

## **It's Christmas Bird Count time again!**

The Ottawa Field Naturalists' Club (OFNC) coordinates two local Christmas Bird Counts:

- The **Ottawa-Gatineau Christmas Bird Count** is a joint effort of the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club (OFNC) and the Club des ornithologues de l'Outaouais (COO) and will take place on **Sunday, December 15, 2019**.
- The **Dunrobin-Breckenridge Christmas Bird Count** will take place on **Saturday, January 4, 2020**.

If you want to participate in the count, you can participate either as a **field observer** or a **feeder watcher**.

### **1. Participate as a field-observer:**

The count is not a guided field trip so, generally, we expect observers to be familiar with most of the bird species they might encounter; but we may be able to accommodate a few beginners.

Field observers are assigned specific areas to cover. Depending on the circumstances, you might be matched up with other birders or be asked to cover an area on your own. If you are interested please provide the count contact with the following information:

- Your name and the names of the other individuals in your party, if any;
- Your experience as a birder;
- The general location of your residence;
- Your availability on that day (generally, we are looking for at least half a day; i.e. first thing in the morning until noon; a full day goes until dusk);
- Whether you will have access to a vehicle; and
- Your contact information

To participate as a field observer contact:

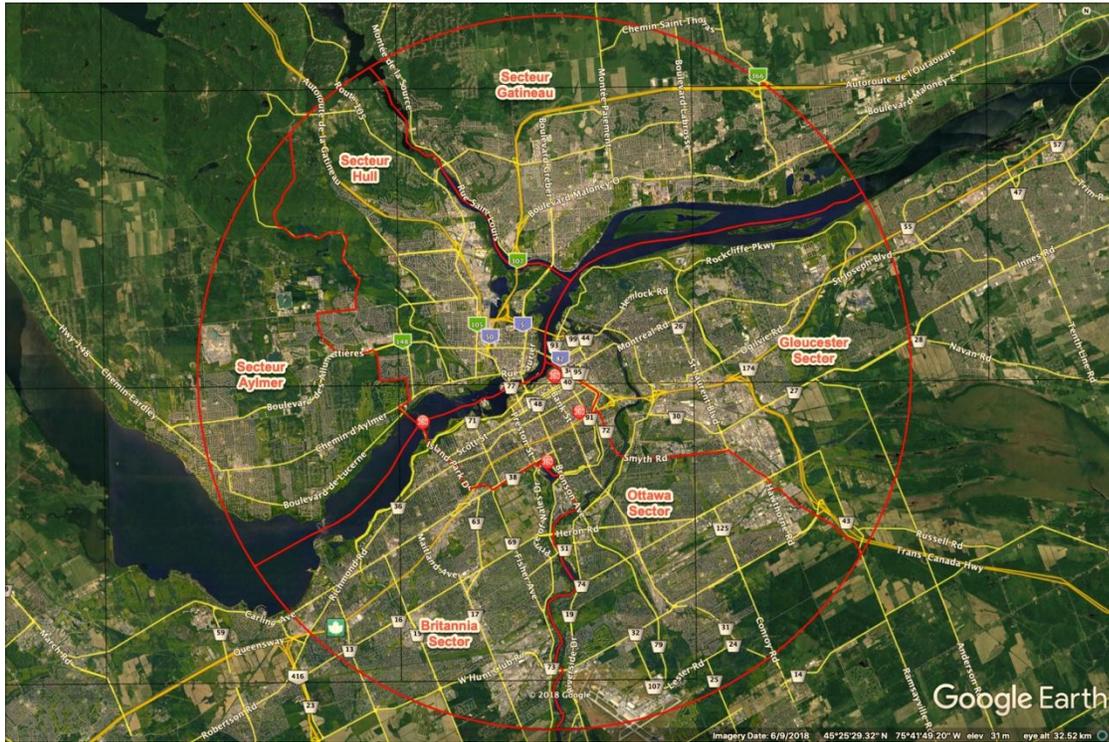
- Bernie Ladouceur at [vbladouceur@rogers.com](mailto:vbladouceur@rogers.com) for the Ottawa-Gatineau count
- Bruce Di Labio at [dilabliobirding@gmail.com](mailto:dilabliobirding@gmail.com) for the Dunrobin-Breckenridge count

### **2. Participate as a feeder watcher:**

You can participate from the comfort of home by counting the birds you observe at a feeder. To participate as a feeder watcher, the feeder **must be located within the count circle** for the particular count.

The following maps show the boundaries for the Ottawa-Gatineau and Dunrobin-Breckenridge Christmas Bird Counts:

## Ottawa-Gatineau Christmas Bird Count circle, with sectors



## Dunrobin-Breckenridge Christmas Bird Count circle



For your **count day** observations, please provide the count contact with following information:

- Your name(s);
- Address of the feeder (and for Ottawa-Gatineau, let us know the sector in which the feeder is located— see the attached map).
- The species you observed and the number of individuals for each species;
- The approximate amount of time you spent observing the feeder.

To participate as a feeder watcher contact:

- Lorraine Elworthy at [lorraineelworthy\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:lorraineelworthy@gmail.com) for the Ottawa-Gatineau count.
- Bruce Di Labio at [dilabiobirding\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:dilabiobirding[at]gmail.com) for the Dunrobin-Breckenridge count.

Thank you,

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