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Volunteers Needed for Annual Christmas Bird Count at Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks

Would you like to learn more about birds? Do you need a “nature break” during the holiday season? If so, the National Park Service and the Sequoia Natural History Association could use your help during the annual Christmas Bird Count at Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks on Sunday, December 19. The count will start at 7:00 a.m. and last all day long. No experience is necessary. Participants will be divided into teams to count bird species in various sections of the park. Later, the group will reconvene at a local restaurant for the traditional "count-down dinner" to review identified species. Visitors planning to participate in this event should bring binoculars, a field guide, lunch, warm clothing, sturdy shoes, and a \$5 Sequoia Field Institute registration fee. Volunteers must pre-register to participate and will be provided additional details, including where to meet, at that time. To register, contact Biologist Daniel Gammons at 559-565-3124 or Daniel_Gammons@nps.gov.

Every winter, thousands of citizens across the nation volunteer for the annual Christmas Bird Count, which is the longest-running citizen-based science project in the world. This project is used to assess the health of bird populations and help guide conservation efforts. Now in its 111th year, there are over 2,000 counts that occur throughout the Western Hemisphere. The results of the bird count will be published online by the National Audubon Society.

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