

Durango Bird Club

Christmas Bird Count 2025

Northeast – Sunday, December 21st

Area 1: Three Springs

Leader: Terry Kilpatrick

Contact: **This group is full**

AREA 1 DESCRIPTION: The main feature of this area are the eBird hotspots surrounding Three Springs. There is a western hotspot, the Spurline Trail hotspot, and the riparian hotspot. This route includes walking trails, residential areas, and wetland habitat. This is one of smaller routes, and can be easily covered in a half day of birding.

Area 2: Areas north of Three Springs and east of CR 225

Leader: John Bregar

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AREA 2 DESCRIPTION: This is a large area with a good mix of habitat. It includes agricultural lands north of Elmore's Corner. Riparian habitat along the Florida River. Mixed ponderosa and pinyon juniper, as well as rural residential areas. If there is not too much snow on the ground, the BLM property off of CR 225 can be covered on foot.

Area 3: Edgemont and Horse Gulch

Leader: Aimee Way

Contact: **This group is full**

AREA 3 DESCRIPTION: This area includes Edgemont Ranch and Horse Gulch. This team will also help out the Lake Nighthorse group by covering the Animas River Trail from the Double Tree up to Burger King. They will also cover Greenmount Cemetery and the Tech Center area.

BOUNDARIES: The northwest boundary lies just east of the Whippoorwill Road subdivision. The circle passes through the middle of Edgemont, so please use your best judgement when counting along the boundary. Highway 160 is much of the southern boundary, and both sides of that road should be counted between Elmore's Corner to just east of the Florida River. When counting both sides of Hwy 160, for the south side adjacent to the East Area, focus on power lines, power poles, fence lines, and trees close to the highway. **Area 1** is the smaller area that surrounds Three Springs. **Area 2** includes the dashed orange line section directly north of Three Springs and everything north and east of CR 225 on the map. **Area 3** includes Horse Gulch and Edgemont. The boundary for Area 2 and Area 3 will be CR 234 where it crosses the Florida River near the horse ranch.