



HOW DO URBAN BIRDS USE GREEN SPACES?

Help us find out. It's easy, fun, and quick!

Pick a time and outdoor place, watch birds for 10 minutes, and complete both sides of this form. Send the information to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology--**even if you saw no birds.**

HOW TO DO IT:

- A. Pick a date, time, and place** (balcony, yard, park, etc.) for your birdwatch **BEFORE** you go out. Don't change your place or time just because you see an exciting bird elsewhere. That would bias your results. We'll ask you to describe and tell us the overall size of this place in questions 2 and 3. **OPTIONAL:** You can watch birds on one or two additional days in the same week.
- B. Set the bounds of your bird-watching area.** Go to your chosen place and imagine a limited area around you that is about 50 feet x 50 feet (**about the size of half a basketball court** or 20 x 20 adult paces). Don't worry if your area is smaller than half a basketball court or if your view is limited to a smaller area. Just note that in question 5 below.
- C. At the time you selected, start your 10-minute bird watch**, even if no birds are present when you begin. Fill out this form and send it to: Cornell Lab of Ornithology, 159 Sapsucker Woods Road, Ithaca NY 14850, or enter your observations online at www.CelebrateUrbanBirds.org. Send us your observations **EVEN IF YOU SEE NO BIRDS** in your bird-watching area. **Zero means a lot!**

1. WHERE are you watching birds?

Street Address

City

State

ZIP Code

2. Choose just ONE answer that best describes the place where you are watching birds.

- Single Tree or Potted Plant Balcony Garden Park Community Garden Median Strip or Traffic Island
- More than One Potted Plant Rooftop Garden Yard Tree-lined Street No Greenery at ALL
- Other (please describe)

3. How big is the overall place you selected in question 2? (Size of yard, park, community garden, tree-lined street, etc)

- Less than 1 basketball court 1 basketball court to 1/2 city block 1/2 to 1 city block
- 1 to 5 city blocks More than 5 city blocks

4. If you are watching birds in a park, sanctuary, refuge, nature center, etc... what is its name?

5. Now SET THE BOUNDARIES of your bird-watching area. (Please see instructions above.)

- About HALF a basketball court SMALLER than HALF a basketball court

6. During your 10-minute watch, does your bird-watching area have any FOOD PROVIDED BY HUMANS? (examples: birdseed, suet, bread crumbs, hummingbird nectar, garbage)

Day 1

- Yes No Unsure

Day 2 (OPTIONAL)

- Yes No Unsure

Day 3 (OPTIONAL)

- Yes No Unsure

7. Does your bird-watching area have any WATER? (Choose one answer.)

- Fountain/Birdbath Bay/Estuary Pond/Lake Stream/River No Water Other

8. Does your bird-watching area have any PLANTS (grass, bushes, trees, potted plants, etc.)? Yes No

9. How much of your bird-watching area is PAVED? None Half or less More than half

10. Is your bird-watching area more than 50 feet (more than 20 adult paces) from a ROAD or PARKING LOT?

- Yes (MORE than 50 ft from a road/parking lot) No (LESS than 50 ft from a road/parking lot)

