

Kentucky Important Bird Area
(IBA)
Nomination Form

Under the auspices of The Kentucky Audubon Council, the Kentucky IBA program is soliciting input from individuals and organizations about potential sites in Kentucky to be considered for certification as IBA's. This effort is in conjunction with a worldwide movement to monitor and protect a global network of IBA's for the conservation of the world's birds and other biodiversity.

In order to be designated as an IBA, a site need only meet one of these habitat criteria:

1. Conservation Priority Species (endangered, threatened, of special concern as designated by Threatened and Endangered list, NABCI plans, state lists, proposed STWG list e.g.)
2. Species that is largely restricted to a distinctive representative, rare or unique habitat
3. Numbers of very high concentrations of regularly occurring
 - a. Gulls and/or terns numbering 1000 or more
 - b. Migratory land birds in exceptional concentration
 - c. Migratory or over-wintering raptors of exceptional concentration
 - d. Shorebirds numbering 500 or more
 - e. Waders numbering 150 or more breeding pairs and/or 500 or more transient waders
 - f. Western KY: 5,000 or more wintering/staging waterfowl
Eastern KY: 500 or more wintering/staging waterfowl
5. Long-term research and or monitoring site

Please indicate the habitat criterion above that has prompted you to submit this site for consideration as an IBA.

Site Information

Site name _____ County _____

Latitude _____ Longitude _____ Nearest town _____

Approximate size of the site in acres _____ Approximate elevation _____

Note: Please attach a map showing location of this site.

Description of the site's features _____

Description of the Site's Habitat

Please check each of the site's habitats below. Then circle the most important feature(s) of the site:

- Field Forest-Deciduous Forest- Conifer
 Forest- Riparian or Floodplain Freshwater Marsh
 Grassland Pond/Lake River/Stream
 Shrub Swamp Suburban/Urban
 Other:(Describe _____)

Site's Major Land Use

Please check each of the site's uses below. Circle the most important use(s):

- Active farm Agriculture Forestry Hunting/Fishing
 Nature and Wildlife Conservation Recreation/Tourism
 Research Residential/Suburban Undeveloped I
 Utility/Right of Way Urban/commercial
 Water Supply and/or Treatment Other:
 (Describe _____)

Why do you consider the site to be important for Kentucky's birds?

Please list the species for which this site is important, the season(s) of importance, average or maximum numbers (rough estimates are acceptable), years on which this list is based and sources of information:

Species	Season	Avg numbers Season	Max. numbers Season	Year(s)	Sources (BBS,CBC,)
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Site's Management or Ownership

Please circle all that apply: Federal State Municipal

Private-Individual

Private-Business

Site's Conservation Risks

Please rate each risk below as either 0-none 1-small 2-potential 3-serious

_____ Cowbird Parasitism _____ Deforestation _____ Development

_____ Hydrologic Changes _____ Introduced Animals

_____ Invasive or Non-native Plants _____ Mining

_____ Pollution _____ Predators

_____ Other: (Describe: _____)

Please describe any conservation risks that you consider serious at this site as well as anything that has been done to address these issues:

Local Concerns

Are there organizations or groups in the region with an interest in this site:

Group _____ Contact person _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ e-mail _____

Is there any existing special status relating to this site such as : potential habitat development project, possible use as a habitat mitigation site, ownership by a corporation or foundation that is supportive of IBA classification, etc. _____ No. _____ Yes. Please give a short written description of the site's special status.

An IBA designation places no restrictions on a site, however Kentucky's IBA Program requires the landowner's approval for all properties that are specifically mentioned by name in any printed material. IBA does not imply public access. Landowners need to be reassured that designation of an area as an IBA does not grant public access without landowner permission. Landowner's approval is not required in order for a property to be mapped. Please provide as much information as possible about the site's landowner/manager:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Has the owner or manager of the site given permission for its listing in printed materials if it is deemed to be a Kentucky IBA? Yes No Note: If you suspect that the landowner or manager would not be amenable to the site's designation as an IBA, please do not make contact with the person(s), but please indicate your suspicion for the Technical Committee.

Remarks that you believe the Technical Committee should consider in relation to this site nomination:

Please attach any supporting documents to this form, as you deem important such as copies of a recent census, checklist, field notes, maps, photographs, and etc. Please return the completed form to:

Kentucky IBA Certification Technical Committee
Brenda Little, Facilitator
306 Hoover Hill Road
Hartford, KY 42347-9522

Thank you for taking the time and making the effort to complete this nomination form. You are a very important person; in fact, you are vital for the IBA Program in Kentucky to register IBA sites with the National Audubon Society as part of the global mapping of IBA's. There is no prohibition of making copies or distributing this form to others that may wish to nominate a site for consideration as an IBA.

This form can be downloaded from The Kentucky Audubon Council's website www.kentuckyaudubon.org