

Mid-Coast Birding Survey Project

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Because State has instituted strict “Criteria for Earning Service Hours Entering Data into eBird” guidelines, MCTMN has created a new Project to ensure our eBird surveys are scientifically valuable and meet State criteria for birding and reporting as FR: Bird Populations.

To be considered a formal, scientifically valuable survey and to meet Mid-Coast Birding Survey Project requirements, each survey must:

- Be performed a minimum time of 1 hour
- Include number (or conservative estimate—see [How to Count Birds](#)) of each species reported
- Meet eBird’s Stationary or Traveling protocol (see [Guide to Protocols](#))
- Adhere to [eBird’s Rules and Best Practices](#)
- Appoint one member of a group survey to report data to eBird so that data are not skewed
- Be performed in the Mid-Coast Chapter 8-county area or contiguous counties in order to adhere to Volunteer Guidelines #4: “... volunteer service will be performed in the 8-county area, or in surrounding areas with approval by the Projects Committee.”
- Be reported by each Chapter member as FR: Bird Populations

VMS Reporting

The VMS **FR: Bird Populations** opportunity description has been modified:

Opportunity Description:

Field research collecting and reporting data for all bird populations **including** specific research for the chapter or a specific partner (Examples: WWF - MAPS bird-banding; ANWR - Bird Census). Includes the Mid-Coast Birding Survey Project, Whooping crane reports to ICF or other agencies, Christmas bird-counts, GCBO monitoring, and other specific projects. Specify organization or project and location in "Describe your service" when you report (Ex: Mid-Coast Birding Survey - Lamar Peninsula).

Cornell Online Training

According to State this archived training is not reportable as AT because it is not interactive. It is still of value to Mid-Coast Chapter members who choose to report data to eBird, and you may choose to review and report it as preparation for Mid-Coast Birding Surveys.

Hyperlinks

- eBird Rules and Best Practices:
<https://support.ebird.org/en/support/solutions/articles/48000795623-ebird-rules-and-best-practices>
- How to Count Birds:
<https://support.ebird.org/en/support/solutions/articles/48000838845-how-to-count-birds>
- Guide to Protocols:
<https://support.ebird.org/en/support/solutions/articles/48000950859-guide-to-ebird-protocols>
- Cornell Online Training:
<https://academy.allaboutbirds.org/product/ebird-essentials/>