

NYSOA State and County Listing Using eBird to Get Your State and County Life Totals

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It's easy to grab your **state and county** totals from eBird.

Start by printing the mail-in form (click the link to the latest version on <https://nybirds.org/ProjCountyLists.html>) so you can write the numbers on it. Do this even if you are going to enter your data online--it will make transcribing the numbers super easy). As you complete the steps below, write the totals onto page 2 of the form you printed.

PLEASE ENTER YOUR DATA ONLINE if at all possible; otherwise we will have to enter your numbers ourselves. If everyone made us do that, we'd spend about 10 hours just entering data before we could begin compiling. *Thank you in advance for your help on this.*

When you have written all the numbers on the paper form that you want to submit, you can [enter them online](#).

GETTING THE NUMBERS:

Go to ebird.org and login. Then follow the steps below.

STATE TOTALS (as of December 31st of the year just ended):

1. Click My eBird at the top of the screen.
 - a. If you see "New York, United States" as the big header, skip b-d.
 - b. To the right of the big location header, click **Change region**.
 - c. In the window that pops up, type **new y** in the first field (labeled **Region**).
 - d. You will see **New York, United States (US)** below your typing; click on that.
2. Below the big location header (**New York, United States**), the **Species Observed** number is your **NYS LIFE** total **RIGHT NOW**.
3. If you are **sure** you didn't get any new NYS lifers since 12/31, skip to step 4 below. Otherwise, to determine whether you have gotten any new NYS lifers since 12/31:
 - a. Click your number of **Species Observed** below the big big header.
 - b. On the next screen, for SORT BY at the right side, select **Date: Newest First**.
 - c. Check the **DATE** column to see if you got any new NYS lifers since 12/31.
If you did, subtract them from your current NYS LIFE total.
 - d. Go back to your NYS summary page and continue with step 4 below.
4. For your **NYS YEAR** total, refer to the first bar chart (**Your species by year**).
The second bar represents last year; your **NYS YEAR** total for last year is to the right of the bar.

COUNTY LIFE TOTALS (as of December 31st of the year just ended):

5. Follow step 1 above to get to your NYS summary page if you're not there already).
All the NYS counties for which you've ever entered records are listed below the bar charts.

6. Click the **YEAR** column. This will move all the counties you birded in after 12/31 of the count year to the top of the list.
For each county showing a number greater than 0 in the **YEAR** column:
 - a. Click on the number in the **LIFE** column.
 - b. On the next page, click on **First Seen** above the list of species.
 - c. Make sure **Date: Newest First** is selected at the far right of the First Seen button.
 - d. Look at the **DATE** column. The number to the left of the last life species recorded **at the end of the year being reported** is the life total to enter on your form.
 - e. Go back to the list of counties; repeat a-d for each county showing greater than 0 under **YEAR**.
7. Go back to the list of counties and click the **NAME** column header in order to alphabetize the list.
8. For each county showing "0" in the **YEAR** column, copy the **LIFE** number onto your paper form.

Remember...MAKE SURE YOU DON'T COUNT SPECIES THAT ARE NOT ON THE *Checklist of the Birds of New York State* in your totals (e.g. Chukar, or any NYS species not yet accepted by NYSARC).

The NYS checklist is online at <https://nybirds.org/Publications/ChecklistNYS.htm>.