

Feeder Watcher Instructions:

- Please place a large red ribbon or bow near your feeders so field observers driving by will not add your birds to their counts.
- Please count birds *only at your feeders*. If you want to count birds around your yard or neighborhood, you need to sign up in advance as a field counter.
- Only the high number of individuals of any species seen at one time should be counted. For example — When watching a feeder over the course of an afternoon, 11 chickadees are seen at one time on the feeder; these birds leave and 5 more appear and leave; finally, 6 individual birds visit the feeder at different times during your watch. The number of chickadees to be counted and reported is 11, not 22.
- You do not have to be able to identify every bird you see, but you must be able to confidently identify every bird you report.
- Please call Jean Preis (647-2847) immediately if you notice any unusual birds at your feeder during the period of 3 days before or 3 days after the Count Day.
- Bring the Tally Sheet to the Count Tally Meeting at Jean Preis's house at 5:00 pm on the count day. Alternatively, you may phone the results in to Jean Preis (647-2847); e-mail the sheet to birdwriter@merryfieldcove.com ; or mail it promptly to Jean Preis, 170 Highland Rd. Bridgton, ME 04009.

Have fun and good birding!