you can visit the Alaska Songbird Institute’s website: [www.aksongbird.org](http://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.)

**Contributions** – Fairbanks FeederCount would not be possible without your support—scientifically & financially. Contributions pay for the creation of data forms, outreach, printing project materials, and more. We appreciate all those who have donated in the past. Please consider supporting this program with a donation today!

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

May we recognize your donation (in print & on the web)?

YES

NO

*Comments:* Please share any additional comments or interesting sightings.

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