

Important Bird Areas of Virginia

IBA Nomination Form

The Important Bird Area (IBA) program is an international effort to identify, conserve, and monitor a network of sites that provide essential habitat for bird populations. BirdLife International began the IBA program in Europe in 1985. Since that time, BirdLife partners in more than 100 countries have joined together to build the global IBA network. Audubon, the BirdLife Partner in the U.S. has been working since 1995 to identify and conserve hundreds of IBAs all across the United States.

**For more information, visit: <http://www.audubon.org/bird/iba/index.html>
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<http://www.audubon.org/bird/iba/virginia/>**

Thank you for your interest in the Important Bird Areas Program. Please tell us about the areas that you think may meet the criteria by completing as much of this form as possible. Detailed instructions for fields requiring clarification may be found in the **INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF IBA NOMINATION FORM**. It is important that the data and information about the sites are recorded in a standard format, so that they may be accurately evaluated.

I. Nominator Information	
YOUR NAME:	PHONE:
AFFILIATION(if any)	EMAIL:
ADDRESS:	
ZIP CITY, STATE,	DATE:

II. Site Details	
SITE NAME:	
CITY,TOWN,COUNTY:	AREA: <small>(circle one) acres, sq. miles., hectares</small>
ELEVATION: Minimum <small>(circle one) feet, meters</small>	ELEVATION: Maximum <small>feet, meters</small>
COORDINATES (at site center) Latitude ° ' "	Longitude: ° ' "

Ownership: (Circle One) federal, state, private, international waters, communal, religious group, mixed, other

Ownership Details: (List owners. If "other" ownership, please describe. If the property is privately owned, please provide contact information and specify if owner is aware of nomination)

Road Directions to site (or location /distance to nearest town) Please include a map if convenient.

Site Name _____

III B. Source Details

Detail the sources of data noted in the “Species List and Population Data” (III A) Section. If additional space is needed, you may attach copies of this form to the nomination.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

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10. _____

IV. IBA Criteria

Proposed State Level Criteria – Mark all that apply
 See Instruction IV for **Explanations of Criteria**.

Code	State Definition	Mark all criteria that apply
D 1.	Endangered, threatened, or vulnerable species: The site sustains a breeding or non-breeding population of one or more bird species, sub-species, or isolated populations that is/are endangered, threatened or vulnerable to extirpation.	
D 3.	The site contains a significant suite of species associated with a habitat type that is representative, rare, or threatened in Virginia.	
D 4.	The site contains a significant concentration of one or more species during the breeding season, winter, or during migration.	

V. Habitat Details

See Instruction V for **List of Habitats** at both levels below.

	Major vegetation community types	Predominant plant species	Cover %
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			

VI. Land Use

See Instruction VI for description of **Land Uses**. Mark each land use at the site, circle its predominance, and (if known) provide an estimate of the percent cover at the site currently devoted to the land use. You may enter brief notes to clarify some land uses. Detailed explanations of land uses should be reported in Text Summary, section IX.

Check Here	Land Use	Predominance			Cover %	Notes
		Major	Minor	Unknown		
	Agriculture 1. Row crops, small grains	Major	Minor	Unknown		
	Agriculture 2. Grasslands (pasture, hay)	Major	Minor	Unknown		
	Fisheries/aquaculture	Major	Minor	Unknown		
	Forestry	Major	Minor	Unknown		
	Hunting	Major	Minor	Unknown		
	Military	Major	Minor	Unknown		
	Nature Conservation / research	Major	Minor	Unknown		
	Not utilized	Major	Minor	Unknown		
	Other	Major	Minor	Unknown		
	Tourism / recreation	Major	Minor	Unknown		
	Unknown	Major	Minor	Unknown		
	Urban / industrial / transport	Major	Minor	Unknown		
	Water management	Major	Minor	Unknown		

VII. Threats

See Instruction VII for description of **Threat Codes**. Indicate all threats and the relative level of the threat by entering (L) Low, (M) Medium, (H) high, (U) Unknown in front of all that apply. You may enter notes to clarify some threats. However, detailed explanations of threats should be reported in Text Summary, section IX.

Enter L,M,H,U	Threat	Notes
	Abandonment/land management reduction	
	Agricultural expansion/intensification	
	Aquaculture/fisheries	
	Burning of vegetation	
	Dam/dyke/barrage construction/operations	
	Disturbance to birds	
	Draining wetlands	
	Dredging/canal building (irrigation)	
	Filling wetlands	
	Forest grazing (by native or domestic herbivores)	
	Groundwater extraction	
	Industrialization/urbanization	
	Infrastructure (roads, power lines, cell towers, etc.)	
	Intensified forest management (please elaborate)	
	Isolation/fragmentation	
	Mineral/oil/peat extraction	
	Natural events	
	Nonnative (exotic) animal/plant introduction	
	Other	
	Pesticide application (non-agricultural)	
	Plantation forestry (Afforestation) on previously open land	
	Recreation/tourism	
	Unsustainable exploitation of birds	

VIII. Protected Areas

Complete only if this site contains or abuts protected area(s)!

Enter name and descriptions of protected areas contained within or adjacent to this site.

See **Instruction VIII**

1. Name of protected area:	
Designation:	Area: circle one: hectares, acres, sq. miles
Relationship: Circle one Protected area contains IBA, Is adjacent to IBA, Is contained by IBA, Overlaps with IBA, Unknown	Overlap: circle one: hectares, acres, sq. miles

2. Name of protected area:	
Designation:	Area: circle one: hectares, acres, sq. miles
Relationship: Circle one Protected area contains IBA, Is adjacent to IBA, Is contained by IBA, Overlaps with IBA, Unknown	Overlap: circle one: hectares, acres, sq. miles

IX. Text Summary

Use the following space for additional descriptions of site details.

General Site Description:

General Ornithological Information:

Research / conservation projects:

Habitat / Land Use:

Other Flora / Fauna:

Protected Areas:

Threats:

References: