



Illinois IBA Nomination Form

The Important Bird Areas (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>

The Illinois IBA program began in December 2002. The goals of the Illinois program are to quickly identify the state’s most important bird areas and the threats to them, and to form conservation teams that can implement needed actions. Technical committee co-chair is Jim Herkert. Nomination forms should be returned by September 30 to be considered for the first round of IBA identification.

Useful Illinois resources, information and additional explanations can be found at www.habitatproject.org. Information from a previous national-level IBA effort exists for some sites, and is available for use in completing this form. Please contact the IBA coordinator if you plan to submit an application, or for additional information: Judy Pollock, Audubon-Chicago Region, 1718 Sherman Avenue #210, Evanston, IL 60201; phone: (847) 328-1250; fax: (847) 328-4146; jpollock@audubon.org.

Thank you for your interest and participation in the Important Bird Areas Program. Please complete as many sections of this form as you can. Pay particular attention to the species population data and text summaries. 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 the ornithological significance of the proposed IBAs may be accurately and efficiently evaluated.

I. Nominator Information

1. Name: _____ Date: _____

Organization/ Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

2. Name: _____ Date: _____

Organization/ Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

IIIB. Source Details

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

1. _____

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11. _____

VI. Land Use

See Instruction VI for description of Land Uses. Mark each land use at the site, circle or underline its predominance, and (if known) provide an estimate of the percent cover at the site currently devoted to the land use. Your total percent cannot exceed 100%. You may enter notes to clarify some land uses. However, detailed explanations of land uses should be reported in Text Summary section, IX.

Check Here	Land Use	Predominance			Cover %	Notes
		Major	Minor	Unknown		
	Agriculture	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		
	Tourism/ recreation	Major	Minor	Unknown		
	Urban/ industrial/ transport	Major	Minor	Unknown		
	Water management	Major	Minor	Unknown		
	Not utilized	Major	Minor	Unknown		
	Other	Major	Minor	Unknown		
	Unknown	Major	Minor	Unknown		

VII. Threats

See Instruction VII for description of Threat codes. Check each threat to the site and circle or underline the presumed importance level. You may enter notes to clarify some threats. However, detailed explanations of threats should be reported in Text Summary section, IX.

Check Here	Threat	Importance				Notes
		Low	Medium	High	Unknown	
	Abandonment/ reduction of land management	Low	Medium	High	Unknown	
	Afforestation; woody encroachment	Low	Medium	High	Unknown	
	Agricultural intensification/ expansion	Low	Medium	High	Unknown	
	Aquaculture/ fisheries	Low	Medium	High	Unknown	
	Consequences of animal/ plant introductions	Low	Medium	High	Unknown	
	Construction/ impact of dike/ dam	Low	Medium	High	Unknown	
	Deforestation (commercial)	Low	Medium	High	Unknown	
	Disturbance to birds	Low	Medium	High	Unknown	
	Drainage	Low	Medium	High	Unknown	
	Dredging/ canalization	Low	Medium	High	Unknown	
	Extraction industry	Low	Medium	High	Unknown	
	Filling-in of wetlands	Low	Medium	High	Unknown	
	Forest grazing	Low	Medium	High	Unknown	
	Groundwater abstraction	Low	Medium	High	Unknown	
	Industrialization/ urbanization	Low	Medium	High	Unknown	
	Infrastructure	Low	Medium	High	Unknown	
	Intensified forest management	Low	Medium	High	Unknown	
	Natural events	Low	Medium	High	Unknown	
	Recreation/ tourism	Low	Medium	High	Unknown	
	Selective logging/ cutting	Low	Medium	High	Unknown	
	Other	Low	Medium	High	Unknown	
	Unknown	Low	Medium	High	Unknown	

Site Name: _____

IX. Text Summary (optional)

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: _____
