

IMPORTANT BIRD AREAS IN OHIO

Ohio IBA Nomination Form

Audubon Ohio is conducting an inventory of habitats in Ohio that may qualify as Important Bird Areas (IBA). An IBA Technical Committee composed of various experts across the state has determined qualifying criteria (see: *Criteria for Ohio IBA Site Selection*). To qualify, a site needs to meet only *one* of the Ohio IBA criteria, although sites may meet several. Please nominate those areas that you think may meet the site criteria (consult a copy of *Criteria for Ohio IBA Site Selection*) by filling out this form. Complete as much of this nomination form as possible. The Ohio IBA Technical Committee will review your nomination and you will be notified of their decision.

For more information please contact John Ritzenthaler, Director of Habitat Conservation (see last page). Thank you for your interest in bird conservation.

SITE NAME _____

Approx. size (acres) _____ City/Township _____ County _____

LATITUDE ____ degrees ____ minutes North; LONGITUDE ____ degrees ____ minutes West

Approximate elevation (in feet) _____; if a range, give low-high _____

General description of the site (habitat, location, prominent features, etc.): _____

NOTE: Attach a map showing location of the site (a 7.5 minute topographic map is preferred).

YOUR NAME _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Fax _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____

Audubon Chapter or Other Affiliation _____

IBA CRITERIA

(Check all that apply, but please first read and understand *Criteria for Ohio IBA Site Selection*.)

_____ 1. Site holds high conservation priority species.

_____ 2. Site holds species largely restricted to a distinctive rare, unique, or representative habitat.

_____ 3. Site holds concentrations of significant numbers of birds.

_____ 3a. Waterfowl.

_____ 3b. Terns/gulls.

_____ 3c. Shorebirds.

_____ 3d. Wading birds.

_____ 3e. Raptors (seasonal).

_____ 3f. Exceptional concentrations of migratory landbirds.

_____ 3g. Single-species concentrations (>1%).

_____ 4. Site with history of long-term research and/or monitoring.

Why is this site important for Ohio birds? _____

UNIQUE HABITAT or SITE ATTRIBUTES

Please describe rare, unique, or representative habitat, possible significant flora and/or non-avian fauna, and social, cultural, economic or historic issues associated with this site: _____

CONSERVATION

Conservation Threats:

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

- _____ Invasive or Non-native Plants
(Examples: multiflora rose, bush honeysuckle, and many other possibilities)
- _____ Exotic Animals
- _____ Cowbird Parasitism
- _____ Predators
- _____ Pollution
- _____ Habitat Conversion
- _____ Development
- _____ Disturbance to Birds or Habitat
- _____ Hydrologic Changes
- _____ Other (specify) _____

Primary Conservation Issues:

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

Groups with an interest in this site:

Name/Group _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

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 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

LAND OWNER / MANAGER CONTACTS

Please provide the name, address, and phone numbers of the landowner(s) or land manager(s) for the site, and indicate whether they have been contacted and/or given permission for the site to be nominated.

Name/Group _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

State Municipal Institutional

Federal County / Regional Private

Contacted? _____ YES _____ NO

Permission? _____ YES _____ NO

Name/Group _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

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Federal County / Regional Private

Contacted? _____ YES _____ NO

Permission? _____ YES _____ NO

REMARKS: _____

Please send nomination including supporting documentation (maps, photos, field notes, checklists, etc.) to the Ohio IBA Coordinator for the National Audubon Society:

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