



Important Bird Areas in Connecticut Nomination Form



The Connecticut IBA Program is conducting an inventory of habitats that may qualify as Important Bird Areas. To qualify, a site needs to meet only one of the IBA criteria, although many sites will meet several. Please tell us about areas that you think may meet the criteria. Complete as much of this form as possible. For more information (and to return this survey), please contact: Corrie Folsom-O'Keefe, IBA Program Coordinator, Audubon Connecticut, 185 East Flat Hill Road, Southbury, CT 06488; Phone: (203) 405-9116; Fax (203)264-6332; E-mail: cfolsom-okeefe@audubon.org.

General Information

Site Name:

Approx. Size (acres):

Town(s):

County(s):

Center Point Latitude and Longitude (Coordinates can be determined from Google Earth):

Please provide a map with an outline of the site.

General description of the site (habitat types, prominent features, and any other helpful information):

Nomination:

Nominated by:

Affiliation (if applicable):

Address:

Phone:

Email:

IBA Criteria (check *all* that apply):
PLEASE READ GUIDELINES FOR SITE SELECTION FIRST

- (1) Site important to species of global concern ____
- (2) Site important to species of continental or regional concern ____
- (3) Site important to endangered, threatened, or species of special concern in Connecticut ____
- (4) Sites where significant numbers of birds concentrate for breeding, during migration, or in winter.
 - (a) Waterfowl: (500 or more waterfowl in winter and/or 1,000 or more waterfowl in migration) ____
 - (b) Gulls and Terns: (100 or more terns or 500 or more gulls in a season) ____
 - (c) Shorebirds: (500 or more shorebirds, over a short period, at any time of the year) ____
 - (d) Wading Birds: (25 or more breeding pairs of wading birds or 100 or more individuals feeding or in migration) ____
 - (e) Raptors: The site is a “bottleneck” or migration corridors for >5,000 migratory raptors (seasonal total). ____
 - (f) Landbirds: The site is an important migratory stopover or seasonal concentration site for migratory landbirds. ____
 - (g) Single-species Concentrations: The site regularly supports significant concentrations of a “congregatory” species but may not meet the thresholds above. Such sites should support a higher proportion of a species statewide population (>1%, if known) than other similar areas. ____
- (5) Sites that contain rare or unique habitat within the state/region or an exceptional representation of natural habitat, and that hold important species or species assemblages largely restricted to a distinctive habitat type. ____

Please identify habitat type, number of acres, and other detail you feel would be helpful.

- (6) Sites important for long-term research and/or monitoring projects that contributes substantially to ornithology, bird conservation, and/or education. ____

Please indicate type of research and organization/individual conducting it.

Major Habitat Types

Please indicate % of total area, or with P for Primary (>50%) and S for secondary (<50%).

Type	Percent	Type	Percent
Conifer Forest (White Pine/Hemlock/Other)		Deciduous Forest (Oak/Hickory/Maple/Other)	
Riparian or Floodplain Forest		Traprock Ridge	
Grassland		Field	
Shrub		Salt marsh	
Tidal Freshwater Marsh		Non-tidal Freshwater Marsh	
Swamp		Pond/Lake	
River/Stream		Marine	
Estuary		Urban/Suburban	
Other (specify):			

Major Land Uses

Please indicate by % total usage, or with P for Primary (>50%) and S for Secondary (< 50%).

Type	Percent	Type	Percent
Nature and Wildlife Conservation		Hunting/Fishing	
Other recreation or Tourism		Agriculture/Livestock	
Forestry		Water supply	
Utility/Right-of-way		Suburban/Commercial	
Urban/commercial		Research	
Undeveloped		Other (specify):	

Land Ownership/ Management - Please indicate all that apply.

If municipal, NGO, or privately owned, please provide landowner name, contact person, address, email, phone and fax number if possible and whether the landowner is aware that the site is being proposed as an IBA.

% State % Federal % Municipal:

% Non-governmental Organization:

% Private:

% The landowner is aware that the site is being proposed as an IBA.

Stakeholders

Are there any local groups with an interest in this site?

Name	Contact person	Address	E-mail	Phone number

Primary conservation Issues

Please note Serious (S), Minor (M), and Potential (P) threats to the site.

Threat	status	Threat	status
Invasive or Non-native Plants		Habitat Conversion	
Introduced animals		Development	
Cowbird parasitism		Disturbance to birds or habitat	
Predators		Hydrologic changes	
Pollution		Other (specify):	

Describe primary conservation issues, their seriousness, and any steps being taken to address them:

Additional Remarks:

Please attach supporting documentation (maps, photos, field notes, checklists, etc.), and return to Audubon Connecticut's Important Bird Area Program Coordinator: Corrie Folsom-O'Keefe, 185 East Flat Hill Rd, Southbury, CT, 06488 or cfolsom-okeefe@audubon.org. Thank you!