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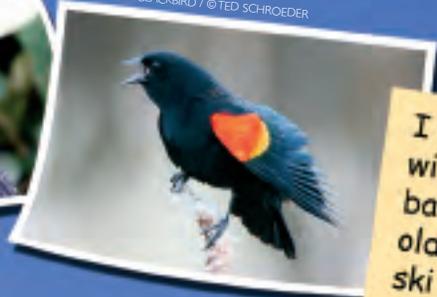
11TH ANNUAL  
GREAT BACKYARD  
BIRD COUNT

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SPOTTED TOWHEE / © LOIS MILLER

RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD / © TED SCHROEDER



I plan to do the GBBC with my 3 boys in our backyard this year. My oldest son and I hope to ski into our local national wildlife refuge to count birds there, too.  
Daniel, on duty in Iraq during the 2007 GBBC



VARIED THRUSH / © NICK SAUNDERS

Birds are very beautiful and I think that the backyard bird count is a lot of fun.  
Breanna, 8-year old GBBC participant, Ohio



AMERICAN TREE SPARROW / © AXEL HILDEBRANDT



- Discover the birds in your backyard, balcony, schoolyard, park or refuge
- All ages and skill levels • Make a difference for birds and conservation

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*I was thrilled to be part of something that would help shed light on the environment and the impact that humans have on this earth. It was a chance to use my hobby for a greater good.*

—Lauren, 2007 GBBC participant, North Carolina

*I was always afraid to try. I thought it was just for serious birdwatchers. Now I see regular backyard bird lovers can contribute too.*

—Corinne, 2007 GBBC participant, Georgia



AMERICAN ROBIN / ©MICHELE POLYPINE



AMERICAN GOLDFINCH / ©DOUGLAS K. DAVIS



COMMON GOLDENEYE / ©CHRISTINE HAINES



DARK-EYED JUNCO / ©SEVIN KUSHMAN

## Count for fun!

**T**his February, join tens of thousands of people throughout the U.S. and Canada in the 2008 Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC). You can count the birds you see in your backyard, at your local park, or a nearby wildlife refuge—you can even count from your own window.

People of all ages and all levels of bird-watching experience are invited to take part. It is a great way to learn more about the birds in your backyard and neighborhood. It is also an engaging educational activity for families and groups, including schools, and an ideal way for more accomplished birders to introduce children, grandchildren, and others to the wonderful world of birds.

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## Count for the future!

**W**hether you count three or four species at your backyard birdfeeder or 75 species in a day's visit to a wildlife refuge, you will contribute valuable information for science and conservation when you enter your tally online at [www.birdcount.org](http://www.birdcount.org). Your list, short or long, will help scientists understand more about how the distribution and abundance of birds are changing through time.

Last year, participants submitted a record-breaking 80,000 checklists. American Robins topped the list as the most numerous species counted, with more than two million robins reported from 60 states and provinces. Rare birds included five Lesser Prairie-Chickens in Oklahoma and two Pink-footed Geese in Rhode Island, both first records for the GBBC.

### Top 10 most commonly reported species in GBBC 2007

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|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Northern Cardinal | 6 American Goldfinch |
| 2 Dark-eyed Junco   | 7 House Finch        |
| 3 Mourning Dove     | 8 Tufted Titmouse    |
| 4 Blue Jay          | 9 American Crow      |
| 5 Downy Woodpecker  | 10 House Sparrow     |

## February 15–18, 2008 Presidents' Birthday Weekend

### It's easy to participate

1. **Visit [www.birdcount.org](http://www.birdcount.org)** for easy-to-follow instructions, including tips for identifying bird species. Download a checklist for your area.
2. **Count the birds** you see, wherever you choose to count. Write down the highest number of individuals you see at one time—that way you will avoid counting any bird twice.
3. **After at least 15 minutes of watching** in one place, report your results online at [www.birdcount.org](http://www.birdcount.org). (You can spend more time observing if you prefer.)
4. **You can repeat your count** at the same place on each day of the Great Backyard Bird Count. You can also visit other locations and submit separate tallies for those areas as well.

### View your results

Online maps and lists are updated throughout the count, making it easy to see how your birds fit into the big picture.

### Send your photos!

You can submit your digital images of birds—or of Great Backyard Bird Count participants—for our online gallery and photo contest at [www.birdcount.org](http://www.birdcount.org).

All bird photos in this brochure were taken by past GBBC participants.



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