MNBBA Field Form

Breeding Evidence Codes and Criteria*

Observed

- **O** Heard or seen **within safe dates,** but NOT in suitable nesting habitat

Possible

- **X** Heard or seen **within safe dates,** and in suitable nesting habitat

Probable

- **M** Multiple (5+) singing or territorial Birds detected on same day
- **S** Singing male present at same location 7 or more days apart
- **P** Pair observed in suitable nesting habitat within safe dates
- **T** Permanent breeding territory presumed through defense by fighting or chasing indivs of same species
- **C** Courtship or copulation, includes displays or transfer of food
- **N** Bird observed visiting probable nest site repeatedly
- **A** Agitated behavior or anxiety calls from adults
- **B** Nest building or cavity excavation by wrens, woodpeckers, chickadees

Confirmed

- **PE** Physiological evidence of breeding; brood patch or gravid condition (bird banders only)
- **CN** Adult carrying nesting material (nest not seen)
- **NB** Nest building observed (nest seen)
- **DD** Distraction display/behavior; broken wing display or dive-bombing
- **UN** Used nest (inactive nests; must be readily identifiable)
- **ON** Occupied nest; nest attended by adult(s), but contents not visible
- **FL** Recently fledged young, incapable of sustained flight
- **FY** Adult carrying food for young or feeding recently fledged young (repeatedly in same direction)
- **FS** Adult carrying fecal sac
- **NE** Nest with eggs
- **NY** Nest with young seen or heard

***Important:** See Atlas Handbook for description

Block ID: _____

Date (m/d/y): _____

Observer(s): _____

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Block Survey Hours			Non-survey Hours	Auto Miles
Start	End	Total Hours		

SPECIES	Breeding Code	Noes (GPS coord/location, adults/nests, habitat, other observations)

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