

Please provide a map of your site

## COMMON BIRD MONITORING FIELD RECORDING SHEET

Transact Line (\_\_\_) (\_\_\_\_\_)

State: - \_\_\_\_\_, District: - \_\_\_\_\_, Tehsil: - \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF COMPILERS/EMAIL ID/ ADDRESS					NUMBER OF OBSERVERS	
NAME OF TRANSECT LINE AND DISTANCE			GIS Grid Number (km)		Distance	
HABITAT			PROTECTION STATUS			
NEAREST LARGE TOWN/ CITY		DISTRICT		STATE		
GEO. COORDINATES	N-		E-		Elevation-	
WEATHER (1 or 2 or 3)	Cloud	Rain	Wind	Visibility		
DATE OF VISIT	START TIME		AM	END TIME	AM	

### Weather

Please do not attempt to carry out surveys in conditions of heavy rain, poor visibility or strong wind. Please record the weather conditions in the boxes provided in the form, describing cloud cover, rain, wind speed, and visibility. Choose one number 1(-)3 from each of the four headings below and enter these in the boxes. If the weather conditions change during your survey visit, please select a single weather category that best represents the overall conditions.

Cloud cover	Rain	Wind	Visibility
0 – 1/3 <sup>rd</sup> = 1	None = 1	Calm = 1	Good = 1
1/3 – 2/3 <sup>rd</sup> s = 2	Light = 2	Light = 2	Moderate = 2
2/3 <sup>rd</sup> s – total = 3	Heavy = 3	Strong = 3	Poor = 3

### Tips to volunteers

- \* The transect is divided into **200 m** sections for convenience; please do not worry about birds at the boundary of two sections: record them in the one that seems more appropriate, **but not in both**. Try not to record the same individual bird twice, e.g. a bird that can be heard singing from several 200 m sections should be recorded once, where it was first detected.
- \* Counts should ideally start around 7am, and no later than 9am.
- \* Do not record birds you see or hear before or after your transect line (i.e. behind your first 200 m section or in front of your last 200 m section).
- \* Record all birds to the sides of your transect line.
- \* Record all birds that you can see or hear on both side of transect line, even if they are at a distance.
- \* Record the name of bird species on the Field Recording Sheet in the order in which you observe them.
- \* Ensure that only the number of birds recorded is written in each box on the count summary forms. Additional information such as ‘+’ or ‘many’ complicates the study and should be avoided.

Please use this space to record any other additional information about your site or transect, like threats, etc.

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