

Report on The Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) 16–19 February 2024 Mark your Calendar for the Global Big Day on 11 May 2024

The Great Backyard Bird Count, organised by Cornell Lab of Ornithology (<https://www.birds.cornell.edu>) and associated organisations is a world-wide event connecting bird watchers and communities everywhere in their love of birds. This year's event, held on 16–19 February 2024 was a major success.

GBBC 2024 in a Snapshot:

7,920 species of birds were identified globally
210 countries or subregions participated
384,416 eBird checklists were submitted
313,874 Merlin Bird IDs (step-by-step, sound, or photo)
164,740 photos, videos, and sounds were added to Macaulay Library
642,003 estimated global participants
385 reported community events organised

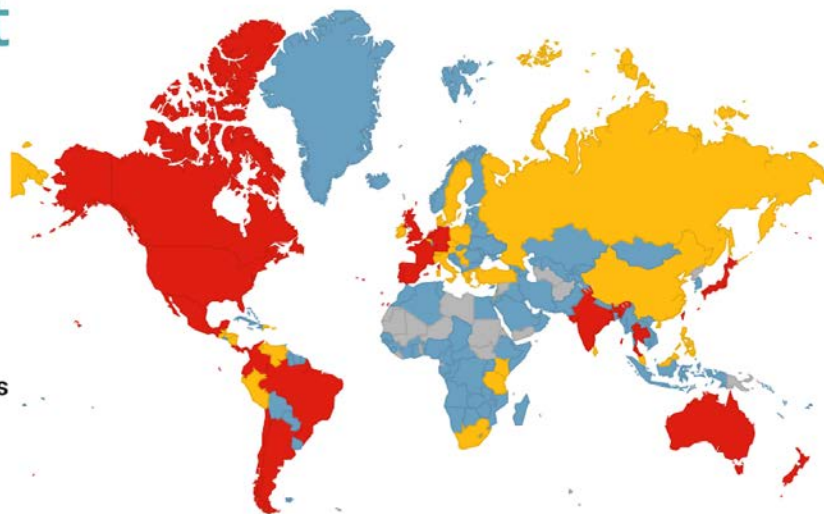
More details here: <https://www.birdcount.org/2024-final-results/#:~:text=7%2C920%20of%20the%20World's%20Known%20Species&text=Colombia%20took%20the%20top%20spot,was%20India%20with%201%2C039%20species!>

The Great Backyard Bird Count

Global Results

Number of eBird Checklists and Merlin IDs

3. Orange/Red = > 2,000
2. Yellow = 500 - 2,000
1. Blue = 1 - 500
0. Gray = 0



For Malaysia we ranked number 19, with 5276 species observed, 371 checklists submitted to eBird (an increase of 58%) and 242 Merlin IDs (an increase of 152%) – see figure and table below. This was much better than the October Big Day 2023 where Malaysia ranked number 27 with 373 species recorded from the 133 checklists submitted.

The top regions for GBBC 2024 were Sabah, Kedah, Pahang, Selangor, Pulau Pinang and Perak. Sabah performed the best with 301 species from 74 checklists. Kedah was impressive, reporting 213 species from only 16 checklists.

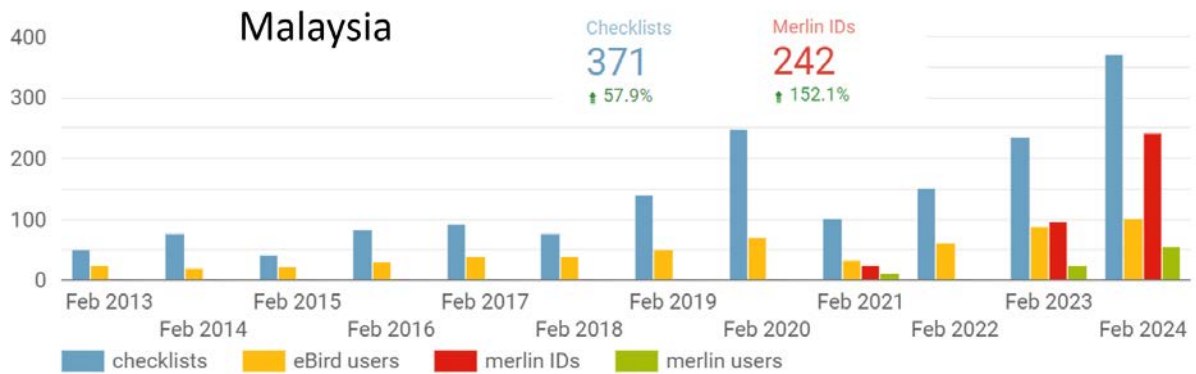


Table: Rank of bird species observed and checklist submitted by region, Malaysia

Rank	Region	Species	Checklists
1	Sabah	301	74
2	Kedah	213	16
3	Pahang	195	51
4	Selangor	175	50
5	Pulau Pinang	172	33
6	Perak	150	16
7	Sarawak	70	36
8	Johor	61	5
9	Negeri Sembilan	52	8
10	Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur	41	8
11	Melaka	15	1
12	Kelantan	14	3
13	Wilayah Persekutuan Labuan	10	6
14	Perlis	0	0
15	Terengganu	0	0
16	Wilayah Persekutuan Putrajaya	0	0
	Total	526	371

Time to mark your calendar for the **Global Big Day on 11 May 2024** which will coincide with the spring migration of birds for Malaysia as birds return to their northern breeding grounds.
<https://ebird.org/globalbigday>

