



Dear Landowner,

I am volunteering for the Maryland & DC Breeding Bird Atlas, a project documenting the distribution and abundance of the birds that breed in Maryland and DC. I am requesting permission to access your land and document the birds I find there. I hope to make several trips, primarily in spring and summer.

The first Maryland & DC Atlas was in 1983-1987, headed by the non-profit Maryland Ornithological Society as one of North America's first efforts to map local breeding birds. Atlas data are collected by hundreds of volunteers across the region over a 5-year period. The current project will run from 2020-2024 and will build upon two previous atlases, allowing a long-term comparison of local bird population trends.

Should you grant me access to your land, I will assume full responsibility for my own welfare and will be respectful of you and your property. If you have any rules surrounding land access, I will follow them closely and, if you would like, I will happily provide you with a list of the birds I find. Conversely, if you know of any unusual birds on your land, such as Barn Owls, I would love to hear about them.

You can learn more about the Atlas online at www.ebird.org/atlasmddc/about. You can also contact the Atlas Coordinator, Gabriel Foley, at gabriel.j.foley@gmail.com. If you are interested in allowing me permission to access your land or if you have any questions for me, please feel free to get in touch with me using the information provided below. Thank you for your consideration, and enjoy the birds!

Respectfully,

Name of Atlas Volunteer

Phone Number

Email