

CONNECTICUT BIRD ATLAS – SHORELINE SURVEY FORM

Use this form to report species detected during shoreline surveys of Long Island Sound, major rivers, or large lakes. 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.

Shoreline survey protocol (see web site for details):

- Pick a point on the shoreline where you have a good view of the water. Count only birds visible from that point. Making multiple counts from different points is fine, but report data for each point separately.
- Record the latitude and longitude of the point you observe from. 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
Brant		Razorbill	
Canada Goose		Bonaparte's Gull	
Mute Swan		Laughing Gull	
Gadwall		Ring-billed Gull	
American Wigeon		Herring Gull	
Mallard		Iceland Gull	
American Black Duck		Lesser Black-backed Gull	
Mallard x Am Black Duck hybrid		Great Black-backed Gull	
Canvasback		Red-throated Loon	
Redhead		Common Loon	
Greater Scaup		Northern Gannet	
Lesser Scaup		Double-crested Cormorant	
scaup sp.		Great Cormorant	
Common Eider		Great Blue Heron	
Surf Scoter		Osprey	
White-winged Scoter		Bald Eagle	
Black Scoter		Northern Harrier	
Long-tailed Duck		Sharp-shinned Hawk	
Bufflehead		Cooper's Hawk	
Common Goldeneye		Red-tailed Hawk	
Red-breasted Merganser		American Kestrel	
Horned Grebe		Merlin	
Red-necked Grebe		Peregrine Falcon	
American Coot		Snowy Owl	
Black-bellied Plover		Belted Kingfisher	
Ruddy Turnstone			
Sanderling			
Dunlin			
Purple Sandpiper			

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

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