



**Nevada  
Important  
Bird  
Areas Program**



**SITE NOMINATION FORM**

The Nevada IBA Program is conducting an inventory of habitats that may qualify as Important Bird Areas. To qualify, a site needs to meet only *one* of the IBA criteria, although many sites will meet several. Using the accompanying guidelines, please tell us about areas that you think may meet the criteria. Complete as much of this form as possible. It is recommended that you contact the IBA coordinator *before* completing this form. The coordinator can inform you if the site has already been nominated, and may also be able to provide you with data or contacts to support your nomination. For more information (and to return this survey), please contact: Robin Powell, Nevada Important Bird Areas Program, P.O. Box 5046 Sparks, NV 89432; phone: (775) 247-2798; email: [rpowell@audubon.org](mailto:rpowell@audubon.org). Up-to-date program information can also be found at [www.NevadaAudubon.org](http://www.NevadaAudubon.org). Thank you!

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

SITE NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Approximate size (acres) \_\_\_\_\_

Nearest Town(s) \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Latitude \_\_\_\_ ° \_\_\_\_ ' Longitude \_\_\_\_ ° \_\_\_\_ ' or UTM \_\_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_\_ E  
(Zone 11 NAD 27 Projection)

Approx. elevation (in feet); if a range, give low-high \_\_\_\_\_

General description of the site (habitat, location, prominent features, ownership, and any other helpful information):

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**IBA Criteria (check *all* that apply): PLEASE READ ACCOMPANYING DETAILED CRITERIA FOR SITE SELECTION BEFORE COMPLETING THIS SECTION**

Criterion NV-1(a): Regularly supports significant densities of one or more of the species listed as endangered or threatened in the state of Nevada. (Explain below).

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Criterion NV-1(b): Regularly supports significant densities of species identified as high conservation priorities in the Nevada Partners in Flight Bird Conservation Plan (1999). (Explain below).

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Criterion NV-2(a): Harbors an assemblage of species characteristic of a habitat type that is rare, threatened, or unusual within the state or region. (Explain below).

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Criterion NV-2(b): Harbors an assemblage of species characteristic of a habitat type that is an exceptional representative of a natural or near-natural habitat within the state or region. (Explain below).

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Criterion NV-3(a): Sites with significant numbers of waterfowl. (Explain below).

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Criterion NV-3(b): Sites with significant numbers of gulls or terns. (Explain below).

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Criterion NV-3(c): Sites with significant numbers of shorebirds. (Explain below).

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Criterion NV-3(d): Sites with significant numbers of raptors. (Explain below).

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Criterion NV-3(e): Sites with significant numbers of wading birds. (Explain below).

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Criterion NV-3(f): Sites with significant numbers of migratory land birds. (Explain below).

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Criterion NV-3(g): Sites with significant numbers of single species concentrations. (Explain below).

**Supplementary criteria:**

Criterion NV-4: Sites supporting long-term avian research efforts. (Explain below).



**HABITAT AND LAND USE**

**Major Habitat Types:** Please estimate the % of the total area that is made up of the following habitat types:

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Salt Desert Scrub | <input type="checkbox"/> Montane Riparian   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sagebrush         | <input type="checkbox"/> Montane Parkland   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pinyon-Juniper    | <input type="checkbox"/> Wetlands and Lakes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mojave Shrub      | <input type="checkbox"/> Coniferous Forest  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mesquite/Catclaw  | <input type="checkbox"/> Cliffs and Talus   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lowland Riparian  | <input type="checkbox"/> Aspen              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Montane Shrub     | <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Lands |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mountain Mahogany | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)    |

**Major Land Uses:** Please estimate the % of time that the proposed site is used for the following purposes:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Nature and Wildlife Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Utility/Right-of-way |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting/Fishing                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Suburban/Residential |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Recreation or Tourism      | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban/Commercial     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture/Livestock            | <input type="checkbox"/> Research             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Undeveloped          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Supply                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Other(specify)       |

**Land Ownership/Management** (Check all that apply):  State     Federal     Municipal     Private  
 Tribal

**CONSERVATION AND OTHER RESOURCES**

**Primary Conservation Issues:** Please note threats to the site as Serious (S), Minor (M), or Potential (P).

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Invasive or Non-native Plants | <input type="checkbox"/> Development                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Introduced Animals            | <input type="checkbox"/> Disturbance to Birds or Habitat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cowbird Parasitism            | <input type="checkbox"/> Hydrologic Changes              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Predators                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Off Road Vehicle Use            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pollution                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe)                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Habitat Conversion            |  |

**Describe primary conservation issues, their seriousness, and any steps being taken to address them:**

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**Is habitat restoration or enhancement of this site needed?** Yes or No.

**If the site does need restoration or enhancement, what actions need to be taken (e.g., fencing, planting, stream bank stabilization, erosion checks, exotic species management, etc.)?**

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**Local groups with an interest in this site:**

Name/Group \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name/Group \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Land Owner/Manager Contacts: Please provide the name, address, and phone numbers of the landowner or land manager(s) for the site, and indicate whether they have been contacted and/or given permission for the site to be nominated.**

Name/Group \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Contacted? Permission? \_\_\_\_\_

Name/Group \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Contacted? Permission? \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **Fax** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_ **email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Audubon Chapter or Other Affiliation** \_\_\_\_\_

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION IS REQUIRED (TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS, PHOTOS, FIELD NOTES, CHECKLISTS, ETC.) ATTACH SUPPORTING MATERIALS AND RETURN TO NEVADA IMPORTANT BIRD AREAS PROGRAM: P.O. BOX 5046 SPARKS, NV 89432. ON BEHALF OF THE BIRDS, THANK YOU!

## Tips for Completing the NV IBA Nomination Form

**READ AND MAKE SURE YOU UNDERSTAND THE GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA.** Please submit one form for each site that you think matches one or more of the criteria.

**OBTAIN A MAP OF THE AREA WHERE YOUR SITE IS LOCATED.** Send the map indicating your site (including approximate boundaries) along with the rest of the nomination materials. Keep a copy of the map for your records. A USGS Topographic map (7.5' series, 1:24 000 scale) is preferred. These can be ordered by calling 1-800-USA-MAPS or on the web at [www.usgs.gov](http://www.usgs.gov). They may also be available locally, depending on where you live.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

**Site Name:** Use the most common name by which the site is known. For larger sites, use the name of the largest single unit within the area, or most easily recognized name, such as a national forest, lake, or other geographic feature.

**Approx. size (in acres):** For many public sites (parks, refuges) this information is available from the land manager.

**Nearest town/County:** Write the name of the town nearest to the site, and county where the site is located.

**Latitude/Longitude or UTM:** Select the approximate center of the site and determine its lat/long or UTM location.

**Approximate elevation:** Estimated from topo maps and written in feet. If the site has a wide range of elevations (for example a steeply sloped area), give the approximate range of elevations at the site (example, "4,000-5,500 feet").

**Criteria: VERY IMPORTANT.** Check the box or boxes for the criteria that you think your site meets. In the space following each criterion, describe briefly why this site is important and for which species or groups of birds the site is important. Example: "This is an exceptional migratory corridor for raptors with an average of 6,000 birds of 8 species each fall."

**Your information:** We may need to contact you for additional information and with updates.

### ORNITHOLOGICAL IMPORTANCE

**Species (or Group) Name:** Write the full name of each species (e.g., Juniper Titmouse) or group (e.g., Herons) for which this site is important. The species or groups listed should correspond to the criteria checked. For example, if you checked Category 1(a) and indicated Bald Eagle, then you should list Bald Eagle in the table. If you checked 3(c) for shorebirds, try to give total numbers for individual species, if you know them.

**Season:** Indicate the season or seasons for which this site is important for this particular species. Feel free to use more than one line to indicate breeding season and migration totals (for example) if the species occurs on the site in more than one season.

**Avg. Numbers/Season:** Write in the best available estimate for the average number of individuals (or pairs) using the site during the season for which it is important. For example, for a raptor species under Criterion 3(d), you would write "2,750/season." For a species of waterfowl in winter, "8,000/day."

**Max. Numbers/Season:** Write in the best available estimate for the average number of individuals (or pairs) using the site during the season for which it is important, over a given period of time, in the format indicated above.

**Which Years?:** Write in the approximate years on which your numerical estimates are based (e.g., 1996-2000).

**Sources:** Indicate the code number that best describes where your data for this species come from. Specify any published or documented sources in the space below the table.

**HABITAT AND LAND-USE.** Fill in the information as indicated on the form. Include a description of the most significant conservation issues facing bird populations or the habitat at the site. Provide as much detailed information as you can. This information will be essential to help guide future conservation efforts for the site. Include a description of any conservation measures known for the site. Include information on whether the site is protected as a park or other type of conservation area, or has any other conservation designations (e.g., conservation easement, Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network, etc.). Include information on any conservation or management plans that exist for the site or that are currently being developed, as well as any noteworthy suggestions that have been made for conserving the site.

**IF YOU ARE HAVING DIFFICULTY, CONTACT THE IBA COORDINATOR.** The form should be as complete as possible, but does not have to be 100% complete to submit it. Do the best you can. We can help if you need more information.