

## How to Summarize eBird Checklists

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This past year, the “Summarize My Checklists” function was eliminated from the eBird website.

However, you may still wish to do this function, especially if your Christmas Bird Count sector consists of various locations that you want combined as one list, with the number of individuals in each species totaled.

I found two alternative solutions:

1. **A website solution** that will let you combine any eBird checklists, no matter who entered them, no matter what devices they were entered on. This solution was developed by Kent Fiala, who maintains support for it – thank you, Kent!!

Go to <https://www.faintlake.com/eBird/compiler/> which contains complete instructions on how to use it. Note: If you receive the reply "required services at ebird appear to be down", it means eBird is running too slowly; try again in a few minutes.

2. **An eBird mobile app solution.** This will work only for checklists that show on your mobile app. They must meet the following criteria:

Checklists had to have been entered by one mobile device logged onto one eBird user.

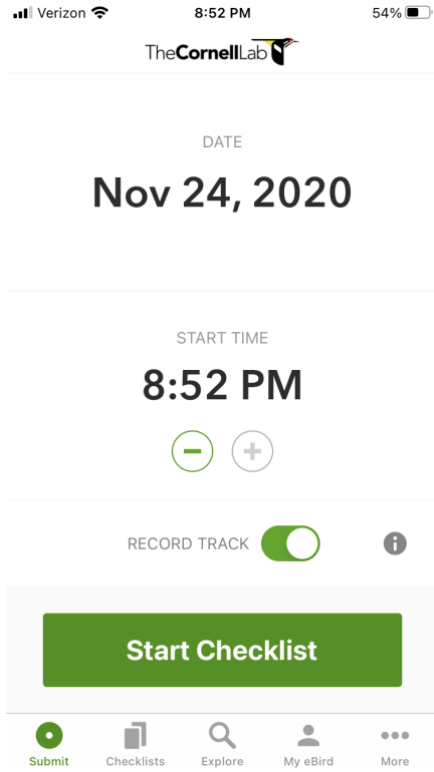
Checklists have to be consecutive; you can't “skip” one.

Checklists that were entered by another user and “shared” to you cannot be counted because they are not on your device.

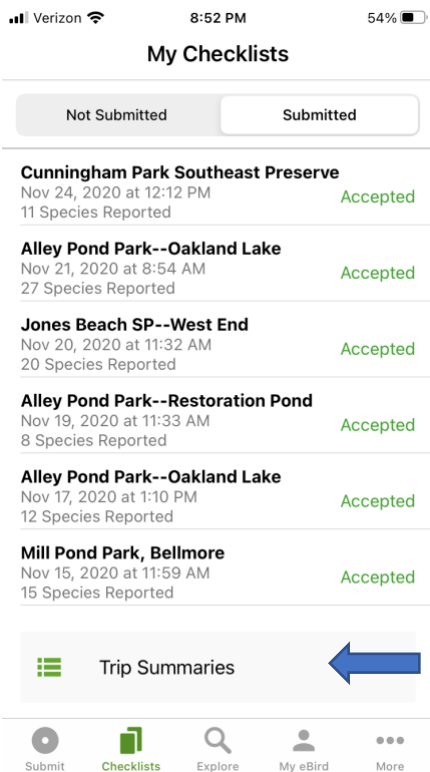
If you enter all the Christmas Bird Count checklists for your sector on your mobile app, you may find this solution useful.

The rest of this document describes how to use this feature.

First, start the eBird Mobile app.



Next, select "Checklists"



Next, select "Trip Summaries"

Today

November 24, 2020

1 Checklists

11 Taxa Reported

Trip Summary

October 12, 2020 to October 13, 2020

1 Checklists

9 Taxa Reported

All

August 15, 2018 to November 24, 2020

684 Checklists

586 Taxa Reported



Next, select "Today", the best option for a same-day CBC compilation. \*\*

\*\* Note that you could use the "Trip Summary" option to select a range of dates. If you use this option, be careful in that it includes start/end times as well as a dates. Make sure that the times as well as the dates will cover all the desired checklists.

Nov 24, 2020

3 Rock Pigeon (Feral Pigeon)

20 Mourning Dove

1 Red-bellied Woodpecker

1 Downy Woodpecker

5 Blue Jay

2 Black-capped Chickadee

1 Brown Creeper

1 Hermit Thrush

1 American Goldfinch

10 Dark-eyed Junco

# of Taxa Reported 11

# of Checklists 1

Email Checklist



Next, select "Email Checklist"

Cancel

**eBird Trip Summary -- Today** 

To: 

Cc/Bcc, From: nancy.tognan@gmail.com

Subject: eBird Trip Summary -- Today

ntfromnyc  
eBird Checklist Summary for: Nov 24,  
2020

Number of Checklists: 1  
Number of Taxa: 11

Checklists included in this summary:  
(1): Cunningham Park Southeast  
Preserve  
Date: Nov 24, 2020 at 12:12 PM

3 Rock Pigeon (Feral Pigeon) -- (1)

Finally, fill in the email address to receive the checklist. Voila! You will receive one checklist containing all of today's observations.