

Field Form for Monitoring SK's Important Bird Areas

This field form is intended for use in monitoring **Important Bird Areas**. It is based on Birdlife International's Global Framework, a protocol designed for monitoring IBAs across the globe. Data are rolled-up by Birdlife International every four years to create global, continental and regional pictures, including the status of sites and bird population trends. Your contribution to this global initiative is greatly appreciated!

At its most basic level, **STATE**, this survey is a bird checklist: simply record the bird species and their numbers. However, because we need also to assess each site's **PRESSURE** and **RESPONSE** indicators, please fill in those parts of the form where possible. And please be sure to complete the **Site Visit Information**. *Note: because the identification of IBAs is an ongoing process, this form (or parts of it) may be used to collect data at any SK sites of avian interest.*

Please submit your forms to:

SK Important Bird Areas Program
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STATE: Habitat

For each IBA species that qualifies the site, please rate the bird's habitat, both in terms of its **Area** and its **Quality** using the following codes:

- Good (>90% of optimum)
- Moderate (70 to 90%)
- Poor (40 to 69%)
- Very Poor (<40%)

SITE VISIT INFORMATION

Name of IBA:

Your Name:

Contact Info:

Assistant names:

Date of Survey:

Time: Start: Finish:

How much (%) of the IBA was monitored today:

Which area of the IBA was monitored (NE, SE, etc.)?

Where was the IBA accessed? Provide road numbers or GPS coordinates if available:

Temperature:

Wind Direction:

Notes:

Species	Habitat	Area	Quality
e.g., <i>Dunlin</i>	<i>mudflats</i>	<i>good</i>	<i>moderate</i>

Details: please note any major changes to habitat area or quality since the last assessment:

STATE: Birds

We are primarily interested in the site's target (IBA qualifying) species as outlined in the IBA site summaries.

Species	Number

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PRESSURE

Please write-in any threats you see at the site and score them by filling in the number that corresponds to the timing, scope and severity of threat.

Timing

- 3—Happening now
- 2—Likely within 4 years
- 1—Likely beyond 4 years
- 0—Past or unlikely

Scope

- 3—Whole area/populations
- 2—most of area/pop.
- 1—some of area/pop.
- 0—small area/few individuals

Severity

- 3—Rapid deterioration
- 2—Moderate deterioration
- 1—Slow deterioration
- 0—Little or no deterioration

Pressure Type	Timing	Scope	Severity	Comments
Agriculture: Crops				
Agriculture: Livestock				
Residential/commercial development				
Energy production and mining				
Transportation developments				
Over-exploitation (hunting/trapping)				
Recreational activities				
Fire and fire suppression				
Invasive species				
Forestry				
Dams/water management				
Pollution: Livestock waste				
Pollution: Urban waste				
Pollution: Industrial waste				
Pollution: Noise and light pollution				
Climate change: Habitat shifting				
Climate change: Drought				
Other:				
Other:				
Other:				

RESPONSE: Formal

General comments on conservation work at this site, including any recent changes or developments:

Please check the appropriate box in each of the following three areas below:

A. Conservation Designation

- Whole area of IBA (>90%)
- Most of IBA (50 to 90%)
- Some of IBA (10 to 49%)
- Little/none of IBA (<10%)

Details:

B. Management Planning

- Management plan exists for target species or site
- Plan out-of-date or incomplete
- No plan exists but planning underway
- No planning has taken place

Details:

C. Conservation Action

- Needed conservation is being properly implemented
- Limited but substantive measures are being implemented
- Some limited initiatives are in place or are taking place
- Very little conservation taking place

Details:

IBAs in Saskatchewan are a partnership program of:



RESPONSE: Grassroots

Are there active community-based organizations (CBOs) or stewardship groups (SGs) operating at this site? Please list groups you are aware of:

Please detail any conservation activities that you are aware of that have been undertaken by the site's CBOs or SGs:

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Please list anything else that you think might be important for this site:

