

Great Backyard Bird Count

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Mark your calendars for the 11th annual Great Backyard Bird Count, **February 13-16, 2009**. The Great Backyard Bird Count collaborative effort grows with each succeeding year, and we expect 2009's count to continue the trend. We can use your help in spreading the word about this event. It's fun and it helps all of us learn more about birds. For more information, visit www.birdsource.org/gbbc.

To help you prepare for the 2009 GBBC, Elaine Pardoe will be giving a talk on the event at the [Glenwood Library](#). Mark your calendar for Thursday, Feb. 5th, 7:00 PM.

The talk will be suitable for all ages, and you'll come away with useful tips on basic bird identification methods, plus an understanding of how to get your own information into the overall database through the GBBC web site (and see what birds other contributors in the area have spotted).

Thank you for your participation! These and other volunteer citizen science programs provide valuable information to help the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and Audubon prioritize their bird conservation activities.