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February 17 – 20, 2012

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The 15th Annual Great Backyard Bird Count

Discover and help the birds in your community.

It's fun, family-friendly, and educational.

Free and open to all ages and skill levels!

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"It was exciting to be able to make an official record for scientists of the number and species of birds that visit my feeders"
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Learn about how easy it is to participate.
Enter your data.
Explore results online.
Enter the photo contest.
Win great birding prizes!

During February 17 – 20, 2012 take part in a family-friendly, educational activity that is lots of fun, costs nothing, and helps your local birds!

Each year, tens of thousands of people throughout the U.S. and Canada take part in the Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC). Participants count in their backyards, out their office windows, at local parks and nature centers, and absolutely anywhere else! You can spend as little as 15 minutes counting birds, or even make a whole weekend of it.

People of all ages and all levels of bird-watching experience are welcome. The GBBC is a great way to learn more about the birds in your community and connect with nature, and is perfect for fledgling birders.

You can count by yourself, with your family, community group, school, or friends! It's an ideal way for more experienced birders to introduce children, grandchildren, and others to the wonderful world of birds.

"It was a lot of fun for me and my kids - I look forward to next year! It's a great, easy way to get them engaged with the natural world around us."

— 2010 GBBC participant

You can explore which species have been seen in their community, state, or province using maps and charts on the GBBC website. Make the birds in your neighborhood count! Join in this year's Great Backyard Bird Count.

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