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DON'T BE A STATISTIC!

The first month of the year is the worst for carbon monoxide poisoning—don't be a statistic.

- Have your heating system, water heater, and any other gas, oil, or coal-burning appliances inspected and serviced by a qualified technician every year
- Install battery-operated CO detectors on every level of your home
- Don't use a generator, charcoal grill, camp stove, or other gasoline or charcoal-burning device inside your home, basement, garage, or outside near a window
- Don't burn anything in an unvented stove or fireplace
- Don't let a vehicle sit idle inside a garage attached to your house, even if the garage door is left open
- Don't heat your house with a gas oven



SLIPS, TRIPS, AND FALLS

Slips, trips, and falls always increase this time of year. Consider these tips while at home, work, or out and about to reduce your risk of injury.

- Be on the lookout for black ice
- Be extra careful when stepping out of your vehicle or onto/off of a curb
- Look forward when walking (not down or at your phone) to anticipate and see an icy spot ahead
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- Be extra careful when stepping out of your vehicle or onto/off of a curb
- Use handrails where available
- Walk slowly





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Great Backyard Bird Count February 12 - 15, 2021

The Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) is a an easy event that is suitable for people of all ages. Between Friday, February 12 and Monday, February 15, venture outdoors or gaze out your window to count birds for as little as 15 minutes or as long as you want. Your data will be recorded on a world wide map displaying locations of all birds sighted. In 2020, 27 million birds were counted in 194 countries.

The Merlin Bird ID app, listed below, allows you to upload a photo and then gives some potential matches. It works entirely offline, so birds can be identified from your photos even without cell service.

To participate in the GBBC, follow these steps:

- Count birds for 15 minutes.
- Make your best estimate of what you saw (3 Cardinals, 5 Blue Jays) .
- Enter your list online at www.birdcount.org for each different day, time, or location. First time users will need to set up an account in one of the choices below.
 - Merlin Bird ID app
 - eBird mobile app
 - eBird web page
- Find more information at www.birdcount.org

Get Started With These Red Birds



right to left; Turkey Vulture, Northern Cardinal, Red Headed Woodpecker, Red Shouldered Hawk