

THE 1968 BREEDING BIRD SURVEY NEEDS OBSERVERS

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As of December 9, 1967 there is a need for additional help with the Fish and Wildlife Service Breeding Bird Survey for June, 1968. Coverage is especially needed in and near the Adirondack Forest Preserve. The following counts require coverage in the northern part of this area:

Ogdensburg	Sevey	Hopkinton	Dannemora
Waddington	Tupper Lake	St. Regis Falls	
Edwards	Stark	Ellenburg	
Wanakena	Parishville	Sciota	

In the southern Adirondacks and their fringes, the following counts are in need of observers:

Old Forge	Blue Ridge, south	Argyle
Inlet	Newcomb	Alder Creek
McKeever	Horicon	Clinton
Blue Ridge, north	Hope Falls	

The next most critical area needing coverage is the Rochester-Geneva-Auburn area where the following counts are available:

Churchville	Rushville	Cayuga
Penfield	MacDougall	
Canadice Lake	Romulus	

In the Oneonta area counts at Cooperstown, Laurens, and Oneonta have not been covered. In the Catskill Forest Preserve, the count at West Shokan needs assistance.

A count takes less than one-half day anytime during the month of June. The observer should be well versed in field identification by sight and song of nearly all birds expected in his area. The count is most easily run when one has an assistant to care for recording and driving, so that one can devote full attention to observing at the 50 roadside stops. Anyone wishing more details, or wishing to volunteer, please contact me.

Some of the counts listed above were attempted, but not completed due to personal reasons, bad weather etc. If anyone who attempted one and was not successful would like to try again, please contact me. Such people will have first refusal for the route this year.

I hope that those people who ran counts in 1967 will do so again in 1968. One of the important features of these counts is their continuous coverage, particularly by the same individual. If anyone will not be able to cover a route covered last year, please try to find a substitute observer or let me know as soon as possible, so that one may be found. Thanks for your past help and I look forward to your help in 1968.

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