

Christmas Bird Count Information – Local

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All Christmas Bird Counts (CBC) follow the same parameters.

Christmas Bird Counts are conducted on any one day between December 14 and January 5 inclusive. They are carried out within a 24-km diameter circle that stays the same from year to year.

Our local count circles are identified as Linwood, Kitchener and Cambridge. Each circle is too large to be covered effectively by one group so each "pie" is cut into smaller numbered sections (e.g., Area 4, Area 7 etc.), usually with roads or a major river dividing up the whole circle. The circles here each have approximately 7 -10 separate areas.

At the end of the day, a counter from each area reports all sightings from their area to the main organiser(compiler) for each circle.: Levi Moore for Cambridge, Mike Burrell for Kitchener and Linwood. The compiler: records sightings from each area; sums the results for the circle; sends a final report to Bird Studies Canada.

It should be noted that habitat differences between different areas within a count circle can have a significant difference on what species are seen in each area.

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