



HABITAT EVALUATION WORKSHEET

Name(s) _____ Date _____

Location _____

PART I: NATURAL HISTORY

Bird Species: _____

Description: _____

Specific behavioral and/or physical adaptations of this species:
Specific needs of bird species:

Food: _____

Water: _____

Space: _____

Shelter: _____

(all types—nesting, wintering, storage, resting, protection):

PART II: HABITAT SURVEY

Check all applicable habitat descriptions:

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed forest | <input type="checkbox"/> Lake |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deciduous forest | <input type="checkbox"/> River |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prairie/Grassland | <input type="checkbox"/> Pond |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural field | <input type="checkbox"/> Stream |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed field, shrub | <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed field, shrub, some trees | <input type="checkbox"/> Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shrub | <input type="checkbox"/> Houses, many trees, mowed lawn |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shrub with some trees | <input type="checkbox"/> Houses, few trees, little lawn |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Schoolyard/Playground | <input type="checkbox"/> Buildings, scattering of trees, little or no lawn |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood | <input type="checkbox"/> Buildings, lots of mowed lawn, some trees |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business Area/Parking Lot | |

Briefly describe the habitat: _____

Major vegetation: _____

Wildlife known to be on site: _____

Birds seen on site: _____



PART III: HABITAT EVALUATION

FOOD: Does this site provide food for this bird? Yes No

If yes, list foods found on site: _____

Are foods limited to one or more seasons? Which season(s)? _____

SHELTER: Birds require different types of shelter for different activities, i.e., a nest high in a pine tree or on the ground on the forest floor. List where your bird species typically seeks shelter for the listed activities. Decide if your site has the needed shelter for your assigned species. If yes, list shelter locations.

| ACTIVITY | SHELTER NEEDS | FOUND ON YOUR SITE? | LOCATIONS (BE SPECIFIC) |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Breeding/Nesting | | | |
| Roosting/Resting | | | |
| Protection from predators and weather | | | |
| Other | | | |

WATER: Does this site provide adequate water? Yes No

If yes, list sources: _____

SPACE: Does this site provide adequate space? Yes No

Explain: _____

PART IV: WILDLIFE, PEOPLE, AND MANAGEMENT

HUMAN INTERACTIONS:

Is this site used for any activities by people? Yes No

If yes, list: _____

Are these activities compatible with this bird species inhabiting this site? Yes No

Explain: _____

MANAGEMENT:

Based on this habitat evaluation, could this species live on this site? Why or why not?

Does this species have adaptations that would help or hinder its survival on this site? Explain:

Does this species live on this site, to your knowledge? If not, why not?

Can this site be easily improved for this bird species? If yes, how?

What methods would you use to further explore the diversity of this site?