

CONNECTICUT BIRD ATLAS – ROOST SURVEY FORM

Use this form to report species detected during surveys of roost sites. Use a separate form for each visit.

Observer: _____ **Email:** _____ **Phone:** _____

Address: _____

Site name: _____ **Coordinates*:** _____

Date: _____ **Start time:** _____ **End time:** _____

Description of roost site (e.g., vegetation): _____

*Instructions for getting latitude and longitude (decimal degrees) are on the atlas web site.

Roost survey protocol (see web site for details):

- Pick a location where birds gather to roost at night or during high tides. Species that commonly form roosts include geese, ducks, shorebirds, gulls, vultures, crows, robins, starlings, and blackbirds.
- Record the latitude and longitude of the roost site. Briefly describe the site, including vegetation type (e.g., woodlot, conifer stand, cattail marsh, Phragmites, beach, building roof, etc.).
- Time your visit to maximize the number of birds seen (e.g. before first birds arrive, at peak high tide, etc.).
- Visit as frequently as you are able and count all individuals of the roosting species.
- If birds arrive in big flocks, estimate the numbers in each flock and then add up the totals. With larger flocks count by 10s (or 50s or 100s, etc. depending on flock size) to estimate the number.
- Record any raptors seen, and any other especially notable species.
- **IMPORTANT:** Report all of the time spent on the project and your mileage on the [Volunteer Form](#).

Species entering roost (use blank space to tally as birds come in)	Count
<i>Example: European starling 10, 75, 240, 315, 85, 33, 48, 180, 22, 16</i>	1024

Raptors and other notable species	Count

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