PROJECT PRAIRIE BIRDS – BIRD SURVEY DATA SHEET

Participants _____ Vegetation class type (see page 4-5 for choices)

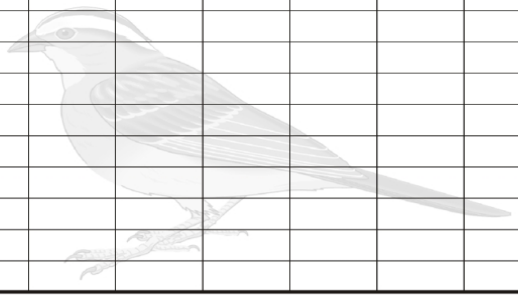
_____ _____

_____ Date _____

Site name _____ Comments _____

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

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



[1] **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

[2] **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– **too windy, do not survey for birds**

[3] **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.