



Friends of Elk Island Society

**Christmas Bird Count
Registration Pack**



The Friends of Elk Island Society



present the

ELK ISLAND CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Participate in the National Audubon Society's annual count

Where: Elk Island National Park.

When: December 26th (Anytime Day or Night)

Who: You!!

Registration: Elk Island Trades shop (look for signs)

Cost: Park entrance fee.

National fee of \$5 COVERED by the Friends of Elk Island!!!

Details

- Hike, ski, walk, snowshoe, or drive any of Elk Island's trails or roads
- Record birds observed, mode of travel, and hours spent birding
- Register at the start of your day at the administration area of the park from 9:00am–6:00pm. Light refreshments provided
- Bring binoculars, field guides, appropriate clothing, and friends
- Tips provided for those that need brushing up on resident birds
- Potential for crossbills, grosbeaks, creepers, 7 species of owls, etc
- Only 40 minutes east of Edmonton on Highway 16

Call Lesley at 922-2263 for more information, directions, or for advanced registration. Alternatively visit our website at www.elkisland.ca



Welcome

Welcome and thank you for taking part in this year's Elk Island Christmas Bird Count. Our bird count is essential for helping Elk Island National Park keep track of its bird populations whilst aiding the National Audubon Society in keeping records of bird populations and trends across Canada. Below are a few tips to help you successfully complete your counting whilst having lots of fun!!!

How do I 'do' a bird count?

- Keep warm by dressing correctly, bringing a hot thermos and by keeping moving!!
- Check out our hot birding and ID tips at the Registration desk
- Ask other birders; better still go as a group
- If you see an unusual bird, take lots of notes and a photo if possible
- Keep a running tally of all the species of birds (and any mammals) that you see on the enclosed form

What to do once you've finished your counting?

- Come and get warm at the Trades shop with some light refreshments
- Drop off your completed form at the Registration desk between 9am and 6pm
- Sit back and pat yourself on the back for a job well done

What if you forget to drop off your completed birding form?

Don't worry, we've arranged several ways you can get the information to the compiler. Please ensure that the information is sent to us BEFORE January 15th 2003.

1) Mail the form to:

Christmas Bird Count
The Friends of Elk Island Society
Box 70, 9920-63 Ave,
Edmonton,
Alberta
T6E 0G9

- 2) Fax your form to the Elk Island Administration Building (Fax number **780-992-2983**)
- 3) Submit your form online at www.elkisland.ca

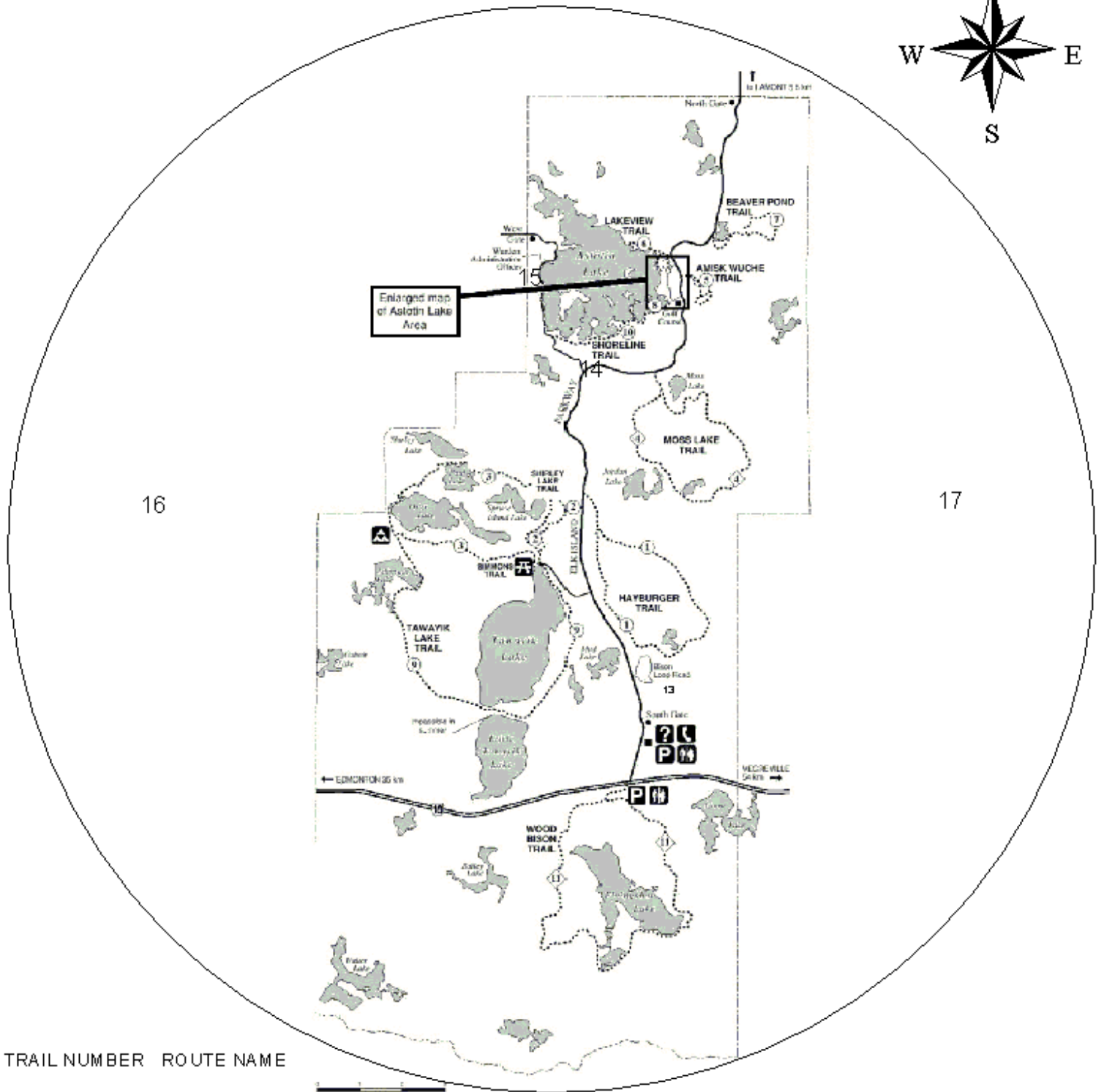
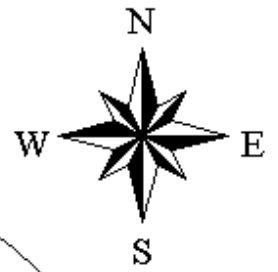
Once again, may I take this opportunity for your hard work in supporting our society. If you are not an FEIS member I would like to invite you to join by filling out the enclosed membership form. I hope you have a joyous festive season.

Rick Watts
Chairman

Elk Island Christmas Bird Count Registration Form

Route Number	Route Name	Observer name	Age	Address (incl. Postal Code)	Contact number	E-mail address	BSC member?
1	Hayburger trail						
2	Shirley Lake trail						
3	Simmons trail						
4	Moss Lake trail						
5	Amisk Wuche trail						
6	Lakeview trail						
7	Beaver Pond trail						
8	Sandy Beach trail						
9	Tawayik Lake trail						
10	Shoreline trail						
11	Wood bison trail						
12	Oster Lake Road						
13	Bison Paddock						
14	Elk Island Parkway						
15	Administration Rd						
16	West of Park						
17	East of Park						
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Elk Island Christmas Bird Count Routes



TRAIL NUMBER ROUTE NAME

- 1 Hayburger Trail
- 2 Shirley Lake Trail
- 3 Simmons Trail
- 4 Moss Lake Trail
- 5 Amisk Wuche Trail
- 6 Lakeview Trail
- 7 Beaver Pond Trail
- 8 Sandy Beach Trail
- 9 Tawayik Lake Trail
- 10 Shoreline Trail
- 11 Wood Bison Trail
- 12 Oster Lake Road
- 13 Bison Paddock

Driven Routes

- 14 Elk Island Parkway
- 15 Administration Road

Outside of Park

- 16 West of Park
- 17 East of Park



Data Collection

Trail or Zone number _____; Number of participants _____
 Total party hours _____; on Foot _____; by Ski _____; by Car _____
 Total party kilometers _____; on Foot _____; by Ski _____; by Car _____
 Additional hours at Feeders _____; number of Feeders _____
 Additional hours owling _____; and km _____
 Starting time _____; Ending time _____

Participants Names & Addresses

Fee paid \$5: Y/N

'A' list

of Observations

'C' list

Northern Goshawk	_____	Bald Eagle	_____
Ruffed Grouse	_____	Rough-legged hawk	_____
Rock Dove	_____	Merlin	_____
Great Horned Owl	_____	Sharp-tailed Grouse	_____
Downy Woodpecker	_____	Long-Eared Owl	_____
Hairy Woodpecker	_____	Short-Eared Owl	_____
Pileated Woodpecker	_____	Boreal Owl	_____
Blue Jay	_____	Saw-whet Owl	_____
Black-billed Magpie	_____	Loggerhead Shrike	_____
Common Raven	_____	Purple Finch	_____
Black-capped Chickadee	_____	Red Crossbill	_____
Boreal Chickadee	_____	White-w. Crossbill	_____
White-breasted Nuthatch	_____	European Starling	_____
Northern Shrike	_____	Bohemian Waxwing	_____
Snow Bunting	_____	Golden_cr. Kinglet	_____
Pine Grosbeak	_____	Hoary Redpoll	_____
Common Redpoll	_____	Pine Siskin	_____
Evening Grosbeak	_____		
House Sparrow	_____		
Dark-eyed junco	_____		

'B' list

Mammals

Gray Partridge	_____	Moose	_____
Ring-necked Pheasant	_____	Plains Bison	_____
Snowy Owl	_____	Wood Bison	_____
Three-t. Woodpecker	_____	Elk	_____
Black_b. Woodpecker	_____	White-tailed Deer	_____
Gray Jay	_____	Coyote	_____
American Crow	_____	Snowshoe Hare	_____
Red-breasted Nuthatch	_____	Red Squirrel	_____
Brown Creeper	_____	Beaver	_____
		Porcupine	_____



Membership Application

Join Today

Join the Friends of Elk Island Society today by completing this form, printing it out and mailing it along with your payment to the address shown below.

By joining the FEIS you will be supporting the research and conservation that the FEIS funds within Elk Island National Park. You will also be joining a nationwide network of like-minded individuals through the 'Friends' groups and the Canadian Parks Partnership.

You will receive copies of the Society's publication 'The Trumpeter' which keeps members informed of Park news, volunteer opportunities and society business.

Members also receive 10% off merchandise in participating 'Friends' sales outlets across Canada.

Most importantly the FEIS can help you contribute to the protection of Elk Island National Park.

Personal Details

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____
 Post Code: _____
 Telephone: _____
 Email Address: _____

Membership Categories Please Tick

Individual \$10	<input type="checkbox"/>	Corporate \$50	<input type="checkbox"/>
Family \$15	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sponsor \$150	<input type="checkbox"/>

Donations

None	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$75	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$25	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$100	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$50	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

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