

Calero-Morgan Hill Christmas Bird Count 2023 - Party 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.

eBIRD is strongly encouraged - **this is new!** I will accept party species reports via eBird or our checklist. Each eBird report should include **Comments** showing: 1) Sector name and Party number; 2) Names of all party participants (be sure to Share the eBird report with them); 3) miles walked vs driven; 4) time walked vs driven. Please also Share or send to your sector leader and 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

-Participant Instructions (this document)

-Map of the circle showing sectors

-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.

RESULTS: After your count please check to see if everything is complete, accurate and readable. Email all documents or share eBird results with your sector leader, or directly to the compiler if that's your sector leader's direction. Scanned and photographed reports are OK as long as they are readable. Please make sure the Sector name and Party number is clearly labeled on each document.

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