

Christmas Bird Count 2017

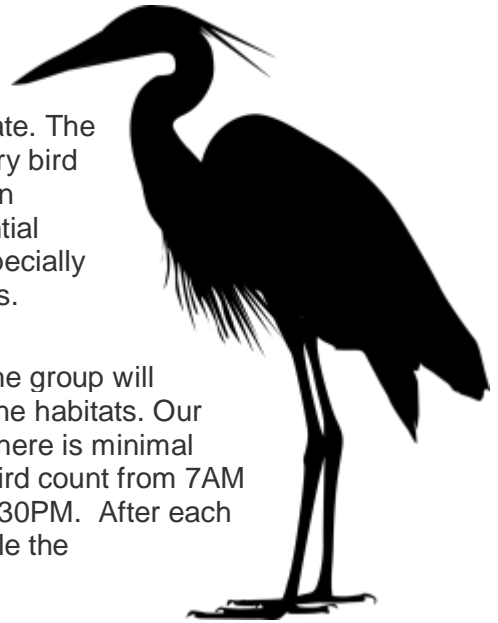
Barra de Potosi – Playa Blanca

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General info

Background: The annual Christmas Bird Count is a citizen science project organized by the National Audubon Society. Birders of all ages and experience levels are welcome to participate. The Christmas Bird Count is an actual census that seeks to count every bird of every species sighted. The collected data can help conservation efforts by tracking the spread of bird populations and noting potential environmental threats that may be impacting the birds. This is especially crucial when counting endemic, threatened, and endangered birds.



Participants will gather at El Refugio to park their cars at 7AM. The group will then leave for their assigned habitats. We suggest carpooling to the habitats. Our bird activity is highest early in the morning and late afternoons. There is minimal activity in the middle of the day. We will have the first half of the bird count from 7AM to 10:30 AM. The second part of the count will be from 4PM to 5:30PM. After each count, we will gather at El Refugio to report our results and compile the information.

Anyone who has the desire to continue counting throughout the day may do so. Anyone who wishes to participate but leave early may do so. We will have food and drinks for sale at El Refugio during the compiling times. Everyone is welcome to participate. We ask that a registration form be completed for each participant so we can organize the habitat groups accordingly.

Christmas Bird Count Tips

- Dress appropriately. Wear light clothes and protect yourself from the sun.
- Bring water and snacks.
- Bring binoculars and field guides if you have them.
- Bring back up pencils or pens for reporting sightings.
- Bring a cell phone for emergencies.
- Hat and sun glasses for sun protection

Habitats:

1. Laguna Potosi and surrounding mangroves (this will be in a panga unless the water is too low in which case we will use kayaks)
2. Playa Blanca Beach
3. Ocean and Morros (this will be in a panga with a motor)
4. Sand Dunes, nearby bushy habitat and Cerro Guamilule
5. Salina (Salt Flats surrounding the lagoon)
6. El Refugio and surrounds (includes El Refugio, the Palm Plantations, Mango Groves, Carrizo Lagoon and Loma Bonita)

Please contact Laurel Patrick via email at laurel@elrefugiodepotosi.org for additional information.