

# CONNECTICUT BIRD ATLAS – INLAND WATERBODY SURVEY FORM

Use this form to report species detected during targeted surveys of lakes and ponds. Use a separate form for each visit.

**Observer:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Site name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Coordinates\*:** \_\_\_\_\_ **% ice cover:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Start time:** \_\_\_\_\_ **End time:** \_\_\_\_\_

\*Instructions for getting latitude and longitude (decimal degrees) are on the atlas web site.

**Inland waterbody survey protocol (see web site for details):**

- Pick a lake or pond and identify a point that will allow you see as much of the site as possible.
- Moving between multiple survey points to ensure that you can see all parts of the lake is OK, but take care to avoid double-counting.
- Record the latitude and longitude of the center of the waterbody. Estimate the % ice cover.
- Visit as frequently as you are able and count all waterbirds and birds of prey seen.
- Take whatever time it takes to count all birds using the water.
- **IMPORTANT:** Report all of the time spent on the project and your mileage on the [Volunteer Form](#).

Species	Count	Species	Count
Canada Goose		Pied-billed Grebe	
Mute Swan		Horned Grebe	
Wood Duck		Red-necked Grebe	
Northern Shoveler		American Coot	
Gadwall		Ring-billed Gull	
American Wigeon		Herring Gull	
Mallard		Great Black-backed Gull	
American Black Duck		Red-throated Loon	
Mallard x Am Black Duck hybrid		Common Loon	
Northern Pintail		Double-crested Cormorant	
Green-winged Teal		Great Cormorant	
Canvasback		Great Blue Heron	
Redhead		Osprey	
Ring-necked Duck		Bald Eagle	
Greater Scaup		Northern Harrier	
Lesser Scaup		Sharp-shinned Hawk	
scaup sp.		Cooper's Hawk	
Bufflehead		Red-shouldered Hawk	
Common Goldeneye		Red-tailed Hawk	
Hooded Merganser		Belted Kingfisher	
Common Merganser		American Kestrel	
Red-breasted Merganser		Merlin	
Ruddy Duck		Peregrine Falcon	

Use blank lines to write in species not listed; provide details of rare species on Rare Reports Form.

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