

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**
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|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 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)**
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| 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**
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|------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 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.