



**Audubon 124th Christmas Bird Count
In Stuart
Sunday, December 17, 2023**

Counters are to be to single birders counting smaller areas and/or petite groups of 2 or 3 who NORMALLY are together and would have no COVID-19 space sharing issues.

FIND THE CBC CIRCLE on the web at:

1-Facebook – Stuart CBC then FILES
OR

2-Audubonofmartincounty.org then click on Birding then Christmas Bird Count

To get your birding area, contact Nancy Price at NPRICE7047@aol.com to let her know where you prefer to bird so she can get birders to all HOT SPOTS and get a good coverage of the Stuart circle with reduced counters and no overlapping. As always first come first served.

**Guidelines for the 2023/2024
CBC Stuart Circle**

- Anyone who has a birdfeeder or yard can count just in their yard.
- There will be NO in-person pre-count meeting or post-count party.
- All forms and data sheets will be delivered electronically from the previously noted web pages.
- Carpooling may only occur within existing or established familiar or social “pod” groups.
- Birding activities must comply with all current State of Florida and municipal (St Lucie and Martin Counties) COVID-19 guidelines. As you know these can be changeable.
- Social distancing and/or masks are HIGHLY recommended. They are your individual choice.

Documentation:

- Everybody uses the Party Species Count Form (aka Check list).
- FeederWatch and BackyardWatch birders use the FeederWatch Participant Data Sheet.
- Birders counting out in the field use the Party Members Data Form.
- Please submit the 2024 provided forms, not previous year forms or forms arranged in alpha order. (The forms are listed in bird order based on the documents we have to submit to State recorders.)

Form Submittal: E-mail is preferred to NPRICE7047@aol.com Please put “Stuart CBC” in the subject line. If you cannot scan or copy your forms, a clear picture in JPG format can work. Contact Laurie @ 772 486 2837 to arrange for drop-off location if all above fail.

All documents necessary for recording and submitting CBC data will be available from the previously noted web pages.

AS A REMINDER – only those birds counted on the count day of Sunday, December 17, 2023, will be recorded as official birds.

DO’s

For Successful Birding:

- DO scout your area before count day.
- DO get to your best area at least ½ hr. before dawn for the morning songs.
- DO stay quiet.
- DO bring your children so they can learn about hobbies that are lifetime.
- DO use a good camera with long lens, if possible, for species images to submit to co-compilers for final bird identification if questionable.

& DON’T’s

- DON’T use predator bird calls. You will draw them to the song birds you want.
- DON’T go to areas that are assigned to other birders.
- DON’T bring your dog with you – they usually scare the birds and often chase them.

SAFE & HAPPY BIRDING