

Western Rivers Bird Count

Goal

Collect bird counts to inform baseline estimates of bird abundance along rivers across the southwestern US.

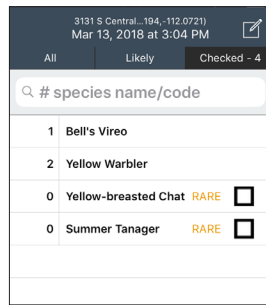
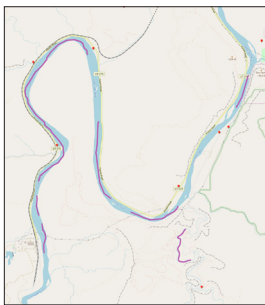
Why

Trees and shrubs along rivers are a critical component of healthy watersheds and are a main source of biodiversity in the Southwest.

When and How?

The bird count can occur any time during May and June. Submit your counts to eBird.

Protocol



Left to right: Yellow Warbler, Summer Tanager, Yellow-breasted Chat, Bell's Vireo

STEP ONE

- Identify an area to survey from the priority site map or from the list provided by your local coordinator.
- Priority locations can be found by visiting gis.audubon.org/westernriversbirdcount

STEP TWO

Once at the site, record your observations on a datasheet or enter them directly into the eBird application on your smart phone.

STEP THREE

Conduct either a stationary count (standing in one place) or a traveling count (walking) with the following limitations

- Traveling count may not cover more than 1 km (0.6 mi) of distance
- Counts, both stationary and traveling, must be between 5 and 60 minutes.
- If you bird for more than 60 minutes or travel more than 1km, submit separate checklists for each 60-minute period or 1km of distance traveled.
- Record counts for all bird species seen, but particularly these target species: Yellow Warbler, Summer Tanager, Yellow-breasted Chat, and Bell's Vireo

FOR EACH EBIRD CHECKLIST, PLEASE RECORD:

- Start time
- Number of observers (preferably 1 or 2)
- Latitude and longitude (automatically generated if using eBird app)
- Total number of each species you see or hear.
- In eBird, please answer "yes" to the question "Are you submitting a complete checklist of the birds you were able to identify?"
- Submit a checklist regardless of whether or not you saw any target species during your counts.

Are you submitting a complete checklist of the birds you were able to identify? (i)

Stationary Change

Number of Observ... +1

Duration (minutes) Calculate

Checklist Comments

Target species: White-breasted Nuthatch
Nest box within survey area

Species Reported Add Species

NOTES:

- If you collect data on a datasheet, enter the finished tally to eBird.org.
- Share your eBird checklists to westernwater@audubon.org

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