

**118th Christmas Bird Count - Leader: Barb Baldinger**  
**Dec. 16 (Saturday)**

For over a century, the National Audubon Society has collected data from volunteers throughout the country on early-winter bird populations. Saturday, December 16th will be the date of Macomb Audubon Society's 42<sup>nd</sup> year of participating in the Western Macomb County Christmas Bird Count. If you have never participated in this annual event, please think about volunteering to help count the birds in our area. Many of our Macomb Audubon members look forward to this special birding occasion. We meet for a hot soup/chili supper at the end of the day, followed by a tally of all birds counted.

Sign up sheets will be available at the November and December membership meetings. After signing up, you will be assigned to a leader in an area with other birders. Please offer to split the cost of gas among the participants in each car.

Area leaders will receive their packets at the December membership meeting. The tally supper will be held on the same evening of the count at 5:00 PM in the Nature Center at Stony Creek Metropark. Please consider volunteering to bring a crock-pot of chili, soup, snack or dessert to the tally. Participants, remember to bring your own soup bowl, plate and eating utensils.

If you wish to participate and are unable to attend the meetings please call Barb Baldinger at 586-263-6530 or email [barbarab@tir.com](mailto:barbarab@tir.com).