



Birding is a great family-fun activity during the holiday season, which can be done safely from your window overlooking a yard or on a socially-distanced walk in a local park. There are also some great community science events coming up to help you join in and experience the joy of birds.

Below is a list of events and resources to help you learn more about birds in your area. And check your mail for the Common Birds of Nebraska brochure!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Common Birds of the Christmas Bird Count -- Lincoln Edition: On Monday, Dec. 21, at 6:30 pm, we will be holding a fun online program on how to identify many of the common bird species seen around Lincoln. This is in preparation for our Christmas Bird Count, but you don't need to participate in that count to enjoy this presentation on our local birds.
<https://springcreek.audubon.org/events/common-birds-christmas-bird-count-lincoln-edition>
- Christmas Bird Count (CBC): Lincoln's CBC is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, January 2. If you and your family would like to help count in your back yard or neighborhood, please contact our Birdnerd, Jason, at scp@audubon.org. For more info on the national CBC: <https://www.audubon.org/conservation/science/christmas-bird-count>
- Great Backyard Bird Count: Every year on President's Day weekend in February all across the nation, community scientists and bird lovers help count birds for science during the Great Backyard Bird Count. It is a fun and simple way to enjoy birds AND help science. It only takes a minimum of 15 minutes – or all day if you like – to watch and record the birds you see. For more information or to participate: <https://www.birdcount.org/>

BIRD RESOURCES: Here are a few websites and resources to help you learn more about birds and identify the ones you are seeing.

Audubon Bird Guide: <https://www.audubon.org/bird-guide>

MERLIN Bird App: <https://merlin.allaboutbirds.org/>

Celebrate Urban Birds: <https://celebrateurbanbirds.org/>