

FBC



Fresno Bird Count

Experienced Birders Needed for our 1st Winter Count

Join the Fresno Bird Count's Winter 2010-11 Census: **Dec 15th - Jan 15th**

What is the Fresno Bird Count? Established in Spring 2008, the Fresno Bird Count (FBC) is a citizen science project to monitor the abundance and diversity of bird species in the urban habitats of the Fresno-Clovis Metro Area. The FBC is sponsored by



Fresno Audubon, and is run by California State University Fresno's Reconciliation Ecology Lab. Following three breeding season counts, we are now planning our first winter count to document winter migrants living in the city.

The FBC needs volunteers who can spend at least one morning of their choice, between December 15th - January 15th, counting birds at selected locations using a standard protocol.

What will the data be used for? FBC data are being used in a variety of ways. For example, data from the spring counts are helping establish the relationship between residential water use and bird diversity. By monitoring the changes of diversity and abundance over time we can gain a better understanding of the ecology of our local bird populations. Insights generated from these data can also help improve decision-making regarding local land use and urban development.

Who can participate? Participation requires the skills not only to identify most local bird species by both sight and sound, but also the ability to quickly identify more uncommon species with a field guide.

If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information please visit Fresno Birds online at fresnobirds.org and email your contact information to aphelocoma@fresnobirds.org or Madhusudan Katti (mkatti@csufresno.edu; 559-278-2460), or fill out the information below.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Area of Fresno you would prefer to census (please include an address or cross streets):

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