

			<b>Types of Food</b> (total quantity)
			Black oil sunflower seeds
failing Address:			Sunflower chips
			Mixed seed
			Thistle (niger)
			Suet (fat)
mail: Add to ASI email list?			Peanut butter
			Grit
			Types of Feeders (# of each)
nclosed is my gift of \$ to support Fairbanks FeederCount			Tray or Shelf
our Feeder	<b>s</b> (see instru	ctions)	Hopper/enclosed Tube
Nov 2	Dec 7	Mar 1	Clinger
11012			Hanging Suet
			Suet on tree
			Outdoor Pets (# of each)
			Cats
			Dogs
			Housing Donoity (shash and)
			Housing Density (check one)
			Moderate (0.6-2 acres)
			Low (2-5 acre lots)
			Rural (< 1 house/5 acres
			Habitat (approximate % of each)
			River/Stream
			Wetland
			<b>Shrub</b> * ( ≤ 2.5 m)
			Mixed Forest*
			Deciduous Forest*
			Coniferous Forest*
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robins.

Hairy

Woodpecker

## **Count Instructions**

**2024-25 Count Days** – This year's count days are: **November 2, December 7,** and **March 1** (three 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*).

<u>Who to count</u> – 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!

<u>How to estimate numbers</u> – *Count the maximum number of each species around your feeders at any one time on the count day.* If you have three Black-capped Chickadees at your feeders and you see six more perched in the nearby shrubs, your count would be nine. 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.

<u>When & Where to Turn in Count Forms</u> – 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. Please help support the count by copying this form and sharing 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.

**Identification Assistance** – For help with bird identification, visit the Alaska Songbird Institute's website **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 birds with deformed bills. For more information on this phenomenon (called avian keratin disorder) visit the *FeederCount* tab on ASI's website.

Looking for more information on your feeder visitors? We recommend **allaboutbirds.org** by the Cornell Lab.

<u>Contributions</u> – *Fairbanks FeederCount* would not be possible without your support—scientifically & financially. Contributions pay for the creation of data forms, outreach, and printing. We appreciate all those who have donated in the past. Please consider supporting this program with a tax-deductible donation today. Your donation also includes membership to the Alaska Songbird Institute!

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

**<u>Comments</u>** – Please share interesting sightings here.

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