

Landbirds at Risk in Forested Wetlands Project – Submitting Observations through eBird

How to submit your Species at Risk (SAR) observations using eBird and what information to collect:

1. If you don't already have an eBird account, sign up at <https://ebird.org>
2. Click the "Submit" tab at the top of any eBird page. This will lead you through steps to report sightings.
3. Choose "**Stationary**" under Observation Type. The reason is to provide the exact location of the species at risk. **If this is not possible (e.g., you find a bird during a travelling count), then you will need to:**
 - a. **Obtain the location** (Lat/Log or UTM's) of each SAR detected using your cell phone or GPS; and
 - b. **Add the location to the details** for that specific bird on your checklist (as indicated below).

*Note: If practical, submit a **complete checklist** (documenting all species and individuals observed). While not necessary for our project, complete checklists are greatly encouraged by eBird and are helpful for other projects that use citizen science data.*

4. In addition to the number of birds, add the following information for each Landbird Species at Risk (SAR) - Olive-sided Flycatcher, Canada Warbler or Rusty Blackbird - that you detect:

Details:

- a. **Location** of the point in Lat/Long or UTM's, *if the observation type is not Stationary*
- b. **Distance and approximate direction to the bird**, *if more than 15 m away from the point location*
- c. Comments about the type of habitat and any evidence of human disturbance, *if noticed*

Media:

- d. **Photos of the habitat** (four, one facing in each direction)
- e. Photos and/or audio recording of the species (optional)

Data:

- f. **Sex and age**
- g. **Breeding code** for highest level of breeding evidence observed (in increasing order below):

<i>H</i>	<i>In appropriate habitat</i>	<i>CN</i>	<i>Carrying nesting material</i>
<i>S</i>	<i>Singing male</i>	<i>NB</i>	<i>Nest-building</i>
<i>S7</i>	<i>Singing male present 7+ days</i>	<i>DD</i>	<i>Distraction display</i>
<i>M</i>	<i>Multiple singing males</i>	<i>ON</i>	<i>Occupied nest</i>
<i>P</i>	<i>Pair (male and female together)</i>	<i>CF</i>	<i>Carrying food</i>
<i>T</i>	<i>Territorial defense</i>	<i>FS</i>	<i>Carrying fecal sac</i>
<i>C</i>	<i>Courtship, display or copulation</i>	<i>NE</i>	<i>Nest with eggs</i>
<i>V</i>	<i>Visiting probably nest site</i>	<i>NY</i>	<i>Nest with young</i>
<i>A</i>	<i>Agitated behavior</i>	<i>FL</i>	<i>Recently fledged young</i>

5. **Share your checklist with us** – our username is **LandbirdSAR**. This can be done by clicking the "Share w/ Others in Your Party" link on the top right of your checklist page or by clicking "Share" under the "Manage my Checklists" page.

Thank you!!! If you have any questions, please email us at LandbirdSAR@merseytobeatic.ca