

Area Search Cheat Sheet

Helpful hints to remember about conducting a census.

1. Area search censuses last 20 min!
2. Counts should be finished within 3 hours of sunrise. The earlier the better!
3. Each individual bird detected should be recorded with one and only one letter.
4. If you are doing only 3 visits to your plot, try to have one in May, one in June, and one in July, with equal spacing. If you are conducting more than three visits, space visits at least 2 weeks apart.
5. Things to bring:
 - Extra pen
 - Binoculars
 - Clip board
 - Hat
 - Sunscreen
 - Water
 - Field notebook