

# GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT 2021

February 12-15 only!



Participate *VIRTUALLY* from the safety and comfort of your own home, one of our parks, or anywhere you see birds!



## How many birds can you find?

24th Annual Great Backyard Bird Count

February 12-15, 2021

[birdcount.org](http://birdcount.org)

**HOW TO PARTICIPATE:** Joining is easy, free, fun to do alone or with others in your household, and can be done anywhere you find birds! Go to [www.BirdCount.org](http://www.BirdCount.org) for general info about the count and how the data is used. Simply **watch birds for 15 minutes or more, at least once over the four days**, February 12-15, 2021, and report what you see!

Pick **the best tool to use for** sharing your bird sightings. Either option is great, and will contribute data to important scientific research so just opt for the one that works best for you!

- If you are **new to the count and/or are an inexperienced birder**, try using the [Merlin Bird ID app](#).
- If you have **participated** in the count **before or are an experienced birdwatcher**, try [eBird Mobile app](#) or enter your bird list on the [eBird website](#) (desktop/laptop).

That's all there is to it! Your observations are part of a Citizen Science initiative that will help contribute to important research!

### To Earn Community Service Hours:

- Text Shannon when you are starting your count: 513-833-7360
- Follow the steps to the left to participate in the GBBC.
- Text again when you are finished, and include a list of the bird species you counted.
- Submit your volunteer time via your school's reporting portal.

You can spend as little as 15 minutes or as many hours as you would like over the course of the four-day period. Just make sure to send a text at the start and end of each counting session so we can keep track for our volunteer records. **THANK YOU!**

### HELPFUL RESOURCES

**Apps:** Merlin Bird ID, Audubon Bird Guide, BirdsEye Bird Finding Guide

**Ohio Division of Wildlife Field Guide E-Books:** *Common Birds of Ohio*, *Owls of Ohio*, *Raptors of Ohio*, *Warblers of Ohio*, *Waterbirds of Ohio*

**Wild Birds Unlimited Stores:** 7712 VOA Ctr. Dr, West Chester, OH 45069, 513-847-6580  
734 A. North Main St., Springboro, OH 45066 (next to Dorothy Lane Mkt.), 937-748-8979



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