

# PROJECT PRAIRIE BIRDS – BIRD SURVEY DATA SHEET

Participants \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetation class type (see page 4-5 for choices) \_\_\_\_\_  
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 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Site name \_\_\_\_\_ Comments \_\_\_\_\_

RECORD ONLY BIRDS FLUSHED FROM TRANSECTS (not fly-overs, birds seen in transit or along roadside)

Transect No.	Time	Sky <sup>1</sup>	Wind <sup>2</sup>	Bird Species <sup>3</sup>																			
				(for quantity, write in a number, not hash or tally marks)																			



- <sup>1</sup> **Official Sky codes**
- |                                 |                               |                               |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 0 Clear or few clouds           | 3 (not applicable in SE U.S.) | 6 (not applicable in SE U.S.) |
| 1 Partly cloudy or variable sky | 4 Fog or smoke                | 7 Snow                        |
| 2 Cloudy or overcast            | 5 Drizzle                     | 8 Showers                     |
- <sup>2</sup> **Official Wind speed (Beaufort Number)**
- |                                       |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| 0 Smoke rises vertically              | 3 Leaves, small twigs in constant motion; light flag extended                                      |
| 1 Wind direction shown by smoke drift | 4 Raises dust and loose paper; small branches move   |
| 2 Wind felt on face; leaves rustle    | 5 Small trees with leaves sway; crests on inland water – <b>too windy, do not survey for birds</b> |
- <sup>3</sup> **Bird Species**
- |                        |                                    |                             |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| NOBO Northern Bobwhite | FISP Field Sparrow                 | WTSP White-throated Sparrow |
| COSN Common Snipe      | VESP Vesper Sparrow                | EAME Eastern Meadowlark     |
| SEOW Short-eared Owl   | SAVS Savannah Sparrow              | WEME Western Meadowlark     |
| HOLA Horned Lark       | GRSP Grasshopper Sparrow           | MEAD meadowlark sp.         |
| HOWR House Wren        | HESP Henslow's Sparrow             |                             |
| SEWR Sedge Wren        | LCSP Le Conte's Sparrow            | UNK Unknown bird            |
| MAWR Marsh Wren        | NSTS Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow |                             |
| AMPI American Pipit    | SESP Seaside Sparrow               | Write-ins _____             |
| SPPI Sprague's Pipit   | SOSP Song Sparrow                  | _____                       |
| BACS Bachman's Sparrow | LISP Lincoln's Sparrow             | _____                       |
| CHSP Chipping Sparrow  | SWSP Swamp Sparrow                 | _____                       |

*If you cannot identify an individual to species, at least narrow it down to genus (i.e., Ammodramus, sp.) or better yet, between two species (i.e., GR/LCSP) and score it as such.*

All original data sheets need to be returned to the Project Prairie Bird Field Coordinator,  
 c/o Gulf Coast Bird Observatory, 103 West Highway 332, Lake Jackson, TX 77566.