

Calero-Morgan Hill CBC 2023 - Sector Leader Instructions

The census is on **Saturday, December 30**, between the hours of 12:01 AM and 12:00 midnight. Owling is encouraged. Birds found outside these hours are “Count Week” birds.

COVID: No changes from last year, follow county guidelines. All participants should feel welcome to wear a mask at any time.

PERMITS: We have permits for to Open Space and County Parks properties. Keys or gate codes should be available to you, but let me know if you need help with these.

eBIRD is strongly encouraged - **this is new!** I will accept party species reports via eBird or our 2023 checklist. Each eBird report should include **Comments** showing:

- 1) Sector name and Party number
- 2) Names of all party participants
- 3) Miles walked vs driven and time walked vs driven.

Share the eBird report with all members of the party, the sector leader, and the compiler, Rick Herder, eBird id **rherder**

DOCUMENTS: The following are posted in pdf and ms formats at <https://scvas.org/christmas-bird-count-party-leaders>

-Sector Leader Instructions (this document)

-Participant Instructions

-Map of the circle showing sectors

-Files needed by all party leaders:

-Party Summary (Required or report via eBird). List of all participants and a written description of the area covered. Keep track of time and mileage, both walked and driven.

—Bird Census Checklist (Required or use eBird). Birds rarely seen and requiring a Rare Bird write-up are listed in **bold**.

—Bald Eagle and Golden Eagle Log. Take photos or sketch wing and tail patterns to help differentiate individuals. We don't want to double-count eagles that fly across sector boundaries.

—Rare Bird Form. The Rare Bird Committee will make final judgments on all unusual species. Birds check-listed in **bold** or under 'Additional Species' must have a Rare Bird Form. Please provide photographs or sketches for support.

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Results: I will accept party species reports via eBird or our checklist. Note that while eBird is a big help in tracking time and mileage, you may have to add to or tweak this info to provide accurate Party Summary data. My eBird id is **rherder**

RESULTS: As your party leaders send or turn in completed files to you, check to see that everything is complete, accurate and readable. When feasible (but not required), combine party checklists and party effort data into a single sector checklist and a sector effort report. Email results to the compiler. Scanned and photographed reports are fine as long as they are readable. Please make sure the sector and party is clearly labeled on each document, and also in any filenames if needed.

Email or turn in all files to me as soon as you can, or contact me if you need help delivering your results. I intend to post a total species count, total participant count, and rarity reports on SBB within a day or two.

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