

## We need your help – Harlingen Christmas Bird Count

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Our date for the Harlingen Christmas Bird Count (CBC) will be our usual last Saturday of the count which falls on December 31, 2022 for this year. As many of you know, Norma Friedrich has officially retired from the duties of co-compiler and she has left some *mighty big shoes* to fill. I, along with Laura Robinson and Susan Upton have agreed to help out. Mark Conway, co-compiler, will continue to tabulate all the bird entries.

Please get together with your former team-mates and let me know if you will participate in this count; [hgtxcbc@gmail.com](mailto:hgtxcbc@gmail.com). If you don't have a team I can help create one or put you with an existing team.

Arrangements will be made with each area's CBC compiler to deliver the packet of information. Also, please let me know if you are conducting a backyard bird count as well.



Laura, Sue, Alicia and Susan at Coastal Tip CBC



Plans are underway to organize an aftercount gathering at a local eatery. Since we have not been able to meet for a couple of years due to COVID, this should be a lot of fun and a great opportunity to catch up with our birding friends and meet new ones. And yes..... we will have prizes to award those special finds and counts!! Details to follow.

Results will be announced by email and at the first Arroyo Colorado Audubon Society (ACAS) meeting following the final tabulation and entry of our count to the Audubon CBC database.

This will be an exciting count as vagrants are already popping up across the Valley!

Birders observing at ponds during 2022 RGV Birding Festival

