

Laguna Atascosa Christmas Bird Count (TXLA)

FEEDER WATCHER DATA SHEET

This form is intended to assist those wishing to participate in the Christmas Bird Count (CBC) as a feeder watcher. The list below of some of the more common feeder visitors is intended to be an aid for recording your results and is by no means an exhaustive list of birds that might show up at your feeders. There are five things that you must do as a feeder watcher:

1. The feeders you intend to watch must be within the “count circle”, an area defined by a 15-mile diameter circle. A map of the circle is located on the [National Audubon CBC site](#).
2. Contact txlacbc@flanwr.org to sign up as a feeder watcher.
3. Identify and count all individuals of all species that visit your feeder on the day of the count. Record only the highest number seen at any one time. For example, if a single Northern Cardinal visits your feeder, then later two visits, and even later three show up at your feeder, your count for Northern Cardinals will be three – the highest number to visit at one time.
4. Record the total hours spent observing your feeders. It is not necessary to be at your feeders for the entire day, or even continuously. Record just the time spent watching. One hour or ten, we are still interested in receiving your data!
5. Submit your results to us as soon as you have finished your observations.

Thank you for participating in the CBC! If you have a story to share about your experience, be sure to include it with your data sheet report.

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RARE BIRD REPORT REQUIRED: See the full checklist for RARE previously seen and still requires a rare bird form. ALL HUMMINGBIRDS need a rare bird form.

