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The Singing-ground Survey provides an index to the relative size of the American woodcock breeding population in North America. It is the most important source of data used to guide federal, state and provincial woodcock programs. As part of their courtship behavior, male woodcock exhibit aerial and vocal displays each evening. They begin by giving calls described as "peents" shortly after sunset. From openings called singing-grounds birds alternately "peent" and make flight songs. New survey participants should become thoroughly familiar with these woodcock sounds before running routes. Visit the Cornell Lab of Ornithology's [All About Birds](#) page to hear the song of a male woodcock. You can also visit YouTube websites to see and hear a male woodcock peenting. For more information please visit the Observer Resources link below. The United States Fish and Wildlife Service Privacy Act and Required Notices are available within the [Terms and Conditions](#) page.

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NOTICES

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Authority: The information requested is authorized by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703-712).

Purpose: The contact information is requested in case verification is needed about submitted observations of the North American Woodcock Singing Ground Survey.

Routine Uses: The contact information may be used by the State Coordinator or staff from the Division of Migratory Bird Management to verify the results from the survey. More information about the routine uses may be found in the Systems of Records Notice, FWS-26 Migratory Bird Population and Harvest Systems.

Disclosure: The contact information requested in this form is voluntary.

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT STATEMENT

We are collecting this information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501) in order to estimate woodcock relative abundance and to respond to requests made under the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act of 1974. Your response is voluntary. According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. OMB has approved this collection of information and assigned Control No. 1018-0019.

ESTIMATED BURDEN STATEMENT

Public reporting for this collection of information varies with the convenient availability of the requested information. The relevant burden to complete the survey averages 1.92 hours to 2.5 hours (depending on platform), including reviewing instructions, map and training presentation, drive to and from the survey route, gather data at survey stops, and complete and review the survey form. Direct comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of the form to the Service Information Clearance Officer, Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, 5275 Leesburg Pike, MS: PRB (JAO/3W), Falls Church, VA 22041-3803. Please do not send your completed form to this address.



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Please select a site where you made your observations. You may use the drop down list or the map below to find your site.

If you are unable to find your site below a new site may need to be created for you. Please contact the project coordinator with your site details [here](#).

Select from Saved Locations

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Form ID: 894983

Project name: American Woodcock Singing Ground Survey

Protocol: American Woodcock Singing Ground Survey

Current site: #10347912 Lime Kiln Rd.

Public site: #9500463.

Route: Lime Kiln Rd

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Please ensure the survey date, observer, weather, and sunset time are filled out. Sunset should be entered in civilian time, not military. All are required with the exception of the comments field. Use this field if there are specific comments about overall route conditions or known observer turnover after this year. If there were multiple observers for this route, enter results from one and then submit the other observer's data like you would if entering data for another route. Once you have filled out this section proceed by clicking the blue, Next Page, button. Enter data in stop/station order (1-10). Select the first stop (starting point) and proceed in order of data entry. For each stop, please enter the time when the observer started listening, the odometer reading, odometer units, disturbance level, and number of individual woodcock heard peenting. All fields are required except for the Comments/Stop Remarks field. Pertinent info under the "Comments/Stop Remarks" field may include extreme traffic, noisy spring peepers, people stopping to talk with you, a missed turn which causes the mileage to be off, etc. Other interesting info you may want to include might be a drastic habitat change over the course of the year. Proceed until data for all 10 stops have been entered. Press the blue, Save, button and ensure there are no errors with the data. Once errors have been corrected, you can hit the blue, Finish Form, button. Clicking the Finish Form button ensures your data is submitted and visible for review by state and province coordinators and USFWS staff.

Survey date

* Observation date (dd/mm/yyyy):

Field observers

☐ 2406134

List of observers for this data form

☐ ☐ 2404909

[Add/Change observers](#)

Weather and survey conditions

Wind Speed: * Start of the period:

Other variables

* Temperature

* Cloud cover

* Precipitation

* Sunset Hour

* Sunset Minute

Comments

Section reserved for project coordinators

Do you want to consider this form as finalized? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Note: Once a form has been finalized it can no longer be modified or deleted by the participant.

Status of this form:

If you are not the principal observer for this form, you can enter the **user number** of a registered participant. You can find the user numbers for your project using [this page](#).

User number:

Login name: Becky Rau

Admin. Comments:

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* Station: * indicates a public site

Time and effort

* Start time: : AM

Other variables

* Odometer Reading

* Odometer Units

* Disturbance

List of species

☐ Check this box if you completed this station but do not have anything to report

	Count
American Woodcock Scolopax minor	

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