

Durango Bird Club

Christmas Bird Count 2025

East – Sunday, December 21st

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AREA DESCRIPTION: This is mostly a driving and walking along county roadsides route. Many rural county roads will be covered south of Hwy 160 and northeast of Hwy 172. This can be a good route to see raptors. Much of this section's habitat is agricultural acreage, rural residential, some riparian habitat, and pinyon juniper woodlands.

BOUNDARIES: The west and south boundary is just west and south of Hwy 172, this is the road to the Airport, and extends to the edge of the count circle. Count both sides of Hwy 172. When counting both sides of Hwy 172, focus on power lines, power poles, fence lines, and trees close to the highway along the southern and western side of the road. The Southeast Area team will cover anything further out in the fields. The NW boundary is Hwy 160 up to just east of the Florida River crossing. Do not count either side of Hwy 160 along the section between Elmore's Corner and the Florida River crossing. The Northeast Area team will cover this. The northeastern boundary is along CR 223. Count birds on both sides of CR 223.