

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. Feeders must be within the count circle. If you are not sure if you are in the circle please refer to the map online (www.mainelakes.org/swedencbc) or ask Mary directly.
- 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 Mary Jewett (207-420-0553) immediately if you notice any unusual birds at your feeder during the period of 3 days before or 3 days after the Count Day.
- Please drop the Tally Sheet at the LEA (230 Main Street in Bridgton) by 5 on count day. Alternatively, you may phone the results in to Mary Jewett (420-0553); e-mail the sheet to mary.jewett@gmail.com or mail promptly to Mary at the LEA address above