

**Audubon Arkansas IBA Nomination Form****RETURN TO:**Audubon Arkansas  
Important Bird Areas Program  
4500 Springer Blvd.  
Little Rock, AR 72206

SITE NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your interest and participation in the Important Bird Areas Program. Please read the INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF IBA NOMINATION FORM before filling out this form. You don't need to have all the information requested, just fill out as much of the form as you can. IBA Criteria and Species Population Data are the most important. Please type or neatly print your entries. Feel free to attach additional sheets to provide more information for any section. If you need help filling out the form contact Dan Scheiman, Bird Conservation Director, at 501-244-2229, dscheiman@audubon.org.

**I. Nominator Information**

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization/Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization/Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**II. Site Details**

Site Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nearest  
Town(s): \_\_\_\_\_ County/Counties : \_\_\_\_\_

Area (hectares): \_\_\_\_\_ Area Accuracy: \_\_\_\_\_

Site Name \_\_\_\_\_

( Choose: good, medium, poor, unknown)

Elevation (meters) min: \_\_\_\_\_ max: \_\_\_\_\_ avg: \_\_\_\_\_

Central Coordinates – Latitude: \_\_\_\_\_ ° \_\_\_\_\_ ' \_\_\_\_\_ " N      Central Coordinates – Longitude: \_\_\_\_\_ ° \_\_\_\_\_ ' \_\_\_\_\_ " W

Ownership/Management: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Choose all that apply: federal, state, county, private, corporate, non-profit, communal, other-specify)

1. Owner Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Aware of IBA program? \_\_ Yes \_\_ No  
Organization/Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

2. Owner Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Aware of IBA program? \_\_ Yes \_\_ No  
Organization/Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Site Description: General description of the site, e.g. location, habitat, prominent features, protected areas within/adjacent to the site, other helpful information.

**III. IBA Criteria**

Check all that apply. You must explain how this site meets each selected criteria. To make more space you may delete criteria that do not apply.

  1: (D1) Regularly supports significant populations of one or more of the bird species considered by Audubon as vulnerable in Arkansas (Arkansas Birds of Conservation Interest) – see Table 1.

  2: (D3) Site contains an assemblage of species characteristic of a representative, rare, threatened, or unique habitat (Table 2)

  3: (D4i) Regularly supports more than 1% of a single species' state population during some portion of the year.

  4: (D4ii) Regularly supports 10,000 or more wintering waterfowl (excluding Snow Geese).

  5: (D4iii) Regularly supports 25 breeding pairs or more of wading birds.

  6: (D4iv) Regularly supports 2,000 or more wintering gulls.

  7: (D4v) Regularly supports 1,000 or more migrating shorebirds.

  8: (D4vi) 3,000 or more raptors pass site per seasonal migration, or 100 per day; or 3 raptors on winter territory per square mile.

\_\_ 9: (D4vi) Wintering roost site supports 50 or more eagles. Habitat supporting roost is natural, not man-made.

\_\_ 10: (D4vi) Supports 100 or more roosting vultures. Habitat supporting roost is natural, not man-made.

\_\_ 11: (D4vii) Supports 10 or more nests of Cliff Swallows or Bank Swallows. Nesting site is natural, not man-made.

\_\_ 12: (D4vii) Regularly supports more than 10,000 roosting Purple Martins in migration.

\_\_ 13: (D4vii) Regularly contains exceptional numbers or diversity of migratory landbirds other than raptors (concentrations refer to seasonal totals rather than those occurring over brief period of time).

\_\_ 14: (D5) Site supports long-term avian research or monitoring efforts.

\_\_ 15: Site provides important, bird-specific educational opportunities. Explain below.

\_\_ 16: (A1/B1) Regularly supports significant populations of one or more bird species considered by Audubon to be of global or national conservation concern (Audubon WatchList). – see Table 3.

**\* Why is this site important for Arkansas birds? Provide additional details.**



**IVB. Source Details**

Detail the sources of data noted in the “Species List and Population Data” (IVA) section above.

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**V. Habitat**

Define habitat composition of the site. Estimate the percent (%) of the total area that is made up of the following general habitat types (must not exceed 100%). You must provide more detail below.

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mudflat                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Oak Savanna                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Lake (oxbow, meander scar)        | <input type="checkbox"/> Oak Woodland                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Open Water (natural, artificial, specify) | <input type="checkbox"/> Pine Savanna                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sandbar                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Pine Woodland                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shrub-scrub                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Upland Pine Forest           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prairie                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Lowland Pine-Hardwood Forest |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Glade                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Upland Pine-Hardwood Forest  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Riverfront Forest (sycamore, etc.)        | <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture (specify)        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swamp (cypress/tupelo/mixed)              | <input type="checkbox"/> Other 1 (specify)            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canebrake                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Other 2 (specify)            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marsh / Emergent (non-forest) Wetland     | <input type="checkbox"/> Other 3 (specify)            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bottomland Hardwood Forest                |                                                       |

Habitat Description: Describe the habitat in as much detail as possible, including dominant plant species/communities, topography, soils, climate, hydrology, geology, etc.

**VI. Land Use**

Define how the land is used at the site. Estimate the percent (%) of the total usage that is characterized by each of the selected land uses (must not exceed 100%). You must provide more detail below.

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|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture/Livestock        | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban/Industry    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fisheries/Aquaculture        | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Management  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Other 1 (specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Military                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Other 2 (specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nature conservation/Research | <input type="checkbox"/> Other 3 (specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tourism/Recreation           |                                            |

Land Use Description: Describe the land use in as much detail as possible.

**VII. Threats and Conservation**

Define the threats to the site (habitat or birds). Indicate to what extent the threat affects the site, using a scale from 1 to 10, one being the least significant. If not applicable to site, leave blank.

Threat	Threat Level (1-10)
Agriculture (e.g. grazing, haying, conversion, pesticides, runoff)	
Aquaculture/Fisheries (e.g. persecution of waterbirds)	
Disease (of birds, of trees)	
Disturbance to birds (e.g. foot traffic, vehicles, boats)	
Drainage	
Dredging	
Industrialization/Urbanization (e.g. commercial development, roads)	
Habitat fragmentation	
Forest management (e.g. thinning, deforestation, selective logging)	
Non-native species	
Cowbird parasitism	
Predation (by native species)	
Natural events (e.g. fire, flood, drought, habitat succession)	
Off-road vehicles	
Unsustainable exploitation of birds (e.g. depredation permits, illegal killing)	
Water diversions (e.g. channelization, sedimentation)	
Other (specify)	
Other (specify)	
Other (specify)	

Threat Description: Describe the threats to the birds and habitats in as much detail as possible.

Describe any conservation measures taken, in progress, or proposed.



Describe other resource issues – social, economic, historic, etc.

Is habitat restoration or enhancement of this site needed?  Yes or  No

If the site needs restoration, what actions need to be taken (e.g., fencing, planting, stream bank stabilization, erosion checks, exotic species management, timber thinning, etc.)?

List local individuals and/or groups with an interest in this site. Provide names, addresses, phone numbers, and e-mails.

Supporting documentation is requested if available (topographic maps, photos, field notes, checklists, etc.) Attach supporting materials and return to Audubon Arkansas, Important Bird Areas Program, 1423B South Main St.; Little Rock, AR 72202; phone: (501) 244-2229; fax: (501) 244-2231; or email to Dr. Dan Scheiman, Bird Conservation Director, at [dscheiman@audubon.org](mailto:dscheiman@audubon.org).

**FOR STATE IBA COORDINATOR USE**

**Tracking Site Status:**

*Potential*  *Nominated*  *Identified*  *Recognized*  *Delisted*  *Pending*  *Rejected*

**Date Reviewed by Committee:**

**Date Approved by Committee:**

**Comments:**

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Table 1. Thresholds for triggering Criterion 1 for Arkansas Birds of Conservation Interest. These are guidelines for site review.

Common Name	Breeding Threshold Individuals	Nonbreeding Threshold Individuals	Qualifier
Trumpeter Swan		30	
Mottled Duck	2	4	
Hooded Merganser	2	10	breeding
Northern Bobwhite	40	60	
Pied-billed Grebe	2	60	breeding
Anhinga	10	15	
American Bittern		6	
Least Bittern	4	6	
Little Blue Heron	40	60	
Tricolored Heron	2	4	
Black-crowned Night-Heron	10	20	
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	10	20	
White Ibis	40	60	
Osprey	2	4	
Swallow-tailed Kite	2	2	
Mississippi Kite	10	15	natural areas
Northern Harrier	2	10	breeding
Yellow Rail		1	
King Rail	2	4	
Purple Gallinule	4	6	
Common Gallinule	40	60	
Piping Plover		2	
Buff-breasted Sandpiper		5	
American Woodcock	5	10	
“Interior” Least Tern	10	25	
Short-eared Owl		5	
Red-cockaded Woodpecker	4	6	
Ivory-billed Woodpecker	1	1	
Willow Flycatcher	2	4	
Loggerhead Shrike	5	15	
Bell’s Vireo	10	15	
Bank Swallow	10	50	
Bewick's Wren	2	2	
Sedge Wren	2	10	
Marsh Wren		10	
Sprague’s Pipit		2	
Black-throated Green Warbler	5	30	breeding

Common Name	Breeding Threshold Individuals	Nonbreeding Threshold Individuals	Qualifier
Cerulean Warbler	5	10	
Worm-eating Warbler	10	15	
Swainson's Warbler	3	6	
Bachman's Sparrow	3	6	
Rufous-crowned Sparrow	2	5	
Grasshopper Sparrow	5	10	
Henslow's Sparrow	3	5	
Smith's Longspur		15	
Rusty Blackbird		60	

Table 2. Bird species of conservation concern characteristic of important habitat types in Arkansas for Criterion 2.

Glade

Greater Roadrunner	Prairie Warbler	Henslow's Sparrow
Bewick's Wren	Rufous-crowned Sparrow	

Cypress-tupelo Swamp

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck	Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	Winter Wren
Wood Duck	White Ibis	Northern Parula
Anhinga	Wood Stork	Yellow-throated Warbler
Snowy Egret	Purple Gallinule	Prothonotary Warbler
Little Blue Heron	Common Gallinule	
Black-crowned Night-Heron	Ivory-billed Woodpecker	

Bottomland Hardwood Forest

Wood Duck	Barred Owl	Kentucky Warbler
Swallow-tailed Kite	Ivory-billed Woodpecker	Hooded Warbler
Mississippi Kite	Winter Wren	Swainson's Warbler
American Woodcock	Yellow-throated Warbler	Rusty Blackbird
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Prothonotary Warbler	

Prairie

Greater Prairie-Chicken	Eastern Kingbird	Lark Sparrow
Northern Harrier	Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	Grasshopper Sparrow
American Golden-Plover	Loggerhead Shrike	Henslow's Sparrow
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	Sedge Wren	Le Conte's Sparrow
Upland Sandpiper	Sprague's Pipit	Smith's Longspur
Barn Owl	Field Sparrow	Dickcissel
Short-eared Owl	Vesper Sparrow	Eastern Meadowlark

Pine Savanna/Woodland

Northern Bobwhite	Brown-headed Nuthatch	Prairie Warbler
Red-headed Woodpecker	Bachman's Sparrow	Yellow-breasted Chat
Red-cockaded Woodpecker	Pine Warbler	

Oak Savanna/Woodland

Wild Turkey	Red-eyed Vireo	Hooded Warbler
Northern Bobwhite	Bewick's Wren	Yellow-breasted Chat
Ruffed Grouse	Wood Thrush	Eastern Towhee
Greater Roadrunner	Black-throated Green Warbler	Bachman's Sparrow
Red-headed Woodpecker	Black-and-white Warbler	
Eastern Wood-Pewee	Kentucky Warbler	

Shrub-Scrub

Northern Bobwhite  
Willow Flycatcher  
White-eyed Vireo  
Bell's Vireo

Bewick's Wren  
Gray Catbird  
Blue-winged Warbler  
Prairie Warbler

Yellow-breasted Chat  
Painted Bunting  
Eastern Towhee

Canebrake

Swainson's Warbler  
Hooded Warbler

Marsh / Emergent Wetland

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck  
Mottled Duck  
Pied-billed Grebe  
American Bittern  
Least Bittern  
Snowy Egret  
Little Blue Heron

Tricolored Heron  
Black-crowned Night-Heron  
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron  
White Ibis  
Wood Stork  
Yellow Rail  
Black Rail

King Rail  
Virginia Rail  
Sora  
Purple Gallinule  
Common Gallinule  
Black-necked Stilt

Sandbar/Mudflat

Black-bellied Plover  
Piping Plover  
Black-necked Stilt  
American Avocet  
Spotted Sandpiper  
Solitary Sandpiper  
Greater Yellowlegs

Lesser Yellowlegs  
Sanderling  
Semipalmated Sandpiper  
Western Sandpiper  
Least Sandpiper  
White-rumped Sandpiper  
Pectoral Sandpiper

Dunlin  
Stilt Sandpiper  
Wilson's Snipe  
Wilson's Phalarope  
Least Tern

Natural Lake (oxbow, meander scar)

Trumpeter Swan  
Wood Duck  
American Black Duck  
Mottled Duck  
Northern Pintail  
Hooded Merganser

Pied-billed Grebe  
Anhinga  
Snowy Egret  
Little Blue Heron  
Tricolored Heron  
Black-crowned Night-Heron

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron  
White Ibis  
Wood Stork  
Osprey  
Bald Eagle  
American Coot

Table 3. WatchList species.

Species	WatchList Status	Breeding Threshold Individuals	Nonbreeding Threshold
American Golden-Plover	Yellow		480
Sanderling	Yellow		120
Semipalmated Sandpiper	Yellow		480
Western Sandpiper	Yellow		480
White-rumped Sandpiper	Yellow		480
Stilt Sandpiper	Yellow		480
Red-headed Woodpecker	Yellow	90	90
Olive-sided Flycatcher	Yellow		90
Wood Thrush	Yellow	480	480
Blue-winged Warbler	Yellow	240	240
Prairie Warbler	Yellow	360	360
Prothonotary Warbler	Yellow	360	360
Kentucky Warbler	Yellow	360	360
Le Conte's Sparrow	Yellow	360	360
Painted Bunting	Yellow	90	90