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From the President's desk...

Welcome Holiday Season,

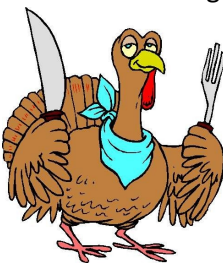
I was honored to represent California at the NGC Fall Board Meeting in Portland, Maine. If the NGC board members did not know that California isn't afraid to speak up, they know it now. Your president, along with others, asked about the status of Regions.

Thank you to those who answered the questions on the Pacific Region Survey which I mentioned at the Presidents' and Region Directors' Meetings – it became a great networking tool as a few of the other state presidents approached me regarding what was done and the outcome. We were able to share ideas and realize we all have similar concerns. What an interesting way to get to know Presidents from other states, as well as NGC Chairmen!

Facts:

- Regions are not going away (whether you define them geographically or not).
- If they are not already a 501(c)(3), Regions are applying for the exemption. This includes Pacific Region.
- Region Directors currently serve on the NGC Scholarship and Executive Committees and will remain on these committees. Refer to NGC Bylaws excerpt on Page 2 for additional information.
- As of May 31, 2017, Region Meetings will have no financial ties to NGC.

After the meeting I was able to drive two hours south to visit with my family and enjoy some vacation time.



Thank you to Sacramento River Valley District, Yosemite Gateway District and Roadrunner District for inviting me to your meetings, donating to the President's Project and more importantly *Encouraging Future Gardeners*.

Happy Turkey Day!

SueB

President's Travel Schedule:

- November 3: Victorian Tea Affaire, Chicago Park Garden Club
- December 20: Southern California Garden Club
- January 5: Folsom Garden Club
- January 30-Feb 2: Winter Board, Anderson
- February 27-28: Palomar District
- March 1: Ripon Garden Club
- March 27-29: Wildflower Conference
- April 10: Desert Empire District
- April 18-20: PR Convention, Washington
- May 16-21: NGC Convention, Virginia
- May 30-June 3: CGCI Convention



CGCI Official Calendar

californiagardenclubs.com/calendar

- **January 30-February 2: CGCI Winter Board Meeting:**
Host: Cascade District
- **March 27-29: CGCI Wildflower Conference**
Co-Chairmen: Merrilee Ray & Janice Wagner; Kernville.
- **May 30-June 3: CGCI Convention,** San Luis Obispo

NGC Schools Calendar (California)

All registration forms are on the CGCI website Calendar page
californiagardenclubs.com/calendar
Go to gardenclub.org for schools in other states

- **February 24-25: Tri-Refresher,** Sponsor: Long Beach Garden Club. Chairman: Jane Kaylor
- **March 13-15: Flower Show School, Course 4,** Sponsor: Southwest Judges Council; Poway, CA, Chairman: Emily Troxell
- **June 25-28: Flower Show Symposium,** Ontario, Chairman: Lili Aram-Bost

Note from Gardening Study & Landscape Design Schools Chairmen:

- The last course of the Gardening Study School was held in September 2016.
- There are no schools currently scheduled for 2017.
- Consultants whose credentials will lapse in December can request an extension.
- All consultants may refresh at the February Tri-Refresher in Long Beach.

NGC has created a Gardening Consultants Council
Fall 2016 Newsletter is available on the CGCI website

Excerpted from the NGC Bylaws:**ARTICLE VIII -- OFFICERS-ELIGIBILITY****Section 1. ELECTED OFFICERS**

A. The elected officers of NGC shall be a President, a First Vice-President, a Second Vice-President, a Third Vice-President, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Director for each Region.

ARTICLE IX -- DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Each officer shall:

- Serve as a member of the Executive Committee and of the Board of Directors.
- Perform the duties prescribed by these Bylaws, the Standing Rules and by the adopted Parliamentary Authority.
- Report to each NGC Convention and at other times as required.

Section 9. -- REGION DIRECTORS

A. Each Region Director shall:

- Direct the activities of the Region.
 - Coordinate and promote the activities of NGC.
 - Serve as a member of the NGC Scholarship Committee.
 - Conduct an Annual or Biennial Region Convention in rotation as established in the Bylaws, Standing Rules, Rules of Procedure, or Policies of the Region.
 - Appoint Region Chairmen as necessary to carry out the purposes of NGC which shall conform, insofar as practicable, to those of NGC.
 - Inform the NGC President of an anticipated absence from any required meeting and secure approval for the Alternate Region Director to represent the Region with all the privileges of the Director.
 - Adhere to ARTICLE XI for election procedures within the Region.
- B. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Region Director, the Alternate Region Director shall become Region Director. An Alternate Region Director shall then be elected as established within that Region according to prescribed procedure. (In ARTICLE XI, Section 2.)

ARTICLE XI -- ELECTION OF OFFICERS**Section 2. -- ELECTION OF REGION DIRECTORS AND ALTERNATE REGION DIRECTORS**

The State from which the next Region Director and Alternate Region Director shall come is determined by the Bylaws, Standing Rules, Rules of Procedure or Policies of each Region. The Region Director and the Alternate Region Director must reside within the Region they represent.

A. The candidate for Region Director shall be:

- Elected by the Governing Board of that Director's State Garden Club in session during the even-numbered year prior to assuming office.
- Presented to the NGC Convention in the odd-numbered year.
- Installed at the NGC Convention in the odd-numbered year and assume office for a term of two years at the close of the NGC Convention.

B. The candidate for Alternate Region Director shall be elected by the Governing Board of that State Garden Club in session during the even-numbered year prior to assuming office.

January 30 - February 2, 2017

CGCI Winter Board Meeting

Host: Cascade District

Co-Chairmen: Kathy Bramhall & Carolyn Hoyum

Gaia Hotel, Anderson, CA

Join us for workshops/programs: Bugs, Figs/Olives, Bees and Soil;
Recycle/Repurpose/Reuse Fashion Show and
a Table Setting Competition.

CGCI Programs & Projects

Awards

By Bob Gordon & Lynne Batchelor, Awards Co-Chairmen

Greetings! The awards deadline date is approaching fast. Why don't you submit applications before the holiday madness. CGCI members, clubs and districts do so many great things around the state and we want to pat them on the back and say, "well done." We can't do that if you don't submit them. On top of that many awards have checks attached to them. Please look through the awards in your yearbook (or the Awards Manual online) and determine what individuals, clubs and districts deserve state, regional or national recognition. Send the applications to the proper person before December 1, 2016.



Several of our awards are in need of sponsors. Please look over the following list, check it in the yearbook and consider supporting the awards program. Awards needing sponsors are: C-1 Conservation Project, C9-A Bird Conservation, C-13 Butterfly Conservation, G-1 Council Yearbook, HT-2 Memorial Planting, PR-6 Video and Y-2 Flower Arrangers.

Our goal – make this the biggest award year ever, but you need to apply for that to happen. There's something for everyone: California Consultants Council Awards; Civic Beautification; Conservation; Flower Show; General Awards (Yearbooks, Club Activities, and Photography); Horticulture; Public Relations; and Youth Awards.

Don't forget the Special Awards (Lifetime Achievement, Lifetime Service, Man/Woman of the Year, and more). These require a simple letter of nomination not to exceed three pages.

Thanks for being part of the awards program. HAPPY APPLYING!

Lynne and Bob

REMINDER: NEW AWARDS DEADLINE

**ALL award entries (CGCI, PR, NGC) must be submitted by
December 1, 2016**

**Exceptions: Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Posters & Publicity Press Books
are due January 10, 2017**

DON'T WAIT TIL THE LAST MINUTE TO SUBMIT YOUR ENTRIES!

Stagecoach Hill Azalea Propagation Project Donations (this month)

Mary Lou Goodwin, Chairman

Myrtle Findley (from cookbook sales)

Richard Cavendre (Red's Rhodies)



The newest CGCI Project is to help provide funding to propagate 300 rare, native azaleas from cuttings and seeds and then replanted in the same area. The project goal is to raise \$6,000 to cover the propagation expenses.



A few of the volunteers who helped with the first collection of cuttings and seeds.

For details go to: <http://californiagardenclubs.com/stagecoachhill>

CGCI Programs & Projects

Go to californiagardenclubs.com
for details

• Membership dues

Mail to: Rita Desilets
8316 Sparton Avenue
Van Nuys, 91402-4030

• Insurance

Chairman: Shane Looper
213 Carmelo Lane
South San Francisco,
94080-2204

• Group Tax Exemption Program

Chairman: Krystal Migliore
P.O. Box 1414
Gridley, 95948-1414

• Penny Pines

Checks to US Forest Service

• President's Project 2015-17

Chairman: Maryanne Lucas
1986 Channelford Road
Westlake Village, 91361-3558

• Project Mission Blue

Chairman: Shane Looper
213 Carmelo Lane
South San Francisco,
94080-2204

• Scholarships (Applications)

Chairman: Martha Smyser
4949 Mammoth Ave.
Sherman Oaks, 91423-1319

• Stagecoach Hill Propagation

Chairman: Mary Lou Goodwin
1312 Gates St.
Eureka, CA 95501-2627

• Stamps

Chairman: Claudia Marsh
19822 Ottawa Rd, Apple Valley
92308-6155

• Donations to the following projects are mailed to:

California Garden Clubs
P.O. Box 75, Graton, CA
95444-0075
Anza-Borrego Desert State Park
Blue Star Memorials
CGCI Endowments
CGCI Scholarship Fund
Rare Plant Treasure Hunt
Reforestation/Restoration
Sempervirens Fund

How would you like to be one of the photographers on this project?

This giant sequoia located in the Giant Forest of Sequoia National Park, east of Visalia, is known as the President – named after President Warren G. Harding. It stands 247 feet tall with a trunk measuring 27 feet across and is estimated to have 2 billion leaves/needles. It is the third largest tree in the world, but at 3,200 years it is the oldest known living Sequoia. Due to its size it had never been photographed in its entirety until 2012 when a team of *National Geographic* photographers, working with a group of scientists, took thousands of photos as they climbed the tree using a system of pulleys and levers. They selected 126 of the photos and compiled them into a mosaic to produce the final incredible portrait.



"Climbing" the tree

The finished product



That's a man standing under the tree!



LAST CALL for Season's Greetings!

Your holiday messages support the President's Project "Encouraging Future Gardeners."
\$5.00 per greeting, graphic included

Deadline: November 15, 2016

(must be received by that date)

Go to: <http://californiagardenclubs.com>
(the link to the form is on the Home Page)

A reminder to all Treasurers:



Email "spoofing" (see the October issue for information) is becoming more prevalent. Unfortunately, like those pesky "robo-calls," there isn't much we can do to stop them. But you can learn to recognize them. If you receive an email that looks like it comes from your President or District Director and it instructs you to send money to someone or for something that you are not familiar with or is otherwise suspicious, do one or both of the following:

- Call the alleged "sender" to determine legitimacy
- Ignore and delete

Awards, Honors & Recognition

CGCI offers many ways to say
"Thank You" or "Good Job"

NOTE: Check the forms for the
correct mailing address

Californiagardenclubs.com/forms

♥ Angels

Chairman: Jane McKee
1276 Palomares Court
Fallbrook 92028-4480

♥ Awards Program

Check the website for updated
forms and instructions

♥ Business Commendations

Chairman: Launa Gould
New online request form

♥ California Consultants Council

Landscape Design (various) &
Outstanding Private Garden
Chairman: Julie West
850 Grandview Road
Sebastopol 95472-2930

♥ Honor Book

Chairman: Deedee Speer
30861 Saddleback Road
Valley Center 92082-3848

♥ Life Memberships

Chairman: Carlotta Wixon
14216 Karry's Place
Grass Valley 95945-7934

♥ Long-Term Certificates

Chairman: Mike Gould
New online request form

♥ Member Award of Distinction

Chairman: Mike Gould
1212 Avenida Buena Suerte
San Clemente 92672-2348

Promotional Materials

Did you know that CGCI offers promo-
tional and informational materials and
many are FREE*!



- Banners
- Bookmarks*
- Rack Cards*
- Pamphlets*

(Check the website for
ordering details)

Club & District Corner

Ceres Garden Club has partnered with the City of Ceres, West Coast Arborists, Inc., and the California Urban Forests Council to help reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) by planting trees in Ceres.



- Planet Pink" project to raise awareness of breast cancer.

Garden & Floral Arrangers Guild: In September the Guild held a Fabulous Flower Frog Frenzie presentation at Plymouth Village, Redlands, CA. Pat Claves displayed her frogs and presented a program on flower frogs, and Nina Hansen demonstrated how to design with flower frogs.



Eureka-Sequoia Garden Club: For the last seven years the club has partnered with the Eureka Main Street District, Eureka Public Works Department and the City of Eureka to create hanging baskets displayed at the Gazebo in Old Town and in front of several local merchants. The baskets are on display from May through October. In 2016 the club planted all pink flowers in celebration of NGC's "Plant It Pink



Bernardo Gardeners: The club created and maintains an indoor Children's Garden at the Rancho Bernardo Library.

Remembering...

Robert Schuler (1932-2016)

Bob was a life member and past president of Redlands Horticultural Society, Inland Empire Master Gardeners, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties Orchid Society and served CGCI in many capacities including writing the "Garden Patch Pointers" column for *Golden Gardens*. He was an Environmental Consultant, Master Gardening Consultant and Master Landscape Design Consultant. In 1988 he was selected CGCI's Man of the Year and in 2010 was awarded the Landscape Design Consultant of the Year. Both he and his wife Hoberley are members of the Circle of Poppies. Cards may be sent to Hoberley Schuler, 925 Brooke Lane, Brookings, OR 97415-8282.



Rosalie Hooper (1925 - 2016)

Rosalie was a member of the Calaveras County Garden Club, served on the CGCI Board for many years as Chairman of the Scholarship committee and Smokey Bear Poster Contest and was elected to the Circle of Poppies in 2011.



In the Garden this month...

Excerpted from
Sunset &

Better Homes & Gardens

- Cooler weather is the time to transplant small trees and shrubs.
- If you haven't already, fertilize cool-season lawns, such as bluegrass, using a product made especially for fall if possible, and one that also includes a pre-emergent herbicide. Don't feed warm-season lawns, such as Bermuda grass, so that they can begin their winter dormancy.
- You may get some of your best rose blooms this month. But stop fertilizing roses this month to encourage them to go dormant for a couple of months in January and February.
- In those areas where frosts are just an occasional thing, keep plantings well-watered so whenever a freeze threatens, plants are more likely to survive. A "turgid" well-hydrated plant is better-equipped to recover than a dehydrated plant.
- Watch for snails and slugs. As needed, set out bait.
- Clean up debris and fallen leaves around fruit trees, and remove any dried fruit from branches. To control brown rot on apricots, spray with a Bordeaux mixture (hydrated lime and copper sulfate) or other fungicide containing copper. For peach leaf curl on peach and nectarine trees, spray with lime sulfur after leaves fall. Apply sprays on dry days when rain isn't predicted for at least 36 hours. Thoroughly cover the branches, stems, and trunk as well as the ground beneath the tree.
- Cut back ornamental grasses as they turn brown for winter. Loop a long piece of twine around grass blades 10 inches from the ground, cinch, and cut grass just below the string.



Group Tax Exemption Program---GTEP

Frequently Asked Questions

Krystal Migliore, GTEP Chairman

Q: When will renewal packets be mailed to GTEP members?

A: Last year, renewal packets were mailed via United States Postal Service with a follow-up notice sent by email. This year renewal packets will be sent out **by email only**. On October 18, an email was sent to the presidents, district directors and treasurers of all GTEP members. The subject line of the email is "CGCI: Group Tax Exemption Program - 2017-18 Renewal." If you are a president, district director or treasurer of a GTEP member club or district and you did not receive this email or if you don't know if you are a GTEP member or not, please contact the GTEP Chairman by email at GTEP@cagardenclubs.org.

Q: When must the renewal form and support documentation be submitted?

A: The deadline for submission is February 1, 2017.

Q: If the GTEP renewal form isn't due until February 1, why are they sent out to us so early?

A: Now, the month of November, is the best time to submit your GTEP renewal because you should have everything you need for renewal. IRS 990-N and FTB 199-N forms must be submitted by November 15 for all organizations on a July 1-June 30 fiscal year. Once you've filed with the IRS and FTB, why wait to submit your GTEP renewal paperwork? Waiting will only create more work when you have to spend time later looking for the information you need.

Please Note-some organizations are required to submit paper returns by mail. What did your club submit to the IRS and FTB last year? Unless you've been notified that the requirements have changed for your organization, submit the same form number as last year.

Need another reason to file early? Last year approximately 50% of the renewal forms and/or support documentation received by this chairman were either inaccurate or incomplete and additional follow-up and significant time was required before the renewal could be approved.

Q: If the renewal period is for 2017/2018 why do I submit a financial report and activities report for transactions and activities that occurred during the 2015/2016 fiscal year?

A: Step 1 of this renewal process is to state that you wish to continue with GTEP for 2017/2018 by completing the GTEP Renewal Form. Step 2 is to provide evidence that your club or district continues to meet the requirements of a 501(c)3 organization by programs and activities; and with financial donations and expenditures made to support charitable and educational purposes. The most recently completed year is the year that will show the most recent activity of the club or district for an entire year.



Please Note: Budgets and scheduled programs/activities *planned* for 2016/2017 **will not be accepted** because they are only projections for the future.

Q: I'm still confused about the timing, would you explain it?

A: The current fiscal year is 2016/2017. CGCI GTEP members renewing by February 1, 2017 are renewing for the next fiscal year 2017/2018. To provide evidence they still qualify as a 501(c)3 organization, they must supply a financial report and activities report for the most recently completed fiscal year which in this case is 2015/2016.

Q: I've heard the IRS has changed the registration process for filing our 990-N. How do I learn more about this?

A: Step-by-Step Instructions were created and distributed to **all CGCI presidents, district directors and treasurers** (not just those in GTEP) several months ago. This document was included with the GTEP renewal email sent on October 18 and is also available on the CGCI website: <http://californiagardenclubs.com/gtep> (the link to the document is in the right sidebar in red).

NOTE: When you file your 990-N or other applicable 990 form, you should ALWAYS **use YOUR organization's EIN** (Employer Identification Number). You should NEVER use CGCI's EIN for any reason.

Q: Have there been any other recent changes?

A: Yes, there is a new CGCI Policy that could impact any club or district. **"All expenses incurred due to the misuse of CGCI's EIN shall be charged to the offending organization."** In the past somehow organizations have managed to use CGCI's EIN. In some cases CGCI incurred **substantial expenses** to regain control of its own EIN and to reverse the damage done during the time in between the misuse and rectifying the situation. If this should occur in the future, the offending organization will **be required to reimburse CGCI for ALL expenses incurred due to the misuse**. It is possible that this amount could be thousands of dollars. If you have CGCI's EIN on any document, please black out that number immediately. **If you are not sure of your club's EIN, please contact this chairman.**



President's Project Donations this month:



Atwater Garden Club & Camellia Society
Belmont Garden Club
Brenda Verza (Petaluma Garden Club)
Desert Crossroads Garden Club
Donner Garden Club
Eileen Bowling
Fallbrook Garden Club
Hesperia Garden Club
Jacqueline Matson

Jon Bush
Member - Yosemite Gateway District
Merced Garden Club
Myrtle Findley
Nancy A, Piotrowski, PHD
Nancy Compton
Nancy Sills
Peggy Demello
Sacramento River Valley District

TOTAL TO DATE: \$11,594

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Email: headquarters@gardenclub.org**Publication:** *The National Gardener***Website:** gardenclub.org**Convention:**

May 16-21, 2017, Richmond, VA
 Richmond Marriott

Ongoing projects:

- Ames Garden Tools
- US Botanic Butterfly Garden
- Ecology Warriors Workbook
- Plant It Pink
- Rain Gardens
- SAGE & ROSES
- School Gardens
- Spring Planting for Butterflies
- Photo Archiving
- Water Projects

(Go to gardenclub.org for details on these and other projects)

**Director: 2015-2017****Kristie Livreri****Publication:** *WACONIAH***Website:**PacificRegionGardenClubs.org

Convention: April 18-20, 2017
 Seattle, WA

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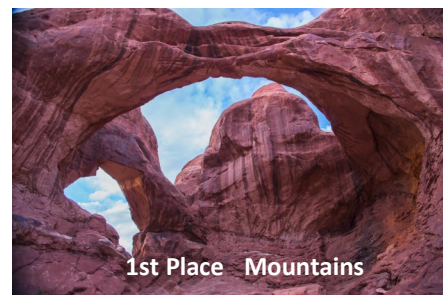
1st Place - Fauna

1st Place - Scene



To see all winning entries, go to gardenclub.org

Winners of the NGC Photo Contest:
 "Celebrating the National Parks System"



1st Place - Mountains



3rd Place - Mountains

Terry Sampson, Hesperia GC
 Yep...she's one of ours
 CONGRATULATIONS

Terry!

PACIFIC REGION 74TH ANNUAL CONVENTION**APRIL 18 – 20, 2017****"BEST OF THE NORTHWEST, THE PAUSE THAT REFRESHES"**

The Embassy Suites, 15920 W Valley Hwy, Seattle WA 98188

Embassy Suites provides a made to order complimentary breakfast and two complimentary beverages and snacks for their nightly Atrium Cocktail Party.

Highlights:

- Wednesday, April 19, Lunch: Kelly Dodson and Sue Milliken, owners of Far Reaches Nursery have travelled the world to bring back specimens to enhance their collection of rare plant species. Following lunch there will be a workshop and plant sale.
- Thursday, April 20, Lunch: Oxbow Farm & Conservation Center. Jessica Price, Executive Director, Bridget McNassar, Native Plant Nursery Manager and Adam McCurdy, Farm Manager will present a program and a workshop on local food and agriculture conservation followed a native plant sale.
- Tour: **Kubota Gardens** is unmatched in its quality of mature landscaping, streams, waterfalls, ponds, and rock features. Planted in a Japanese manner, the 20 acre garden was started in 1927. It is a City of Seattle Historical Landmark.
- Misc: spouse tours, golf outing and a DIY Spa kit for everyone who registers
- "The Gallery – Portraits of the Northwest" featuring Washington's best designers.





DONATIONS 2016
Total this month: \$1,292.00
Pat York, Chairman
 Total January 1 to date:
 \$21,670.00

BAY OCEAN DISTRICT

Garden Study Club
 of the Peninsula \$68

BUTTES DISTRICT

Paradise GC
 Honor: Julie Jones \$68

GOLDEN FOOTHILLS DISTRICT

Divide GC
 Memory: Connie Thompson .. \$68
 Donner GC of Auburn
 Memory: Jimmy Diez
 From: Juanita Duran \$68

LUTHER BURBANK DISTRICT

Petaluma GC
 Memory: Sybil Sullivan \$68

PALOMAR DISTRICT

Bridge and Bay GC.....\$204
 Crown GC
 Honor: Joann Riley.....\$68
 Honor: City of Coronado\$68
 Point Loma GC
 Memory: David Ward\$68
 Memory: Debbie Blum.....\$68
 Memory: Laura Frances Murr.\$68

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY DISTRICT

Southern California GC
 Honor: Lois Brayton\$68

SANTA CLARA VALLEY DISTRICT

San Jose GC.....\$68
 South Valley Fleurs GC \$136
 Sunnyvale Garden Club
 Memory: Helen St. Cyr Schell . \$68

VALLEY LODGE DISTRICT

Sierra Madre GC
 Honor: Linda Thunes.....\$68

YOSEMITE GATEWAY DISTRICT

Atwater GC & Camellia Society
 Honor: Pamela Wilson \$68

Thank You!

CGCI Bird Lovers Unite!**By Chuck Goodwin, Humboldt District Director**

Hello to all of you CGCI Birders and all who have thought of being a birder. This is your chance to take part in the 25th Annual Thanksgiving Western US Bird Count! Coordinated by Dr. John Hewston, Humboldt State University Natural Resources Department, the count is designed for birders to select any one hour period of your choice, on Thursday, November 24 (Thanksgiving Day) to make their count.

To make your count area, establish a 15-foot diameter circle that can include feeders, bird baths and shrubs that you can see from your observation point. Imagine the circle extends upwards as a cylinder. Record the species and number of individual birds that enter the circle or fly through it during the hour. Try not to count the same bird more than once!

A sample of the count form is on the next page. Share the Bird Count Forms with others in your area to add their count to those in the eleven Western States. The more birds counted, the better! Finally, fill in the Bird Count Form and mail or email to: Dr. John Hewston, Natural Resources Building, Humboldt State University, Arcata, CA 95521 or thanksgivingbirdcount@gmail.com.

At right are some of the birds that you might see...



Black-capped chickadee



Anna's
hummingbird



Dark-eyed junco

THANKSGIVING BIRD COUNT

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