

Christmas Bird Count (CBC) Regional Editor

Volunteer Position Description

POSITION OVERVIEW

Audubon's Christmas Bird Count is conducted annually from December 14 to January 5 every year. During this time, 15-mile diameter count circles are surveyed by CBC participants on pre-established count dates. Each count circle must have a Primary Compiler who is responsible for recruiting, training and guiding participants on the count and summarizing and submitting data. Approximately 53 volunteers are Regional Editors for their assigned geography (generally a state/province, group of states/provinces, or if outside the U.S. and Canada, a country). Regional Editors are responsible for coordinating with Compilers within their region to ensure that all data are entered and reviewing and confirming all data from their region. Regional Editors also produce written reports summarizing the counts in their region each year. The Regional Editor position is a volunteer role, but honoraria are available to Regional Editors from some geographies for producing the written reports.

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES

- 1) Communicating with Compilers within their region to ensure that all data are entered in a timely manner.
- 2) Reviewing all data from their region using the CBC data entry platform and following up with Compilers to confirm any rare species or unusual numbers reported.
- 3) Collecting documentation of all rare or unusual species and adding editorial codes to provide context about the species and counts.
- 4) Writing a report summarizing the CBC in their region each year.



American Tree Sparrow
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TIMELINE OF PROJECT DUTIES

December 14 through January 5: Conduct CBC.

December through February 28: Online data entry opens to Compilers on December 14th and must be completed by the end of February each year.

February through April 15: Ensure that all data have been submitted by Compilers in your region, review data and reach out to Compilers with any questions or further documentation.

March through August: Write and submit a summary report for your region.

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions about the CBC Regional Editor role, you can reach out to cbcadmin@audubon.org