



Volunteer Training - Breeding Surveys



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Project Goals and Overview

- Why a bird atlas
- Timeline, Funding

How to conduct surveys

Reporting data

Technology

- Navigation
- eBird

Breeding Codes

- Quiz

Resources



Why a bird atlas?

- Tough budget times, conservation seen as a 'luxury'
- Conservation needs to be efficient - informed land use decisions
- Where are the best places to protect?
- What conservation actions are needed?
- Need comprehensive data to prioritize



Project goals

- Describe breeding bird distribution and abundance
- Document changes since the last atlas
- Describe wintering distributions
- Stopover habitat use
- Understand where species occur on the landscape
- Develop an interactive web site for updating and data retrieval



Major funding



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... plus may other contributions ...

2017-18: Make initial predictions from existing data ...



The
North American
Breeding Bird
Survey



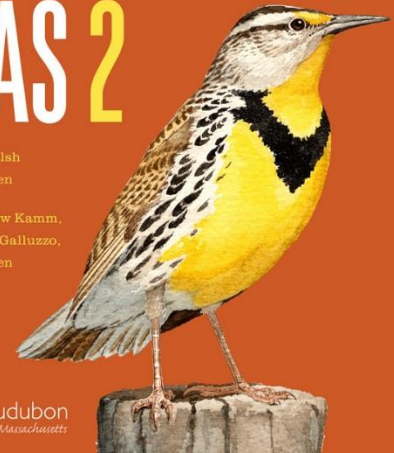
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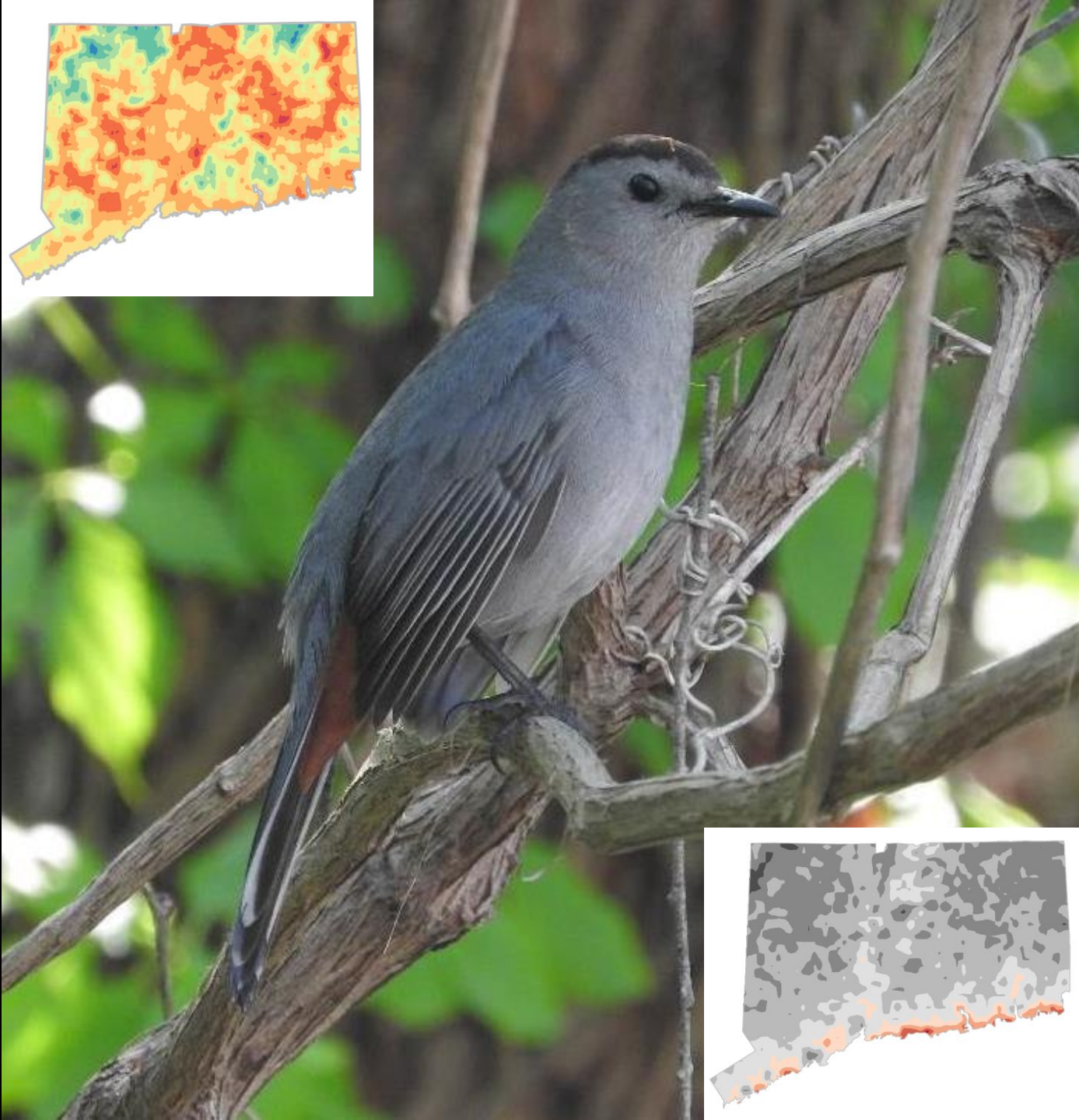
MASSACHUSETTS BREEDING BIRD ATLAS 2

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 Mass Audubon
Protecting the Nature of Massachusetts





2018-20:

Collect new atlas data

- 1. traditional citizen science block work**
- 2. point counts to estimate abundance**
- 3. winter surveys**
- 4. migration surveys**



2020-21:

Analysis to test/refine predictions

- **test models**
 - **upgrade predictions**
 - **compare to 1980s atlas**
 - **post data on-line**
-
- **identify priority areas for conservation**

How can birders help?



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PROTECTING THE STATE'S BIRDS REQUIRES THAT
WE KNOW WHERE THEY ARE.

How to conduct surveys

- Goals
 - What does it mean to cover a block
- Where to survey
- When to survey
- How to survey



Goal

- Complete list of all birds breeding in each block
 - identifying as many species as possible
 - obtaining evidence for breeding
 - ~20 hours/block over (total over 3 years)
- Complete list of birds wintering in each block
 - identify as many species as possible
 - estimate abundance (similar to CBC)
 - 10 hours in Nov-Dec
 - 10 hours in Jan-Feb

Many types of breeding evidence

➔ Stronger evidence

Observed/Possible breeding

X: observed



H: in suitable habitat



S: singing†



Probable breeding

P: mated pair



T: territoriality



C: courtship



N: probable nest site



A: agitated displays



B: nest building*



Confirmed breeding

PE: physiological signs



CN: nest material



NB: nest building*



DD: distraction display



UN: used nest



FL: fledglings



ON: occupied nest



CF: carrying food



FY: feeding young



FS: fecal sac



NE: nest with eggs



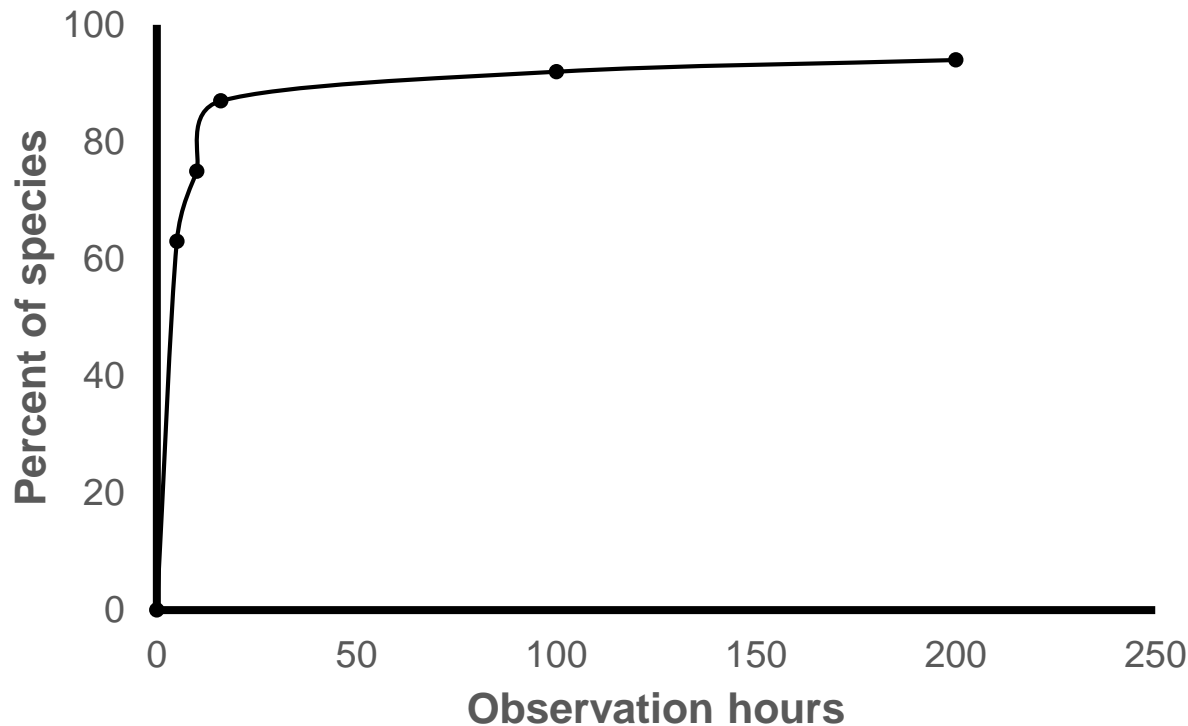
NY: nest with young



Why only 20 hours/block?

Diminishing returns – better to move to another block

BUT, it is not a problem to do more hours



(Sharrock 1973)

Where to survey

- Volunteer to be in charge of a block
- Complete field cards when you go birding
- Collect incidental records while doing other things

Volunteer to survey a block

Buzz
Devine

Sarah
Zagorski

Steve
Morytko

Ken
Elkins

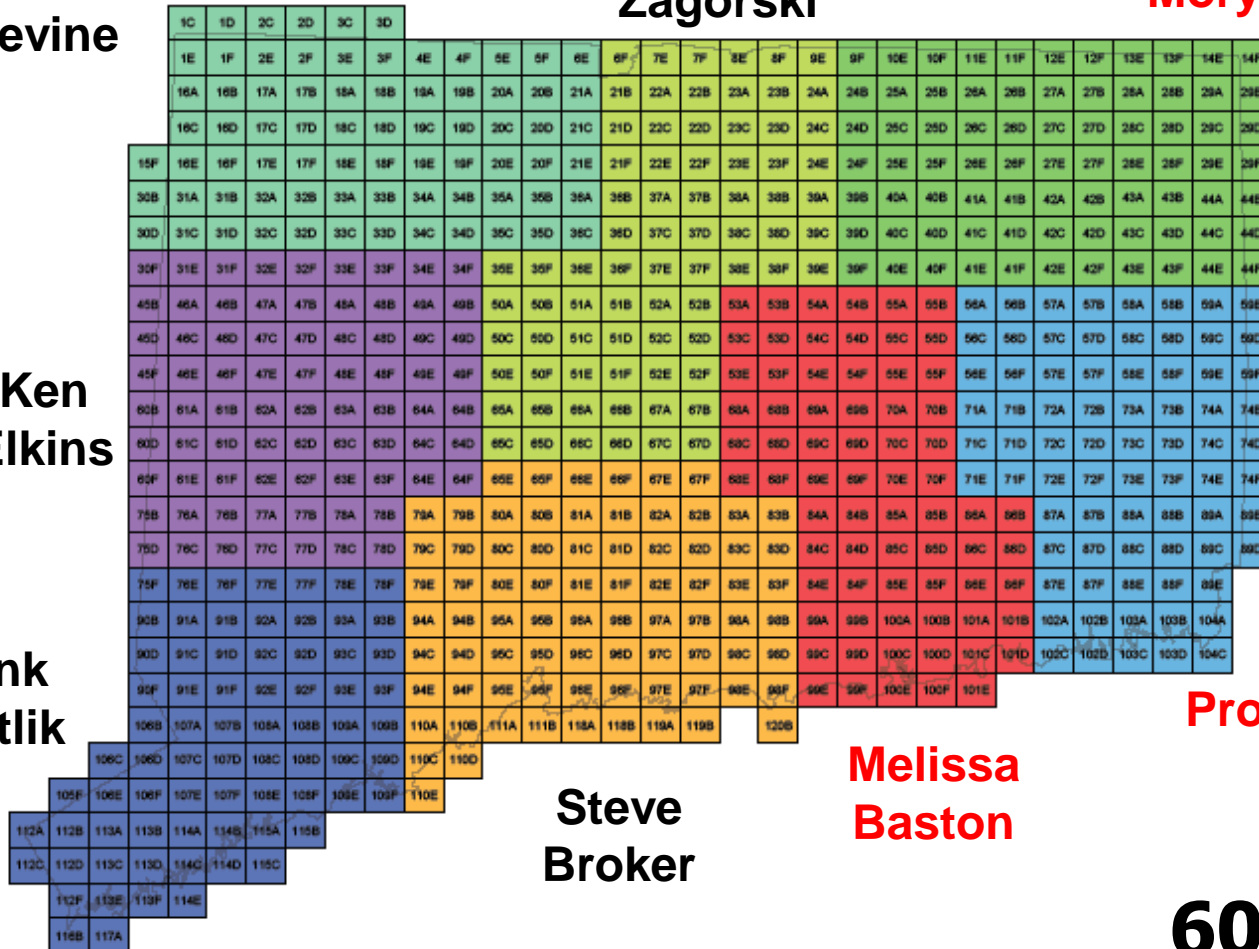
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Mantlik

Steve
Broker

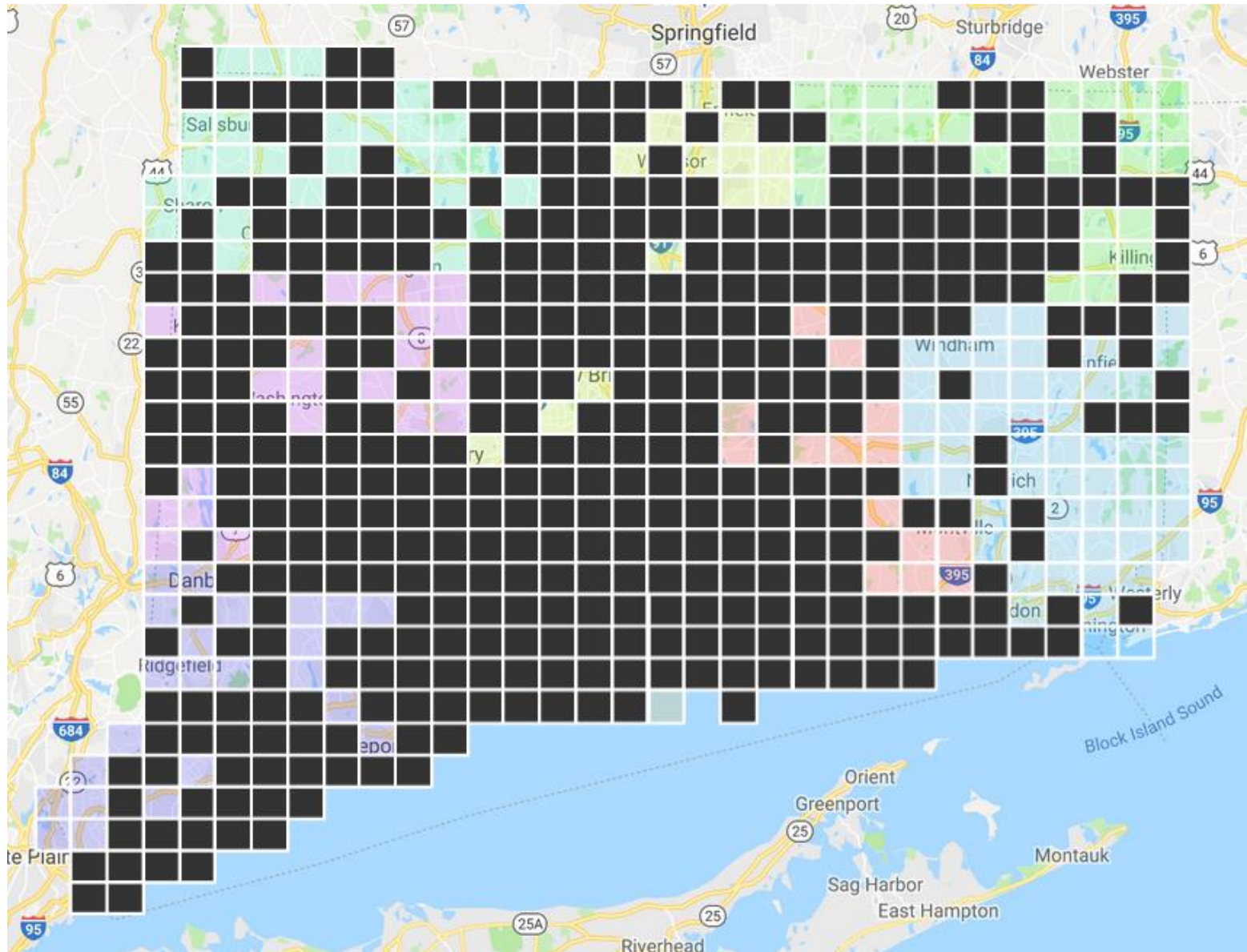
Melissa
Baston

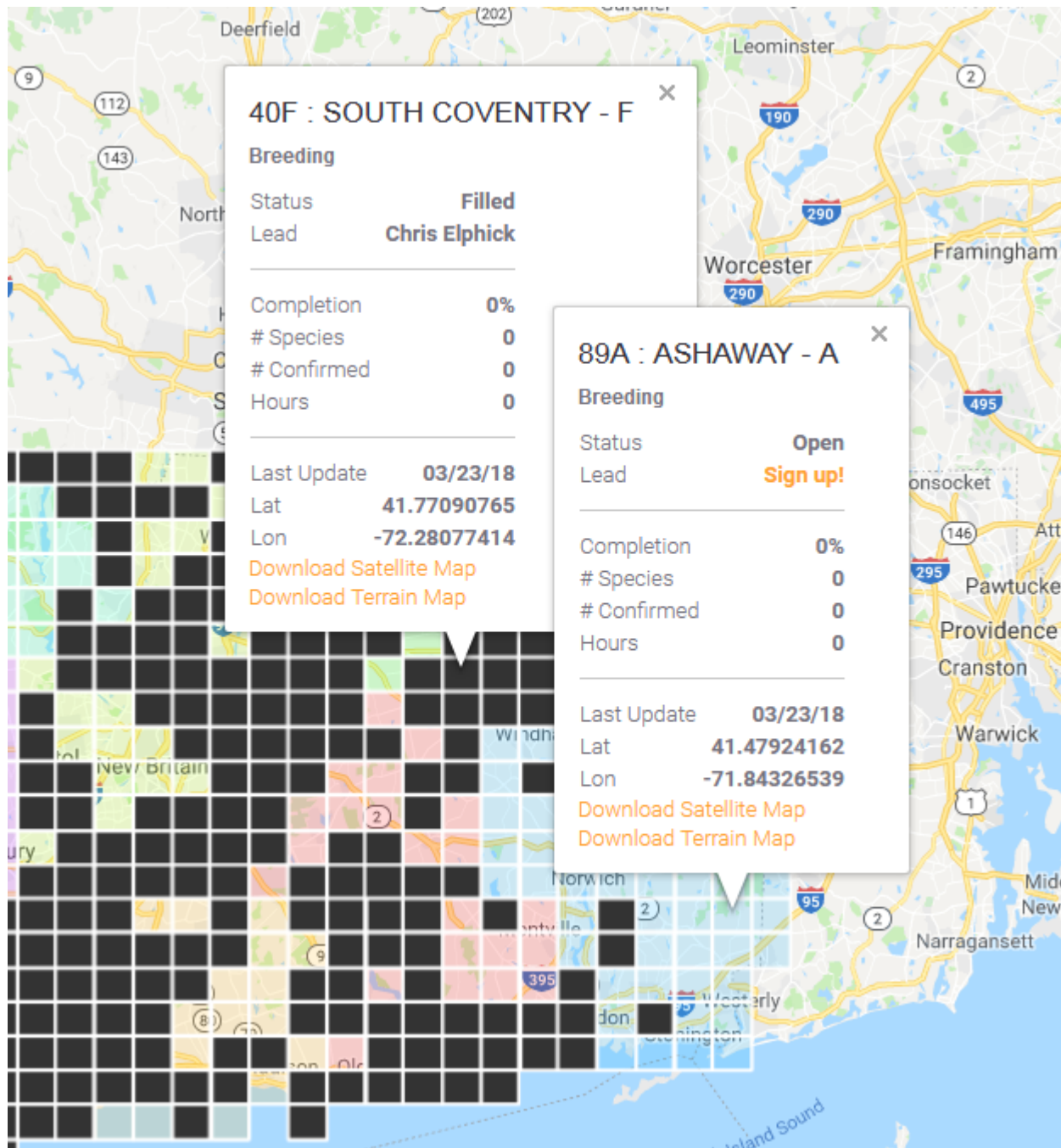
Dave
Provencher

601 blocks
~25 km²



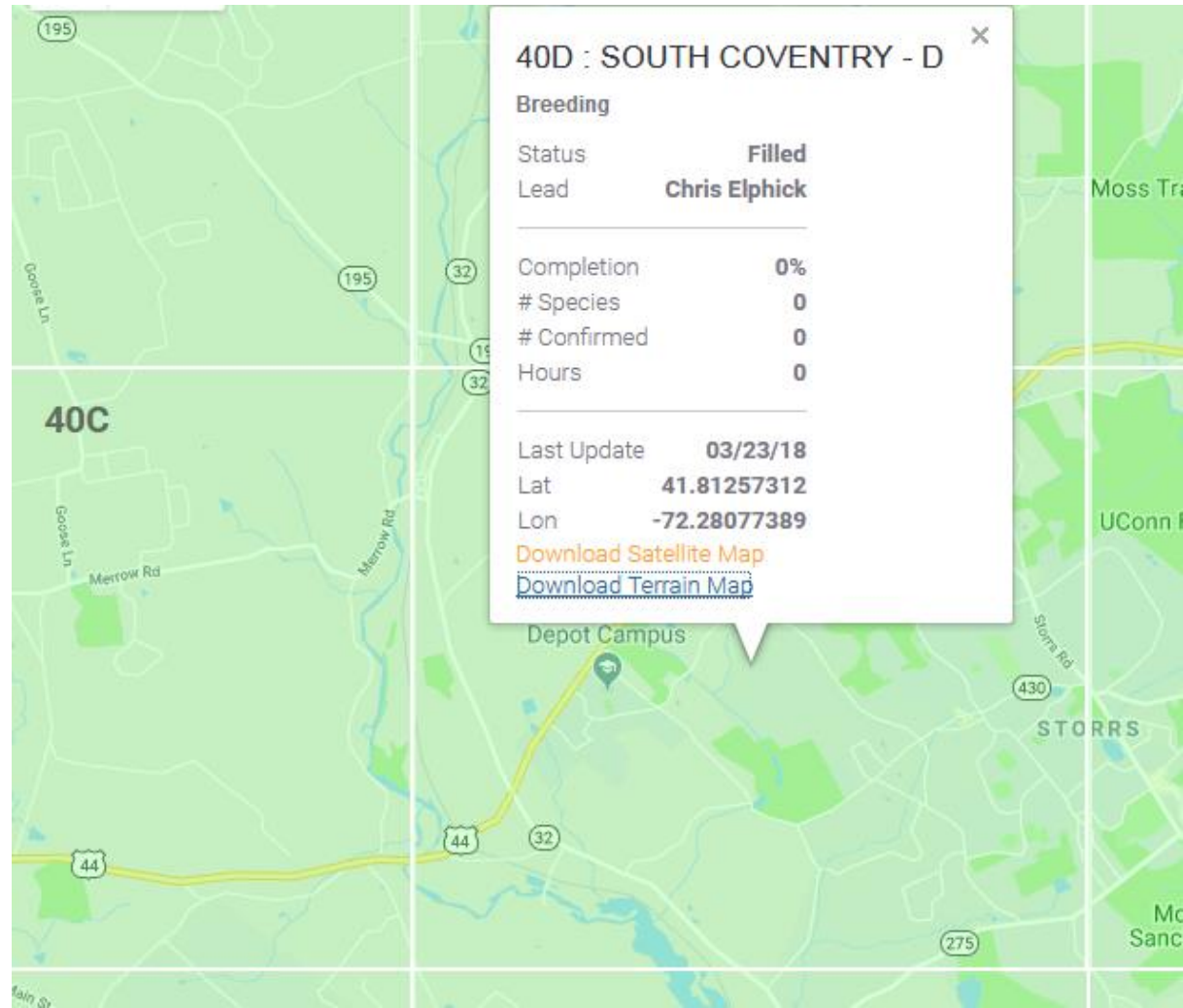
Volunteer to survey a block





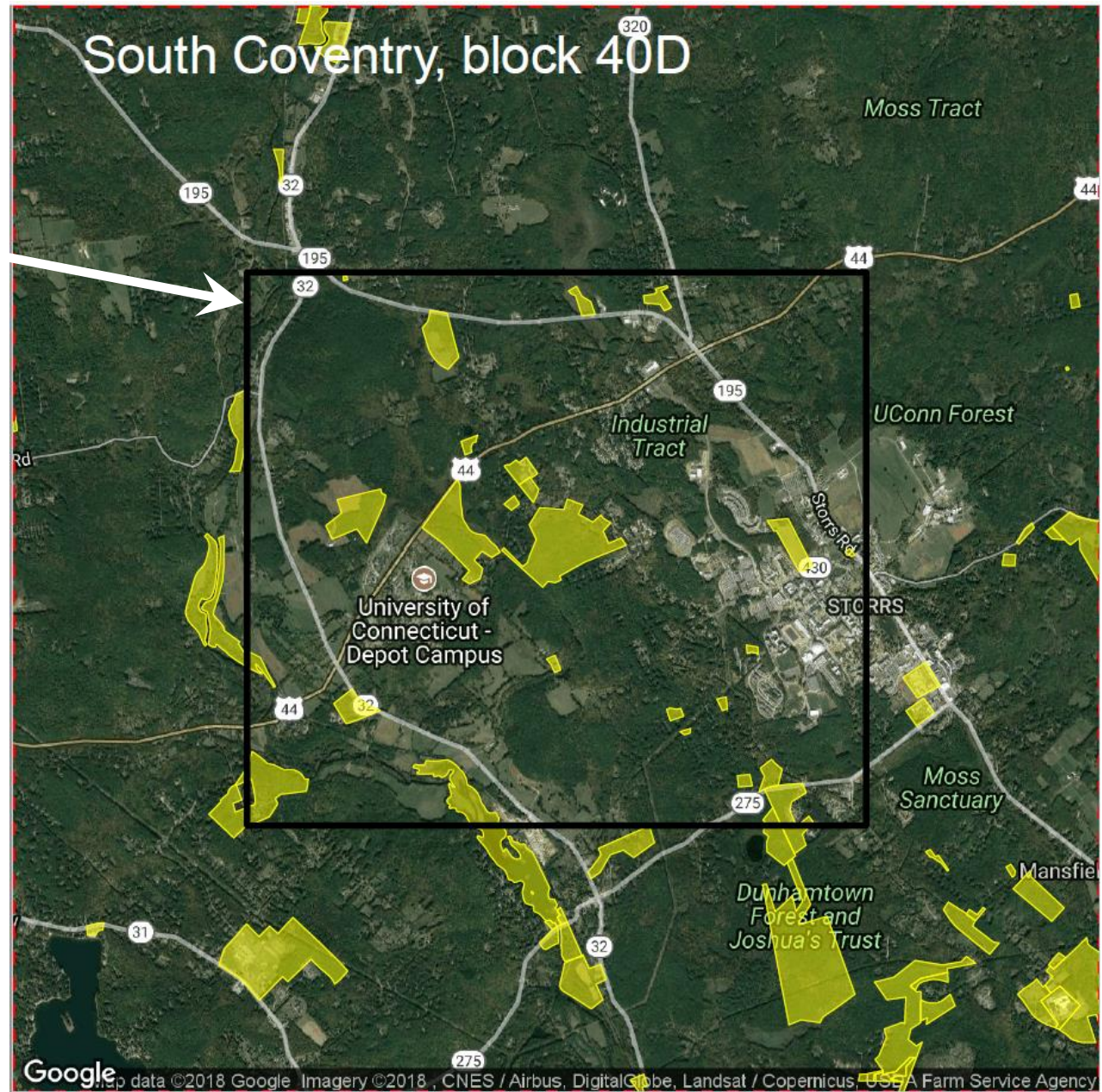
Where should I survey?

**Download
block maps**



Where should I survey?

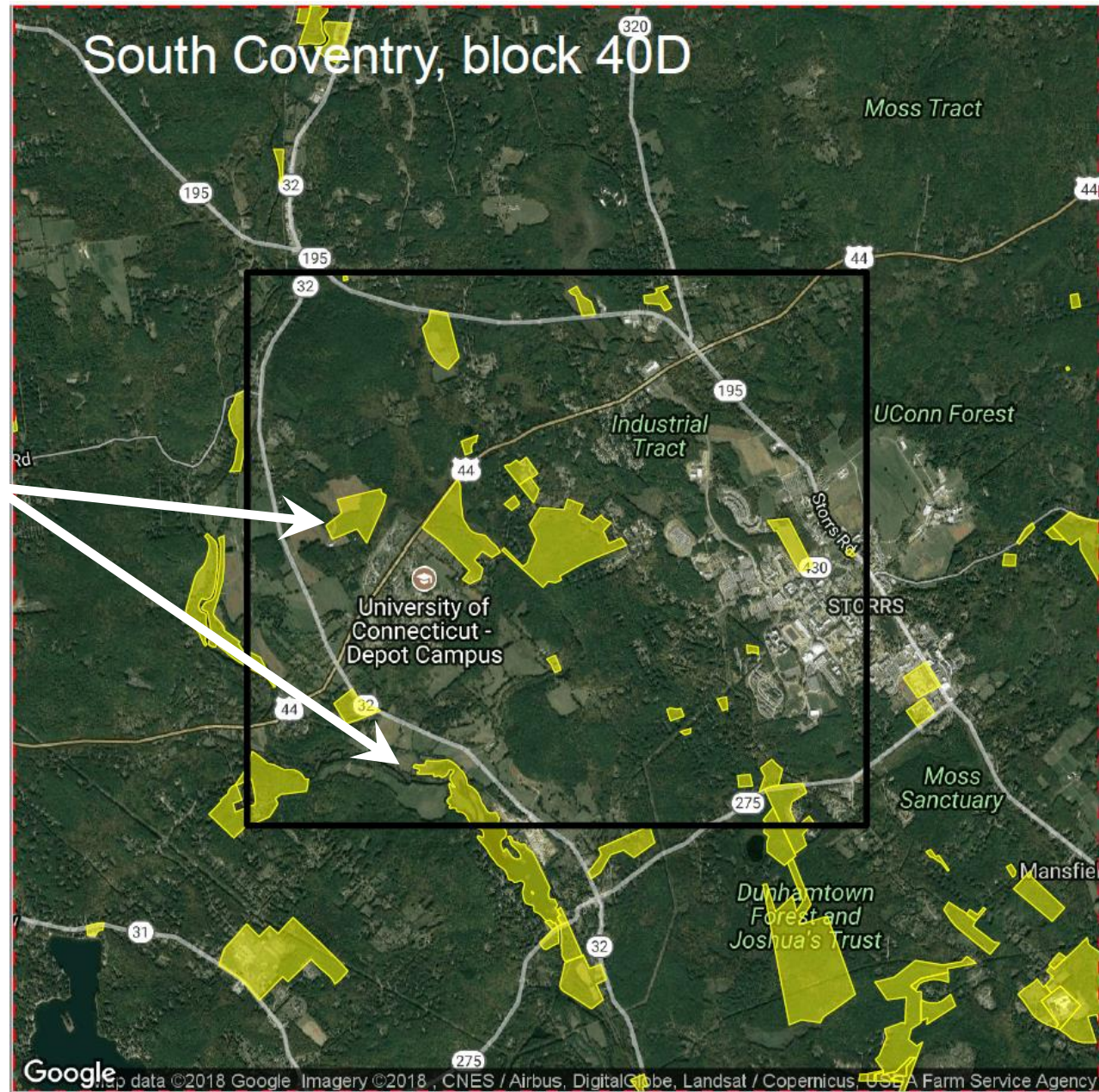
Block boundary



Where should I survey?

Block boundary

Public land

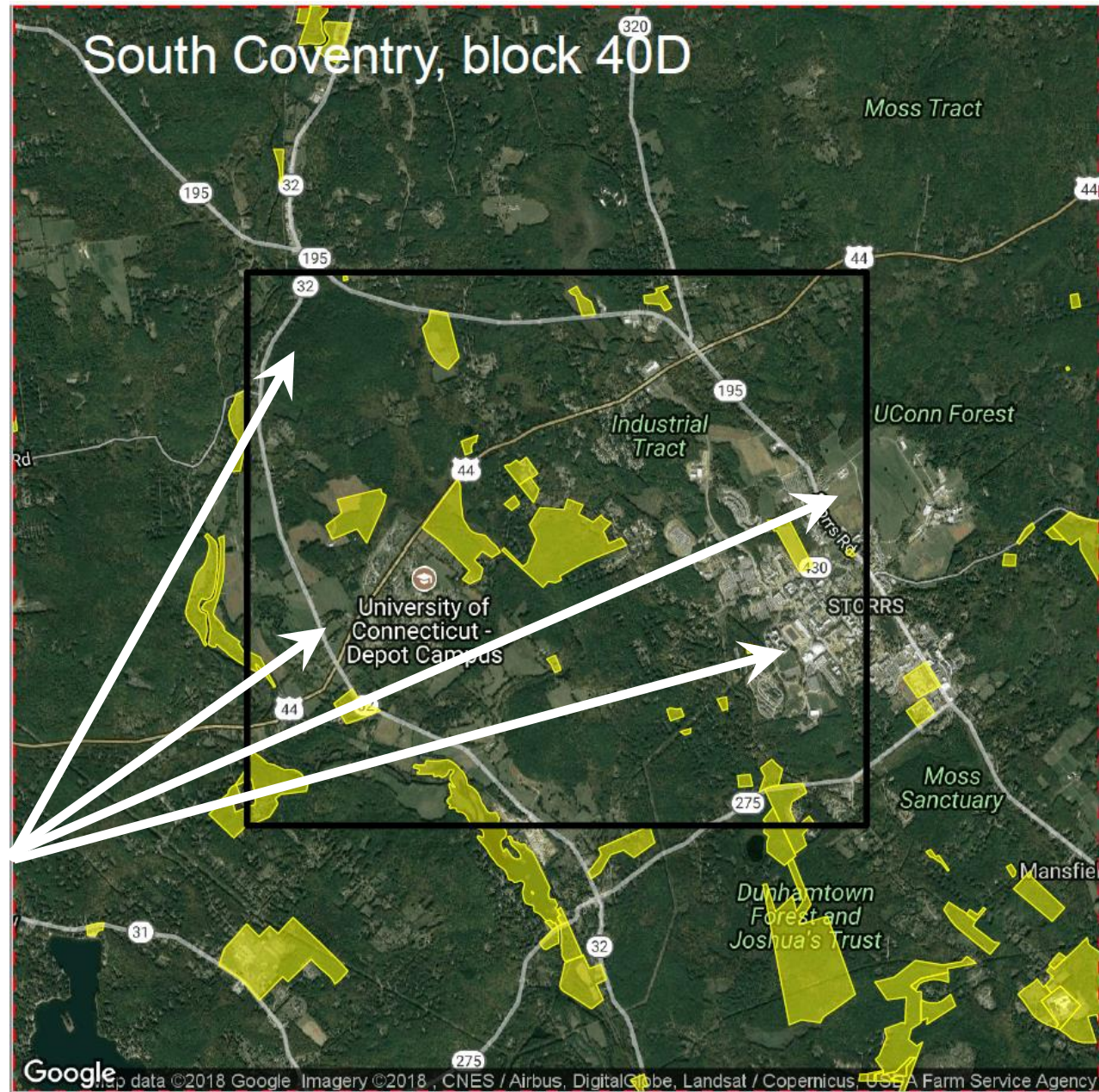


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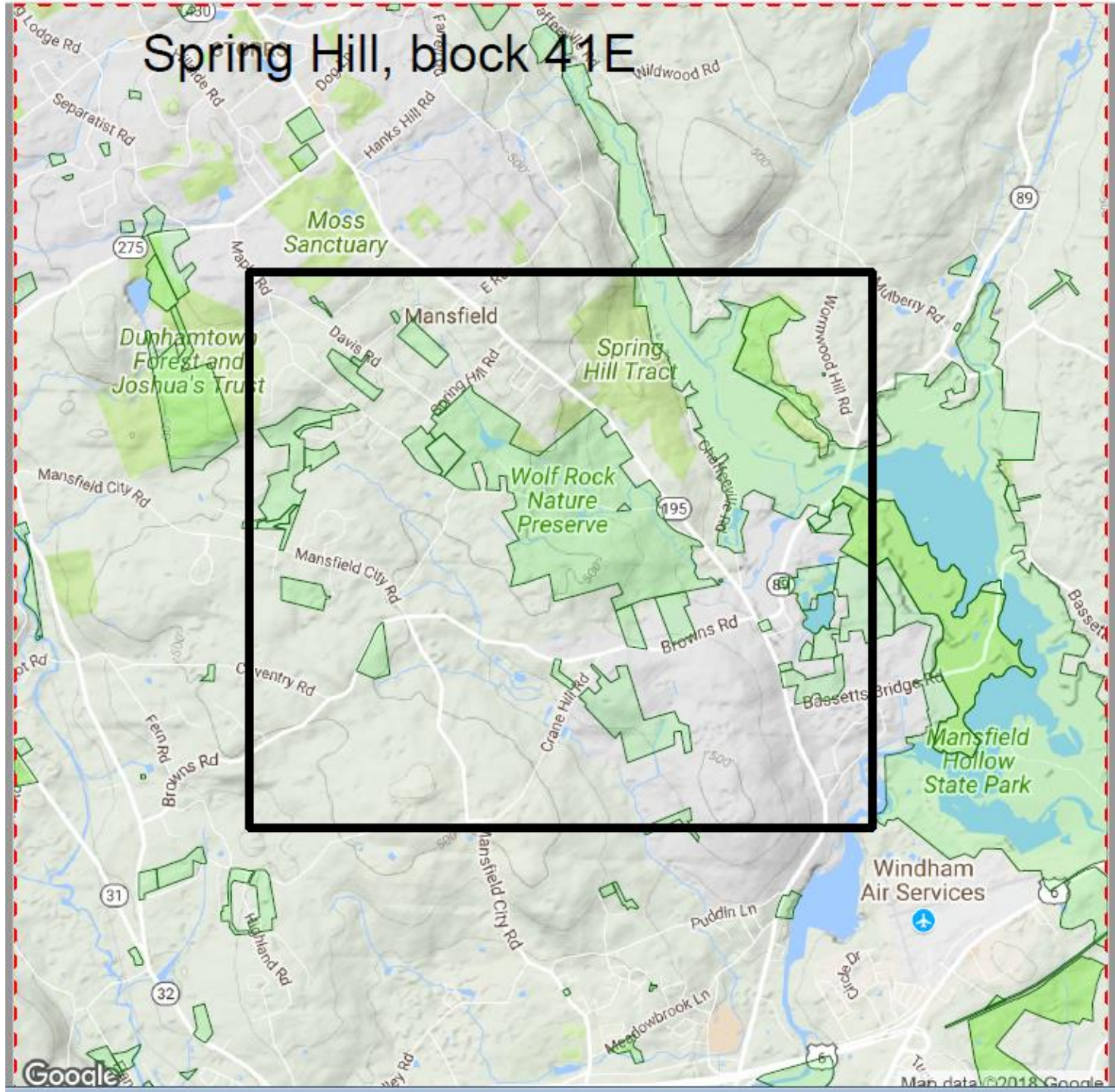
Block boundary

Public land

Different habitats



Spring Hill, block 41E



What if “my” block is taken!?



What if “my” block is taken!?

- Collect data anyway!
- Coordinate with assigned birder
- Pick another block



What if I don't have time to do a block?

- Collect data anyway!
- Submit records whenever you go birding
- Submit incidental records from your yard
- Submit incidental records any time you confirm breeding*

1 species total

1 Common Raven

Flying low over the highway carrying a stick.

Breeding Code CN Carrying Nesting Material (Confirmed)



- Data from any block, whether you are the adopter or not, are wanted
- So, be sure you know what block you are in when birding
- **SEPARATE DATA SHEET OR EBIRD ENTRY FOR EACH BLOCK**

Special considerations

- Water/utility company properties
- Private land



Dear Landowner,

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection and University of Connecticut are conducting a comprehensive study of the bird species inhabiting our state. This project, the CT Bird Atlas Project, will provide the most detailed and comprehensive information about the distribution and status of all birds across this state. This information will allow us to better protect these beautiful birds.

In order to do this, paid technicians and public volunteers are visiting 596 blocks that cover the entire state. These folks are conducting bird surveys in those 596 blocks. Visits range from 10 minutes to a couple of hours, depending on the site. Private lands comprise over 70% of our state. So, surveying private lands is a huge component of the Project.

We are asking your permission to access your private land to conduct this survey. We are self-insured, there will be absolutely no risk to you or your property.

Thank you very much for your willingness to assist us with this important work.

Sincerely,

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When should I survey?

- Start now, but cautiously ...



- Safe date info on web site
- 20 hours: mid-May – mid-Aug

Hours should be spread out

- Visit all habitats
- Spread time out over the breeding season
- Nocturnal visits
- OK to spread time over years



Tina Green

- Early morning, when birds are most active
- Easier to confirm breeding in mid-summer when many species are actively feeding young

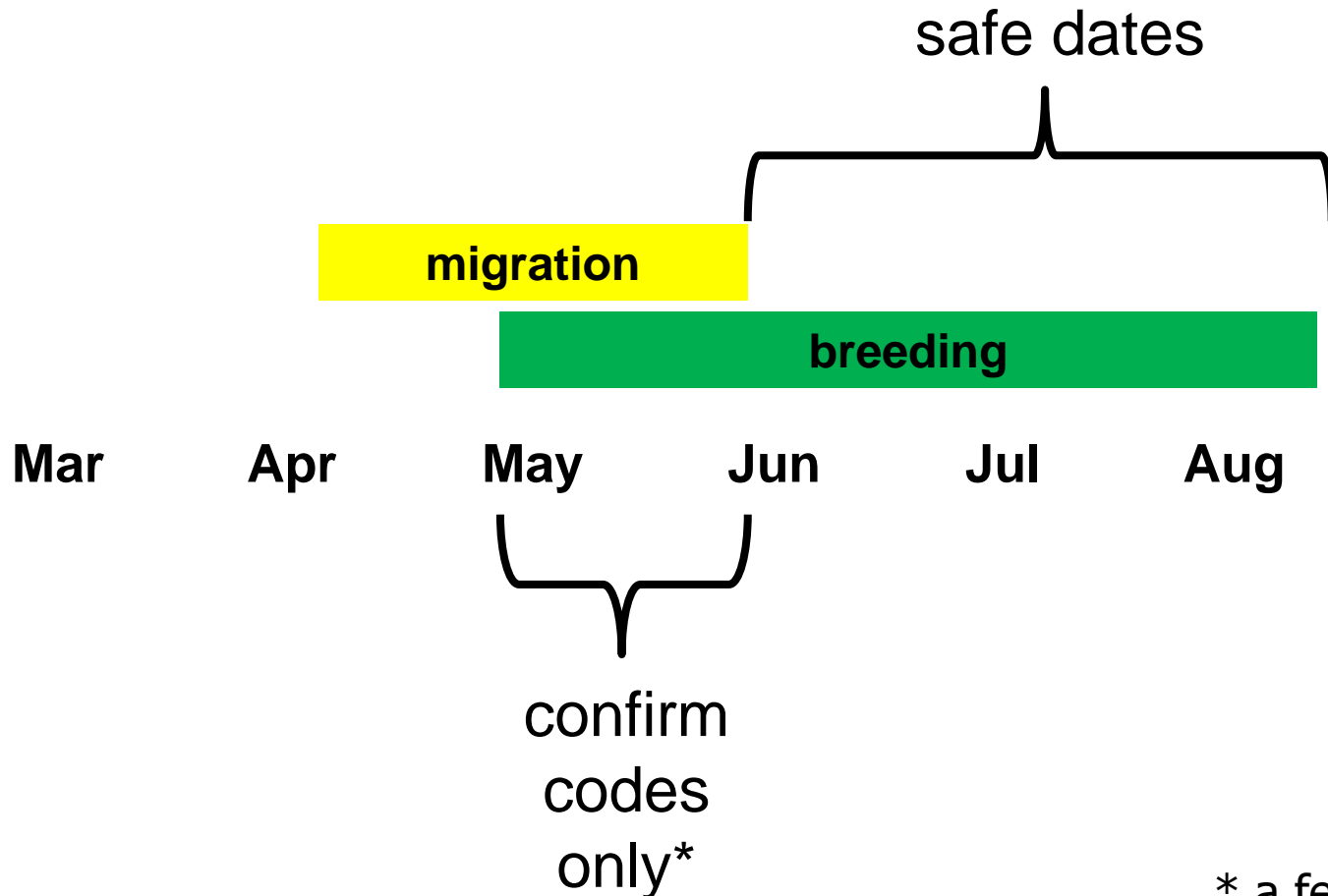


Possible approaches

- First trip
 - Identify as many species as possible
 - Look for early nesters to confirm
- Later visits
 - Upgrade species with stronger breeding evidence
- Strategy 1
 - Three 5- or 6-hour morning visits to your block in mid/late-May, June, July
 - 1-2 shorter visits to target night-birds or missed species
- Strategy 2
 - Twenty 1-hour visits (maybe before work each day, but with 1-2 evening visits), each to a different part of the block, and evenly spread out across the summer.

Safe dates

- Safe dates identify when most migrants will have left
- NOT when all nesting happens



* a few exceptions ...

Safe dates

- Safe dates identify when most migrants will have left
 - Taxonomic, alphabetical, and chronological versions of list. Check the web site
- Possible and most probable breeding codes, should not be used outside the safe dates

Species	Safe Dates	Habitat
Canada Goose	4/15-8/1	Shore or islands in any wetland
Mute Swan	4/15-8/1	Large ponds and marshes
Wood Duck	5/1-8/5	Wooded swamps, freshwater marshes, streams, rivers
Gadwall	5/15-8/5	Fresh/brackish water or saltmarsh
American Black Duck	5/1-8/5	Most wetlands, from beaver ponds to saltmarsh
Mallard	5/1-8/5	All wetlands, occasionally suburban yards with swimming pools
Blue-winged Teal*	5/10-8/5	Fresh/brackish pond or marsh
Green-winged Teal*	5/15-8/5	Fresh/brackish pond or marsh
Common Eider*	5/15-8/1	Coastal islands
Hooded Merganser	5/15-8/5	Wooded swamps, freshwater marshes, streams
Red-breasted Merganser*	6/1-8/5	Coastal marsh
Ring-necked Pheasant	5/1-8/15	Open scrub, pastures, fields
Ruffed Grouse	4/1-6/31	Mixed upland woods
Wild Turkey	4/1-7/15	Mature deciduous woods, edge
Northern Bobwhite*	4/30-8/15	Open scrub, pastures, fields
Pied-billed Grebe*	5/10-8/1	Fresh/brackish reedy pond or marsh
Double-crested Cormorant	5/10-8/5	Islands on coast or lake
American Bittern*	5/15-8/1	Fresh/brackish reedy pond or marsh
Least Bittern*	5/25-8/1	Fresh/brackish reedy pond or marsh
Great Blue Heron	5/1-7/15	Wooded swamps, beaver ponds, islands
Great Egret	5/15-7/15	Islands on coast or lake
Snowy Egret	5/15-7/15	Coastal islands
Little Blue Heron	5/15-7/15	Coastal islands
Tricolored Heron*	5/15-7/15	Coastal islands
Cattle Egret*	5/10-7/15	Coastal islands
Green Heron	5/10-8/1	Woody growth near marshes or open water
Black-crowned Night-Heron	5/5-7/15	Coastal islands
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron*	5/5-7/15	Coastal islands
Glossy Ibis	5/1-7/15	Coastal islands

Confusing cases

- Year round residents*
 - List code and make a note that justifies the use of a code outside of the safe date
 - Wait

2 White-breasted Nuthatch

Multiple visits by members of pair to entrance of nest hole used in previous years, though not seen to enter. Courtship feeding seen at nest entrance.

Breeding Code

N Visiting Probable Nest Site (Probable)



* often, some individuals are migrants, so caution is still needed

Confusing cases

- Year round residents
- Migrants outside of safe dates
 - Wait, unless ...
 - confirm breeding
 - have strong probable breeding evidence
 - will be hard to confirm later
- Species not on field card
 - ignore, unless can confirm
 - if confirm: rare reports form



Safe dates: simplifying rules

1. If you are unsure whether to submit a record, do so.

2. Always submit any record that confirms breeding (i.e., warrants a 2-letter code).

- Confirmed codes, by definition, trump safe dates

NY – Nest with young

Breeding field card

Use for checklists when out surveying a block or birding

- Block number
- Site within the block (optional)
- Date, start time, end time
- Breeding code for every species you see

Use a separate form for each block you spend time in

Incidental observation form

**Use to report breeding species
found while doing other things**

- Location (block and/or lat-long)
- Date
- Breeding code for notable species
 - Confirmed breeding (always submit)
 - Hard to confirm species (always submit)
 - Rare species (always submit)

Rare reports form

Use to report rare breeding species, species found in unexpected places, or outside normal breeding period

CONNECTICUT BIRD ATLAS – RARE REPORTS FORM

Use this form to provide additional documentation for records of rare breeding species, and of species found in unusual habitats or at unusual times of year (e.g., nesting outside of the safe dates for the species). Please use a separate form for each record.

Observer: _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Send to: Connecticut Bird Atlas, c/o Chris Elphick, Ecology & Evolutionary Biology,
University of Connecticut, 75 North Eagleville Road, Unit 3043, Storrs, CT 06269-3043
Or email: chris.elphick@uconn.edu (subject: CT Bird Atlas rare report)

Species: _____

Date of observation: _____

Block number: _____

Latitude: _____ Longitude: _____

(decimal degrees preferred; instructions for obtaining this information from Google Maps are given on the atlas web site; alternatively, mark the location on a paper map and attach to this form):

Reporting effort

1. Birding effort: used in data analysis
 - BIRDING hours only
 - start/end times on field card
 - eBird app will track this for you
2. Volunteer effort and mileage: used as matching funds for federal grant
 - ALL miles (including to and fro)
 - ALL hours doing atlas work

Please send or email sheets monthly to: Connecticut Bird Atlas, c/o Min Huang, CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, 391 RT 32, N Franklin, CT 06254
min.huang@ct.gov (subject: CT Bird Atlas Effort)

Date (m/d/y)	Miles driven	Start time	End time	Total hours

Key things to remember

- Track the time/miles you spend surveying
- Keep a separate list for each block visit
- Record all species with breeding evidence

For eBirders especially

- Always use breeding codes
- Make sure your records are in the right block

Technology

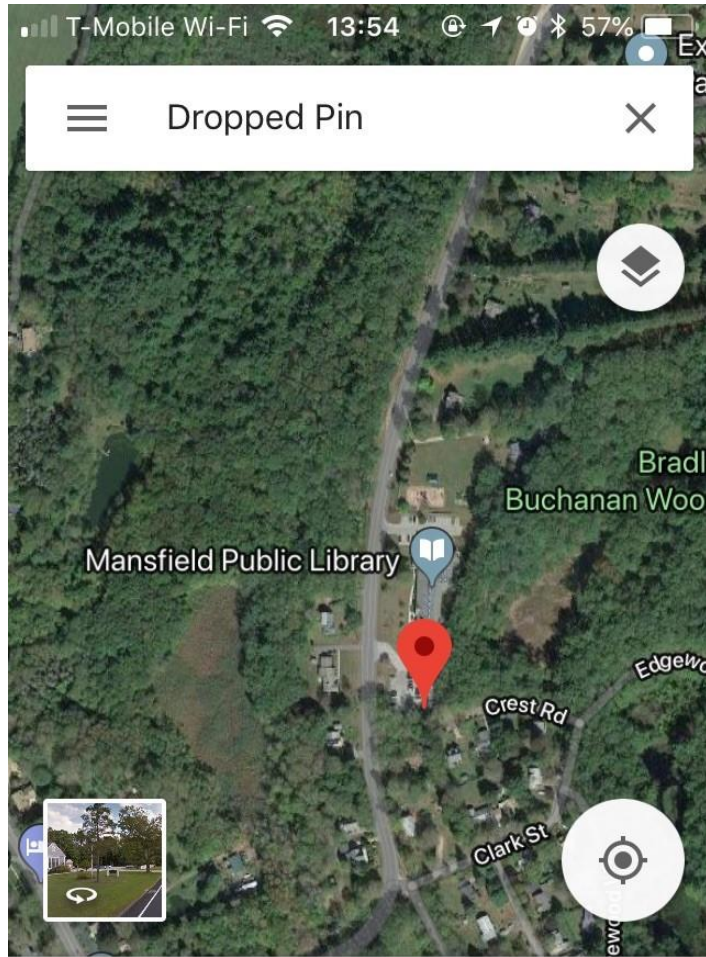
Navigation

- lat/long on your phone
- what block are you in?

eBird

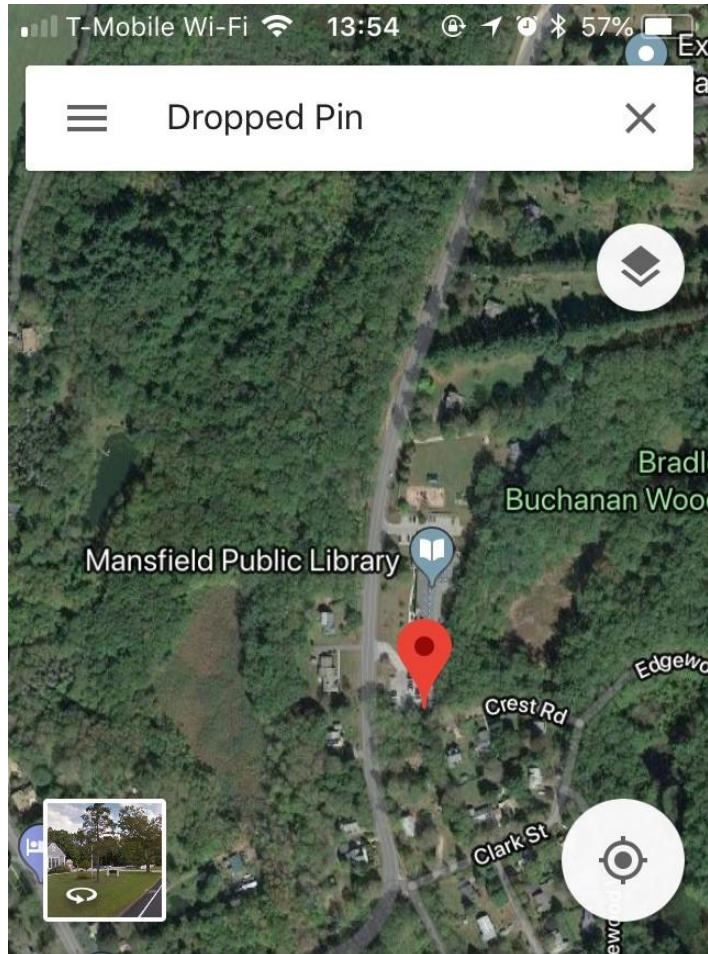
- entering breeding codes
- sharing with ctbirdatlas
- sensitive species
- care with hotspots

How do I know where I am?



Google MAPS
(similar in
Apple maps)

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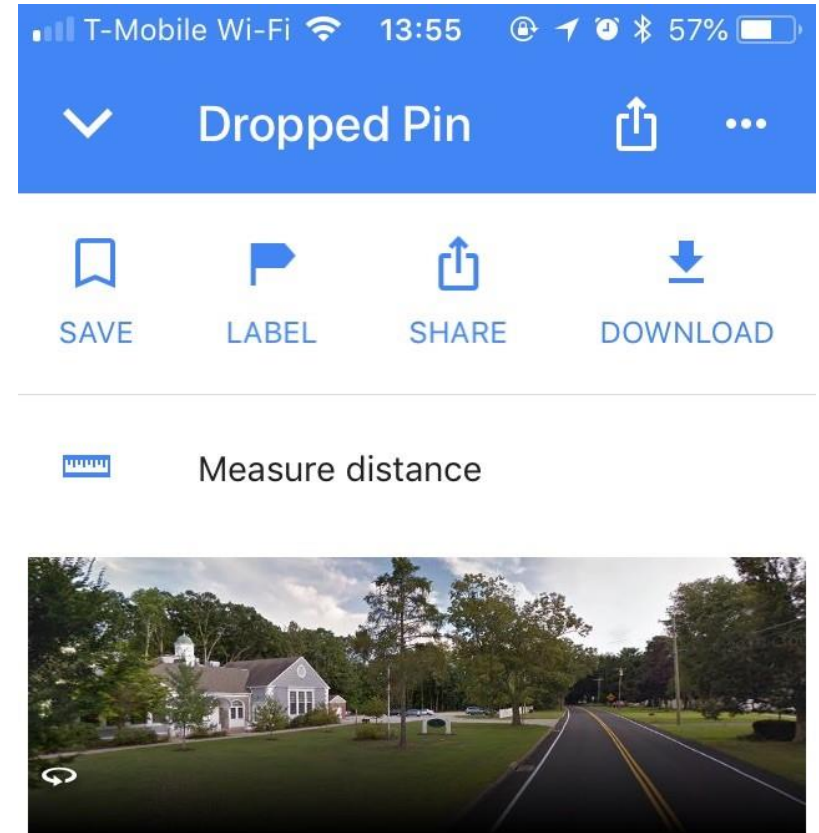


Dropped Pin

near 29.114.15, Mansfield, CT 06250

 Start (13 min)

 Directions



(41.7676716,-72.1957188)



87H9QR93+3P

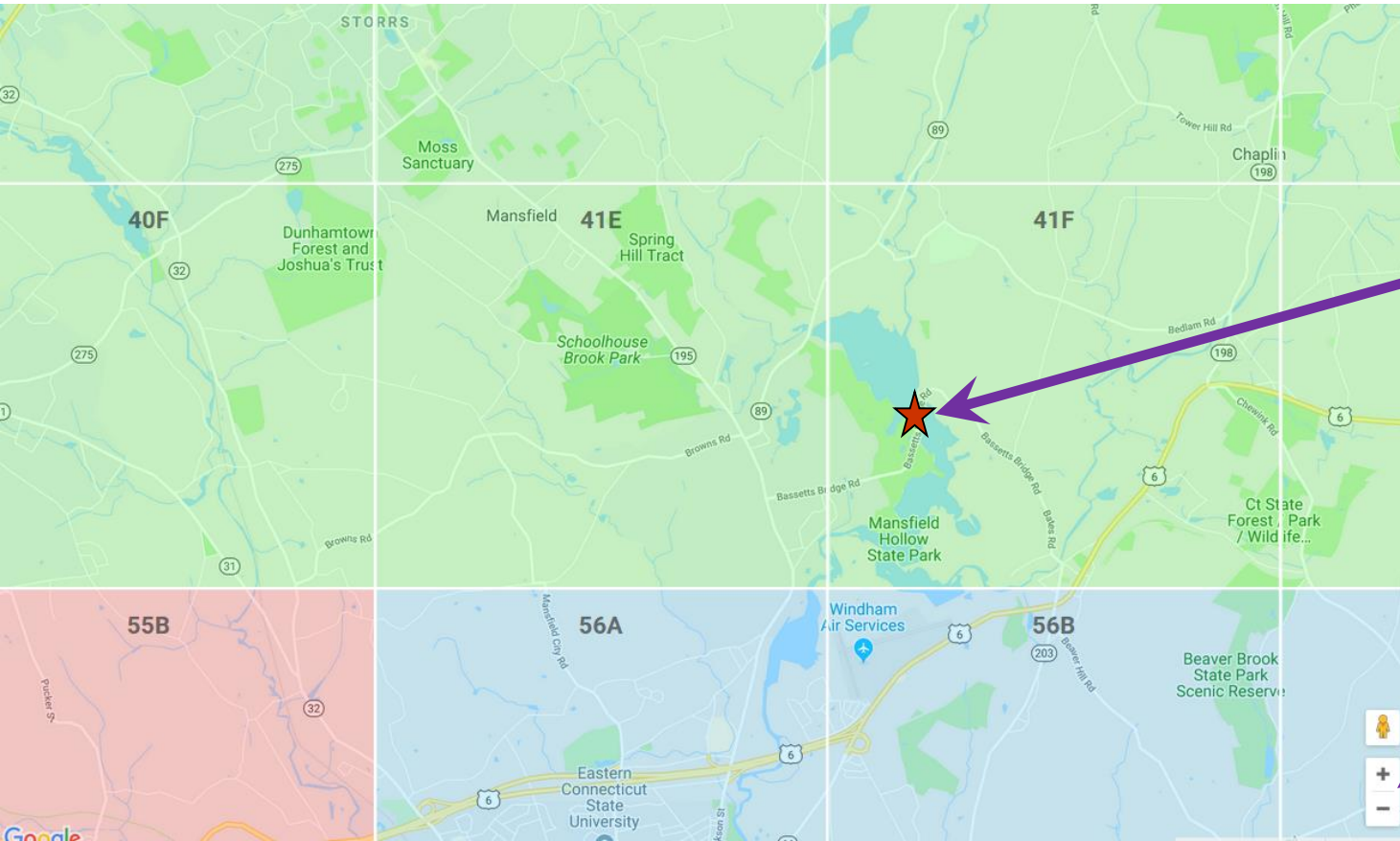


Add a missing place

An easier option ...

Use interactive map on web site:

- zoom in to find the location
- look up block number



Mansfield
Hollow
boat
launch is
in block
41F

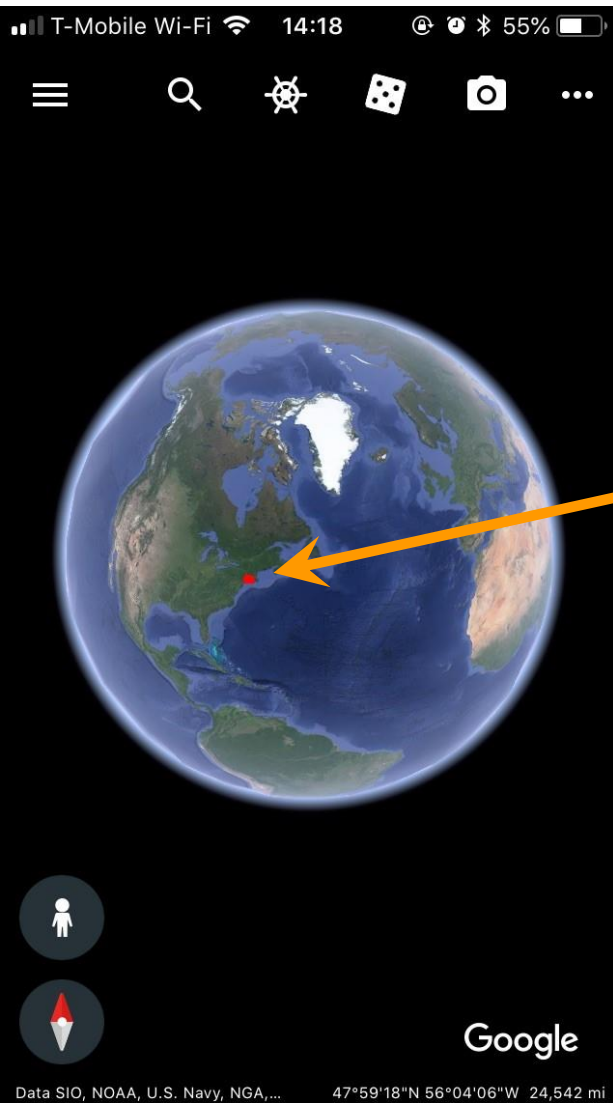
zoom
in/out

Which block am I in?

- Install Google EARTH phone app
- Click on link to .kml file on atlas web site (below interactive map)
- Chose "Copy to Google Earth"
 - (swipe left if don't see option)
- Press Google Earth symbol
 - app should open with file open

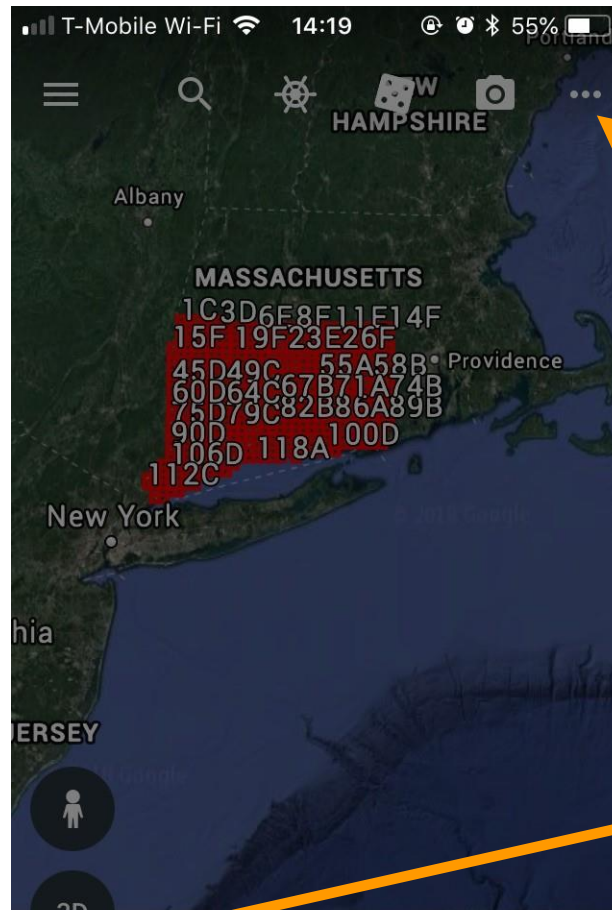


Which block am I in?



zoom in to this
red patch
(red lines are
block boundaries)

Which block am I in?

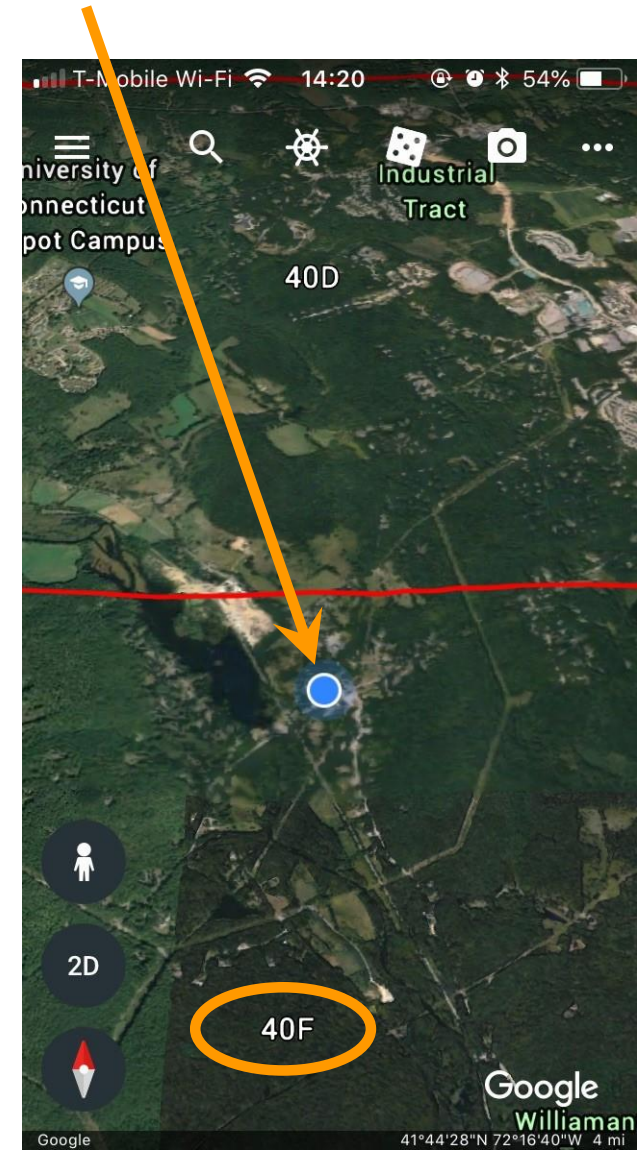
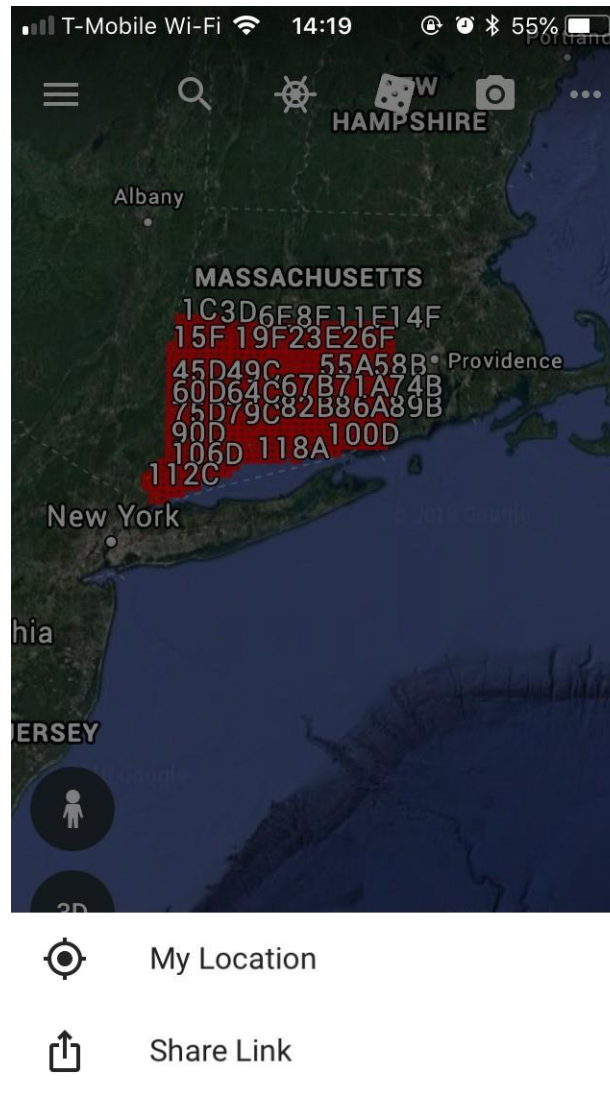


touch these
three dots ...

... this will
appear;
touch the
symbol

Which block am I in?

blue dot is your location (block 40F)



Can I use eBird? YES

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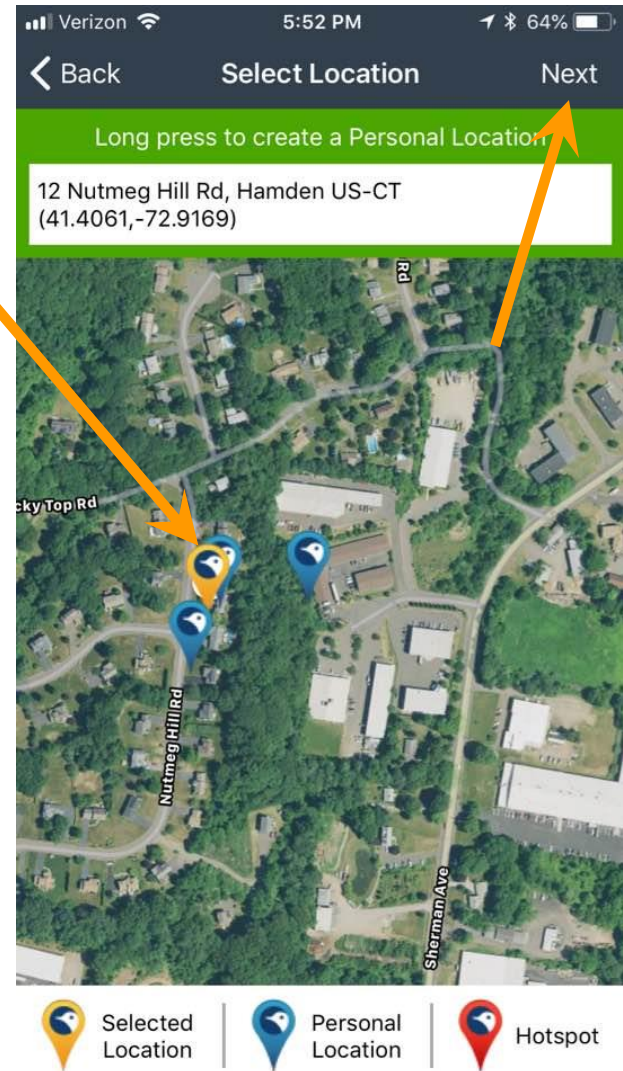
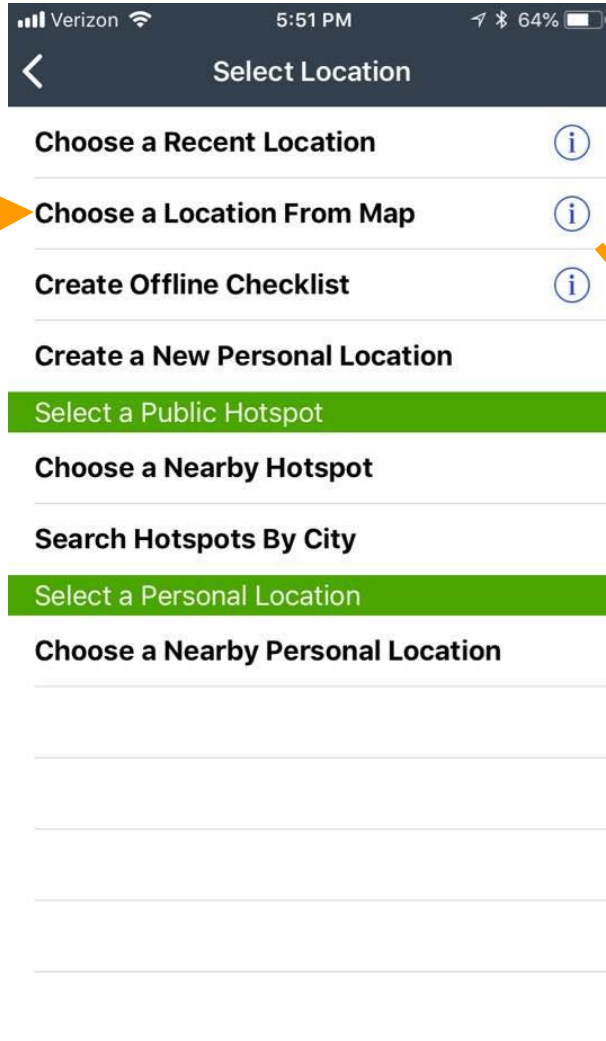


Current Trip: 94 Species

My eBird Checklists Trips



The Cornell Lab



Start a checklist

Verizon 5:53 PM 63%

< Select Location Set Date & Time

12 Nutmeg Hill Rd, Hamden US-CT
(41.4061,-72.9169)

April 27, 2018

5:52 PM

Reset to now

MINUTES

Record track ⓘ

Start New Checklist

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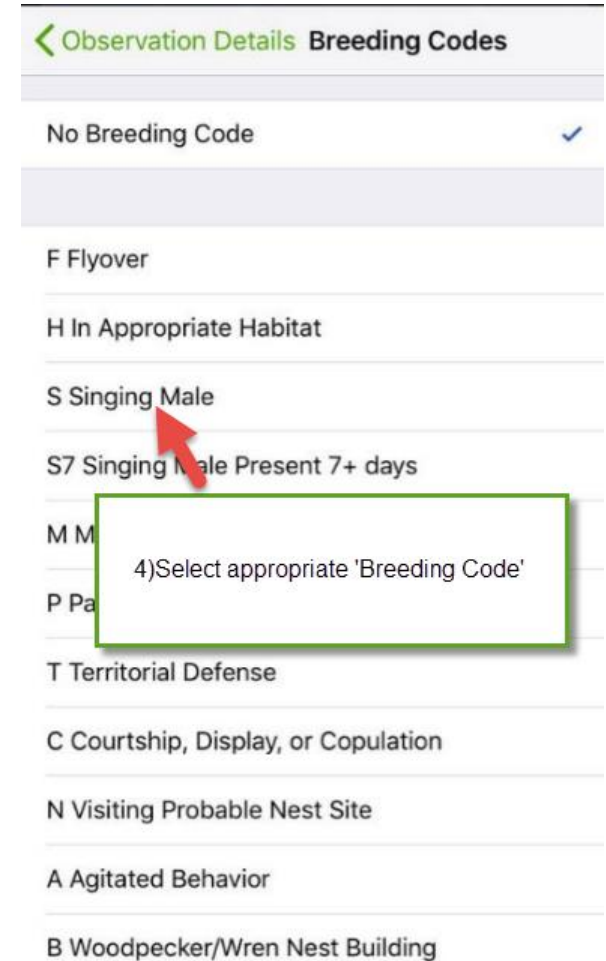
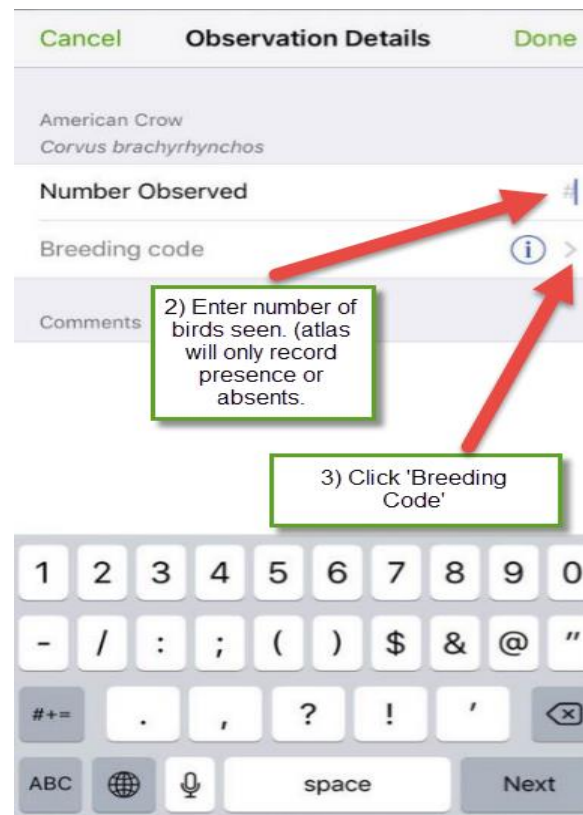
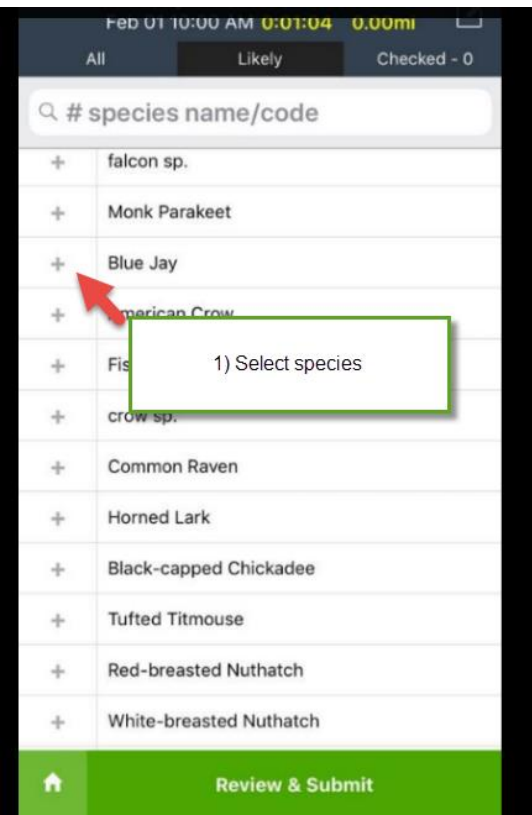
All Likely Checked - 0

Q # species name/code

+	Snow Goose
+	Graylag Goose (Domestic type)
+	Domestic goose sp. (Domestic type)
+	Brant
+	Brant (Atlantic)
+	Canada Goose
+	Cackling/Canada Goose
+	goose sp.
+	Mute Swan
+	Wood Duck
+	Blue-winged Teal
+	Northern Shoveler

Review & Submit

Enter species, number, & breeding code



Share checklist with ctbirdatlas

- Click on Checklist



Current Trip: 92 Species



TheCornellLab



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21 Shell Beach Rd, Guilford US-CT (41.2632,-72...	Jan 29, 2018 at 3:00 PM	Accepted
New Haven, CT 06513, New Haven US-CT (41.3...	Jan 29, 2018 at 2:08 PM	Accepted
East Rock Park, Hamden US-CT (41.3313,-72.9...	Jan 29, 2018 at 1:30 PM	Accepted
18 Nutmeg Hill Rd, Hamden US-CT (41.4058,-7...	Jan 24, 2018 at 6:47 AM	Not Submitted
561 Gulf St, Milford US-CT (41.2091,-73.0447)	Dec 23, 2017 at 9:56 AM	Accepted
White Mountains, Hart's Location US-NH (44.11...	Dec 16, 2017 at 10:17 AM	Accepted
White Mountains, Hart's Location US-NH (44.11...	Dec 15, 2017 at 2:30 PM	Accepted

Click HERE to view/edit your checklists on eBird.org	
1	Dark-eyed Junco (Slate-colored)
# of Taxa Reported	
Protocol	
Number of Observers	
Duration	
Email Checklist	
View Track	

Share checklist with ctbirdatlas

Checklist S43755720

[Older](#) [All Checklists](#) [Newer](#)

Location

UConn - compost facility, Tolland County, Connecticut, US [\(Map\)](#)

Edit Location

Date and Effort

Sun Mar 18, 2018 3:32 PM

Edit Date and Effort

Protocol: Stationary

Party Size: 1

Duration: 6 minutes (S)

Observer: **CT bird atlas** [List](#), **Chris Elphick**

Comments: N/A

Submitted from eBird for iOS, version 1.6.36

Print

Download

Email Yourself

Delete

Share w/ Others in Your Party

Send link via: [f](#) [t](#)

Submit another for...

[Same location and date](#)
UConn - compost facility, Tolland County, Connecticut, US on Sun Mar 18, 2018

[Same location](#)
UConn - compost facility, Tolland County, Connecticut, US

[Same area and date](#)
Another location near UConn - compost facility, Tolland County, Connecticut, US on Sun Mar 18, 2018

[Same area](#)
Another location near UConn - compost facility, Tolland County, Connecticut, US

[Same date](#)
Sun Mar 18, 2018

[Different location and date](#)

☐ Hide from eBird Output ?

Change Portal

Species

1 species total

[Hide Media](#) [Edit Species List](#)

1 Common Raven

Remove Species

Same site used last year. Adult bird on nest.

Breeding Code ON Occupied Nest (Confirmed)

Share checklist with ctbirdatlas



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Date	Location	County	St/Prov	
2018-05-01 19:21	60 Woodlawn Road, Berlin, Connecticut, US (41.633, -72.74)	Hartford	US-CT	View or edit Share Delete
2018-05-01 18:54	Mystic yard, Pequot Ave, Mystic, CT	New London	US-CT	View or edit Share Delete
2018-05-01 18:45	Coastal Center at Milford Point	New Haven	US-CT	View or edit Share Delete
2018-05-01 16:38	Stillwater Pond State Park	Litchfield	US-CT	View or edit Share Delete
2018-05-01 15:15	Warner Yard	Windham	US-CT	View or edit Share Delete
2018-05-01 14:45	CT - Glastonbury - Ferry Lane	Hartford	US-CT	View or edit Share Delete
2018-05-01 14:30	Block 92A Equestrian Ridge Newtown CT	Fairfield	US-CT	View or edit Share Delete
2018-05-01 12:51	Milford Pt.	New Haven	US-CT	View or edit Share Delete

Share checklist with ctbirdatlas

Checklist S45057742



Share this checklist with other participants' eBird accounts.

To (username or email, comma-separated)

ctbirdatlas

Message (optional)

Contacts (click to add)

Anthony Vicciarelli

Bernardo Alps

CT bird atlas

David Sibley

Dylan Pedro

Glenn Williams

Jason Dierker

Manage My Contacts

Share Checklist

Cancel

Location

US-6 W, Willimantic US-CT (41.7246,-72.2491), Windham County, Connecticut, US (

Edit Location)

Print

Download

Email

Delete

Share

Send

Submit

Same location
US-6 W,
(41.7246,-72.2491),
County, Connecticut,
29, 2018

Same location
US-6 W,
(41.7246,-72.2491),
County, Connecticut,
29, 2018

Same location
Another location
Willimantic US-CT
72 2491


Sensitive species

- Submit the data directly via a paper form
- Report the nest, but do not provide a precise location in eBird
- Wait until nesting is over, then report
- Hide the location in eBird



Hide checklists for sensitive records (owl nests, rare breeders)

Checklist S44301748



Older All Checklists Newer

Location

300 Mount Carmel Ave, Hamden US-CT (41.4243,-72.9026), New Haven County, Connecticut, US [Map](#)

Edit Location

Date and Effort

Fri Apr 06, 2018 2:52 PM

Edit Date and Effort

Protocol: Stationary

Party Size: 1

Duration: 1 minute(s)

Observers: [Craig Repasz](#)

Comments: N/A

Submitted from eBird for iOS, version 1.6.36

Species

1 species total

3 Mourning Dove

Are you submitting a complete checklist of the birds you were able to identify?

No

Print

Download

Email Yourself

Delete

Share w/ Others in Your Party

Send link via: [f](#) [t](#)

Hide this Checklist?

Hiding a checklist will exclude the taxa on it from all forms of eBird output that show a location (including bar charts, maps, and arrival/departure tables), but the observation will still be accessible to you, and will appear on your lists.

It will be considered invalid in the eBird database since we cannot approve bird records without accurate location information.


Although we understand that some checklists need to be excluded from eBird's public output due to privacy concerns or other issues, we strongly recommend against this unless absolutely necessary.

Are you sure you want to hide these observations?

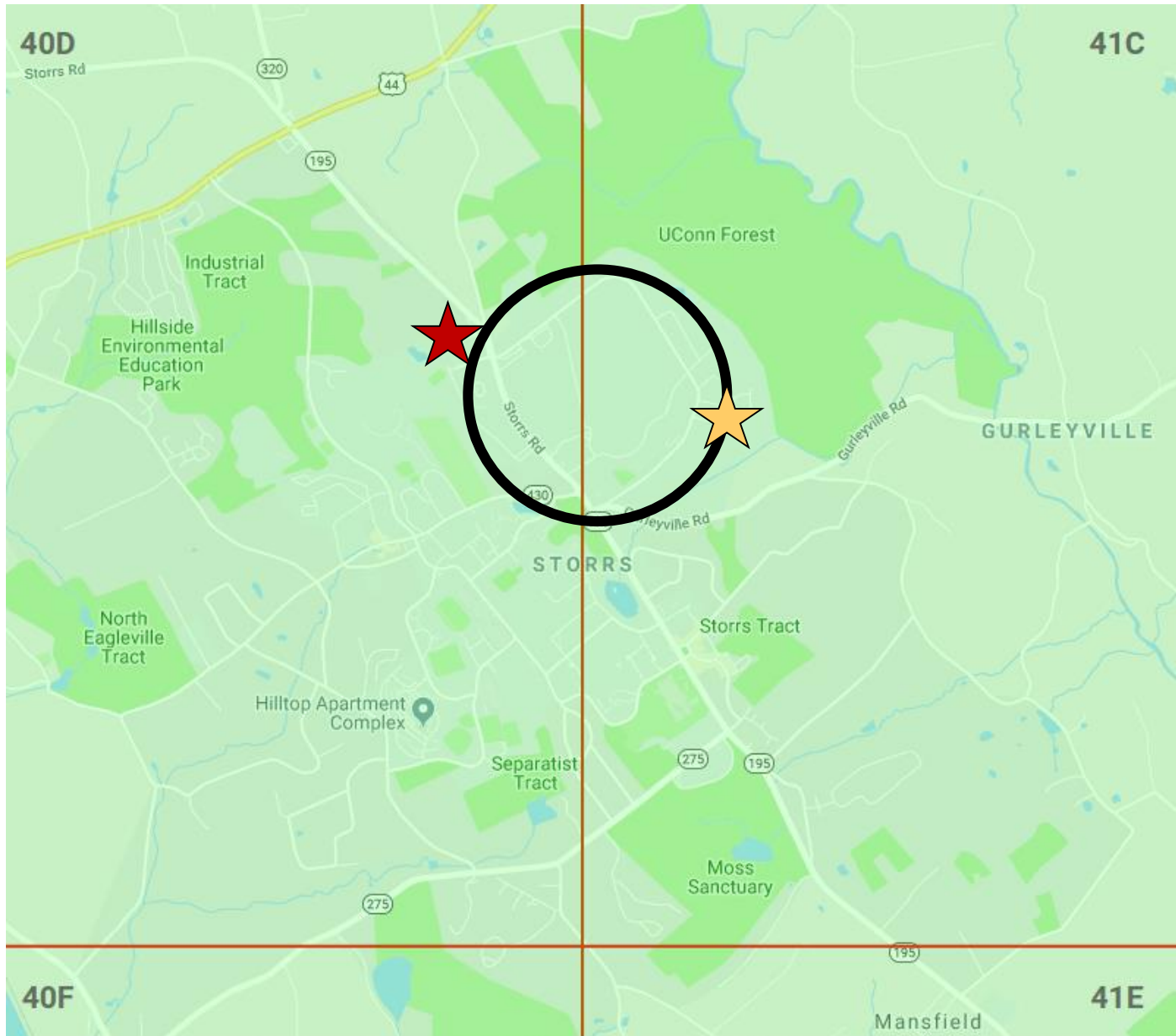
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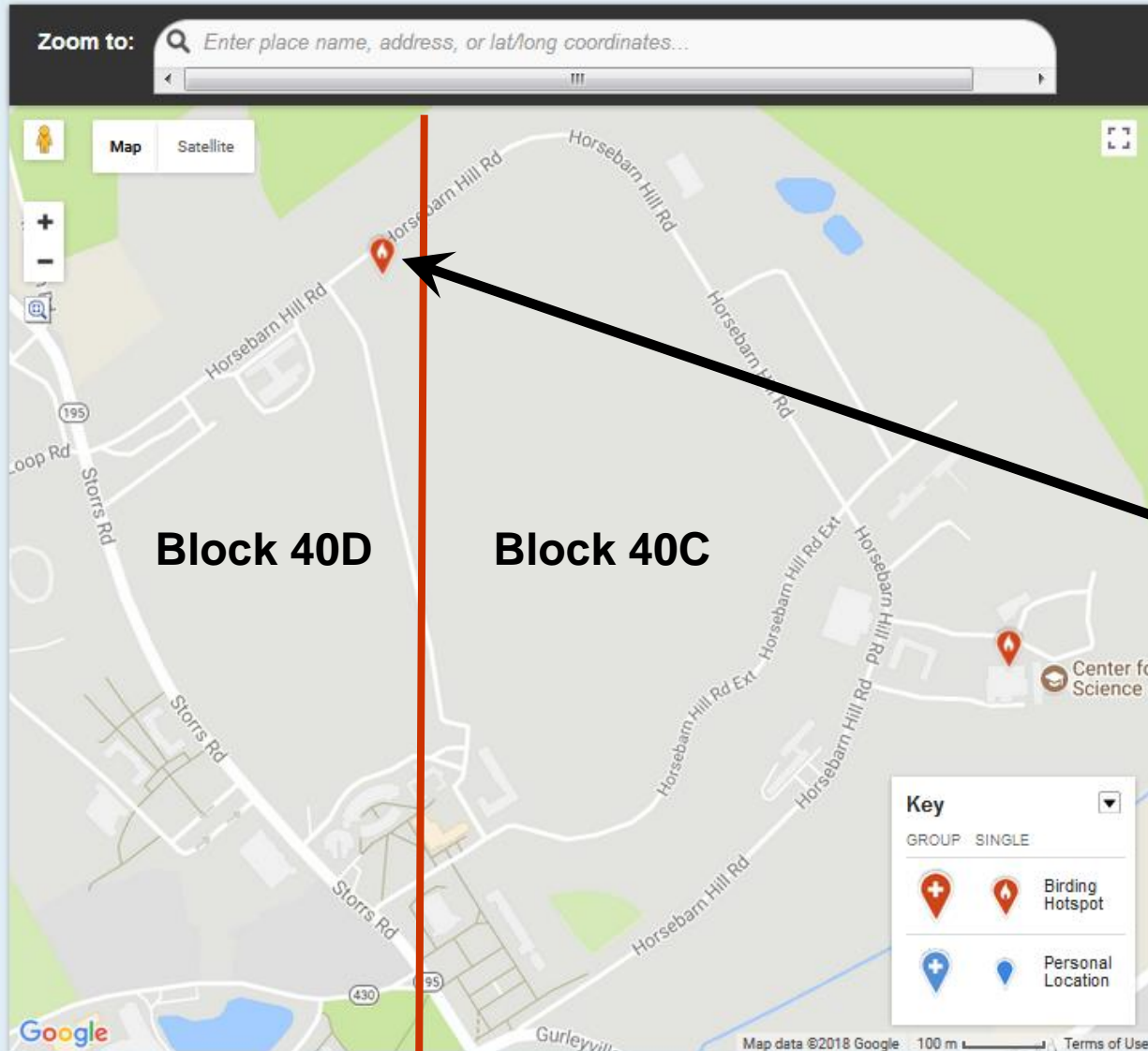
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Take care with block boundaries



eBird hotspot warning ...

1 2 3 Where did you bird?



Use the "zoom to" box to zoom to a place name, address, or coordinates in decimal degrees (e.g., 42.4792, -76.45138). You can also click "+" markers to zoom in on groups of birding hotspots or personal locations.

To choose an existing location, click on its marker.

For new locations, **zoom in as far as possible** and click on the map to place a green marker. This marks your new location. To reposition the marker, click anywhere on the map.

Chosen Location:

Horsebarn Hill



Do I have to use eBird?

- **NO!!!**
- **But, if you do, share your checklists with [ctbirdatlas](#)**



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2018-03-21 13:30	Hager Creek Marsh Wildlife Area	Middlesex	US-CT	View or edit Share Delete
2018-03-21 11:50	Autumn Chase	Tolland	US-CT	View or edit Share Delete

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PROTECTING THE STATE'S BIRDS REQUIRES THAT
WE KNOW WHERE THEY ARE.

Do I have to find nests?



BREEDING CODES: OBSERVED/POSSIBLE

X – Observed but not in suitable nesting habitat; outside safe dates; no evidence of breeding

H – Observed in suitable breeding habitat during the breeding season, within safe dates

S – Singing bird present in suitable nesting habitat within safe dates

Observed/Possible breeding

X: observed



H: in suitable habitat



S: singing†



BREEDING CODES: PROBABLE

P – Male and female together and interacting in suitable nesting habitat during breeding season

T – Territorial behavior on at least two occasions a week apart.

C – Courtship behavior, courtship feeding, copulation

**Probable
breeding**

P: mated pair



T: territoriality



C: courtship



BREEDING CODES: PROBABLE

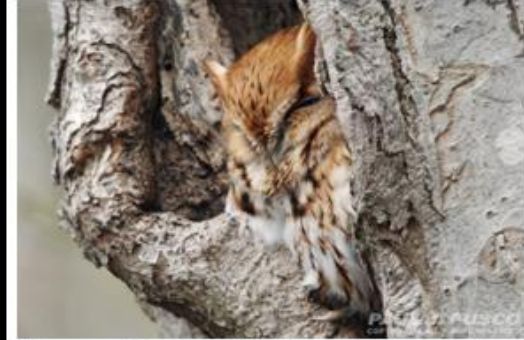
N – Visiting probable nest site (esp. useful for cavity nesters)

A – Agitated behavior or anxiety calls

B – Nest building in wrens and woodpeckers

**Probable
breeding**

N: probable nest site



A: agitated displays



B: nest building*



BREEDING CODES: CONFIRMED

**PE – Physiological evidence – e.g.,
brood patch (for use by banders)**

**CN – Carrying nest material (except
wrens)**

**NB – Nest building (except wrens and
woodpeckers)**

Photos courtesy of Alyssa Borowske, Paul Fusco and Mark Szantyr

Confirmed breeding

PE: physiological signs



CN: nest material



NB: nest building*



BREEDING CODES: CONFIRMED

DD – Distraction display, defense of unknown nest/young, etc.

UN – Used nest/eggshells (from atlas years). Do not use for species like marsh wrens, woodpeckers, etc.

FL – Recently fledged young (includes downy waterfowl, shorebirds, etc.). Take care with chicks that can fly, esp. near block boundaries

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**Confirmed
breeding**

DD: distraction display



UN: used nest



FL: fledglings



BREEDING CODES: CONFIRMED

ON – Adults sitting on/entering nest

CF – Carrying food for young. Do not use for raptors, terns, kingfishers, corvids. Be careful with other species that may be carrying food for their own consumption

FY – Adult feeding young outside nest (cowbird chick confirms both species)

**Confirmed
breeding**

ON: occupied nest



CF: carrying food



FY: feeding young



BREEDING CODES: CONFIRMED

FS – Adult carrying fecal sac

**NE – Nest with eggs (cowbird eggs
confirm both species)**

**NY – Nest with young (cowbird chicks
confirm both species)**

**Confirmed
breeding**

FS: fecal sac



NE: nest with eggs



NY: nest with young



Resources

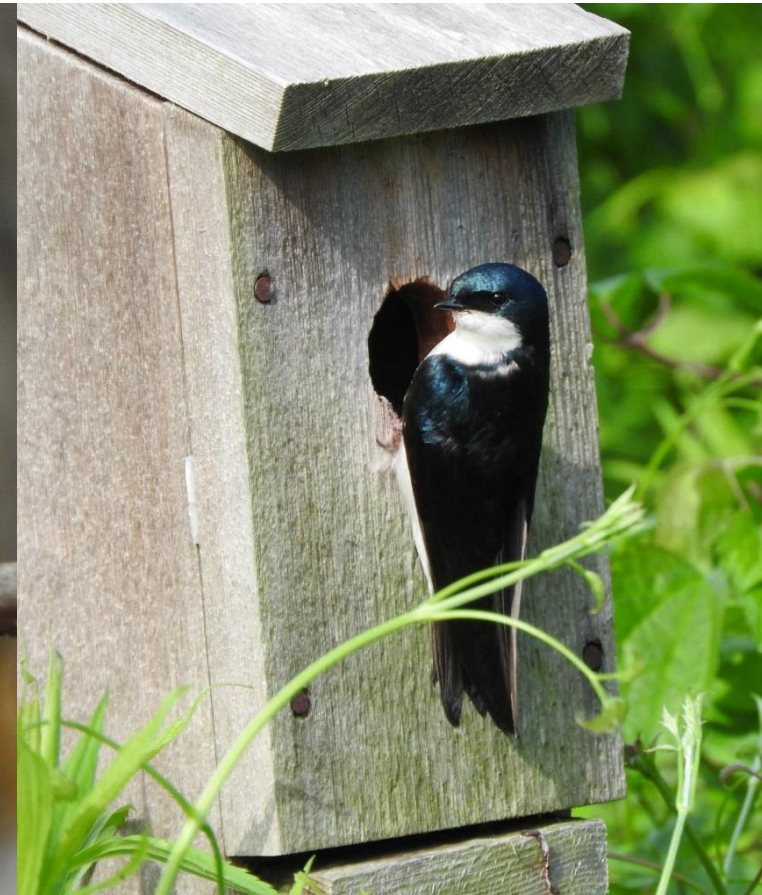
- Your Regional Coordinator (RC)
- ctbirdatlasvol@gmail.com
- Atlas web site and blog
- Dendroica
<https://www.natureinstruct.org/dendroica/>
- Xeno-canto <https://www.xeno-canto.org/>

Atlas stats

- **677 volunteers on email list**
- **300 block adopters**
- **417 blocks assigned (54%)**
- **967 eBird checklists**
- **>2200 breeding records**
- **4 species with more confirmations than first atlas**

What if I don't think I'm a good enough birder?

Can you identify these species ...



Questions?



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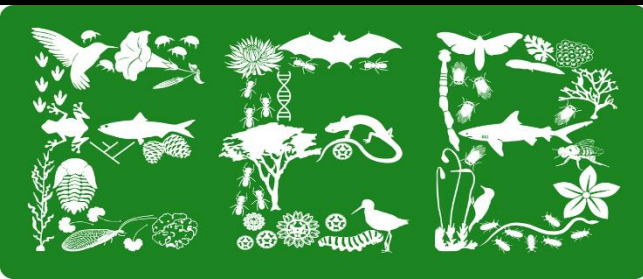
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