

SITE QUESTIONNAIRE
International Shorebird Survey (ISS)
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Site Name _____ Your Name _____

This questionnaire is for sites or cooperators new to the ISS or for sites where major changes have occurred since your last report. Otherwise there is no need to return the form if you have filled it out before.

For new cooperators **or** sites. We can make better use of the shorebird counts you send us if we have additional information about the site. Please answer the following questions as best you can and return to Manomet with your census report.

Part I. SITE CHARACTERISTICS

1. Can you provide the geographic coordinates of the site? _____
(If not, please describe the location relative to large towns, mountains, lakes, etc.)

2. Is the site at an upland area (field, prairie, etc.)? Yes No. (If Yes, skip #3.)

3. Is the site tidal? non-tidal? **If tidal**, what is the approximate elevation between mean high and mean low tide _____ (feet? meters?)

4. Is the site basically natural? man-made? (i.e. sewage lagoon, lake from dammed river, etc.)

Are water levels managed? unmanaged? Don't know.

5. For shorebirds, is the site a feeding area? a resting area? both?

6. Is the land where you census private? "public"? (see below) both? (If the land is not owned by individual(s), please identify the owner/manager [e.g. National Wildlife Refuge, National Park, National Audubon Reserve, state wildlife areas].) _____

7. If the land actively managed for wildlife? Yes No. Does wildlife benefit incidentally from other management? Yes No If so, please describe: _____

8. What is the approximate size of your area? (e.g. 1 x 1 mile, 25 acres, 200 hectares, etc.)

9. Shorebird Disturbance:
Are major causes of shorebird disturbance in your areas related mostly to natural factors?
human activities? (e.g. pets, vehicles, birdwatchers, joggers, etc.)

Would you say the shorebird resting places in your census are disturbed by humans more than 20 times a day?
5-10 times a day? 1-5 times a day? less than once per day? Don't know.

Could you rank (1,2,3, etc.) the major causes of human disturbance?
people on foot, vehicles, pets, boats? Other? What: _____

10. Have we missed an important characteristic of your site? (See later questions before answering.)

Part II. SHOREBIRD HABITATS

A. In row A, please rank (1, 2, 3, etc.) by size the habitats available to shorebirds at your census area. (Please note that this is not asking which of these habitats the shorebirds used.)

B. Then in row B, please rank the habitats which shorebirds do use in your area.

	Sandy beach	Rocky Beach	Muddy beach	Sandy flats	Muddy Flats	Mixed sand/mud flats	Rocky ledge, point	Marsh	Dry field	Wet field (Natural)	Flooded field (by man)	Floating, live vegetation mats	Dead Vegetation (eg. peat banks)	Other (what?)	Other	Other	Other	Other	Other
A																			
B																			

If you feel you cannot provide useful ranking of these categories, simply mark the appropriate boxes with an "X."

Part III. Answer only for **coastal or tidal sites**.

Please rank (1, 2, 3, etc.) the major shorebird habitats of your census area.

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|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| bay or estuary | tidal river |
| tidal backwater of lagoon | mangrove |
| saline or brackish, coastal pond | ocean-front beach |
| salt marsh | other, what? _____ |

Part IV. Answer only for **non-coastal sites**. Please rank (1, 2, 3, etc.) the major shorebird habitats of your census area.

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|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| permanent lake or pond (fresh) | fresh water river |
| temporary (seasonal) lake or pond | agricultural field |
| natural? | pasture? |
| predominantly man-made? | tilled? |
| sewage treatment area | inland salt lake |
| fresh water marsh | other, what? _____ |

Please remember to review question #10 in Part I.

Thanks for taking the time to answer these questions. If you wish to include additional information, please do so on the other side or on a separate page.