

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 2026

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT & BACKYARD FEEDER WATCH

Join members of the **Samuel Wilmot Nature Area Management Advisory Committee** for the annual **Christmas Bird Count** in the following Newcastle areas: Samuel Wilmot Nature Area, Wilmot Creek Retirement Community, the communities of Newcastle, Port of Newcastle and Bond Head, and the surrounding countryside.

There are TWO ways to participate:

1. **Be assigned as an individual or part of a team, to cover a specific portion of any of the above areas.**

AND/OR

2. **Count birds that visit your backyard feeders at a time of your choosing on Saturday, January 3, 2026.**

The Christmas Bird Count (CBC) is North America's longest-running Citizen Science project. People in more than 2000 locations throughout the Western Hemisphere participate in the CBC each year. Birds Canada oversees the Christmas Bird Count program nationally, in partnership with the [National Audubon Society](#).

The information collected by thousands of CBC volunteer participants forms one of the world's largest sets of wildlife survey data. The results are used by conservation biologists, environmental planners, and naturalists to assess population trends and distribution of birds.

Join us in counting birds this holiday season to add to our understanding of population trends and distribution of birds across the country.

Interested in participating, observing in the field, or conducting a bird count at your own feeder? Please contact **Brian Reid** at beareid2@gmail.com or **905-623-2323**. Tally sheets and instructions will be sent to you.

