



Dear Landowner,

I am a volunteer working on the Maine Bird Atlas project, a 5-year citizen science project using hundreds of volunteers to document the numbers and distribution of breeding and wintering birds throughout Maine. I am writing to ask permission to access your land for the purposes of this project. I am hoping to make several visits this winter to simply observe and count birds. The results of this project will be vital to understanding the status of birds in Maine.

Your property is included in a 9-square-mile survey block that I am surveying. Your property may contain unique habitats, and birds, not found elsewhere in the block and I would like to take a closer look. The only activity on your land will be to watch and count birds. I assume full responsibility for my own welfare and will be careful not to disturb you or your property. I am willing to discuss any rules or stipulations you may have, and I am happy to provide you with a list of birds observed during my visits. In addition, I would be grateful to receive any information that you may already have about birds on your property.

Would you grant me permission to survey birds on your land as per the following:

Specific areas to survey:

Time of survey (how often, time of day):

Thank you for considering my request. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have as well. I look forward to hearing back from you within the week.

Please visit the Maine Bird Atlas webpage at www.maine.gov/birdatlas to learn more about the project and even sign up to be a volunteer yourself.

Sincerely,

Surveyor:

Telephone:

Email: