

Audubon/WDFW Breeding Bird Survey rev. 3.05.2015		Date:
Site name:		Observer:
Others present:		Wind rating (circle one): 0 1 2

Traveling Count (walking in to point)			Distance to point:	Time Start:	Time End:
Species	Sex	Singing?	Tally	Notes	

Point Count (10 minutes at point)				Time Start:	Time End:
Species	Sex	Singing?	Tally	Notes	

Sagebrush Count	How many sagebrush plants can you see near the survey point?					
Enter the most appropriate value	0	1-10	11-20	21-30	31-40	>40

Traveling Count (walking back to parking area)				Time Start:	Time End:
Species	Sex	Singing?	Tally	Notes	

PROTOCOL SUMMARY (see full protocol document for more information)

When to survey:

- 15 April to 30 June
- Dawn to 0900 AM
- Not raining (drizzle OK)
- Not windy (light gusts OK)

How should you gauge the wind?

- 0 negligible wind
- 1 light wind (grass moving; smaller twigs on tops of sagebrush moving, but larger branches not moving)
- 2 moderate wind (larger sage branches moving in the wind).

Enter this value in eBird in the "Comments" field (e.g., "Wind = 1")

Traveling Counts

- Record the distance you will be walking from the parking spot to the survey point
- Record time when you begin walking to (or from) survey point (Time start)
- Note birds while walking from parking area to survey point and on return trip
- Note ONLY individuals you can positively identify to species
- If a singing male, enter yes for Singing?; Tally similar observations in column Tally
- Record time when you arrive at your destination (Time end)

Point Counts

- When you arrive at the point take 2-3 minutes to let things settle and get your bearings
- Record the time you begin looking and listening for birds (start of your 10-minute survey)
- Remain at the point and note ONLY individuals you can positively identify to species
- Do not use recorded vocalizations to illicit response or attract birds
- STOP recording birds at the 10-minute mark

Sagebrush Count (do not include rabbitbrush or other shrubs)

- Count the number of sagebrush plants within about 100 yards of the survey point.
- Include only bushes that are at least 0.5 meters in height (about knee-height)
- Enter this value in eBird in the "Comments" field (for example: "Shrubs = 1-10")

- Sagebrush leaf and branch.
- Note lobed ends of leaves
- In rocky soils sage leaves may be more dissected



- Rabbitbrush branch.
- Note the long, thin leaves.
- Flowers shown here may not be present

