Maryland & DC Breeding Bird Atlas 3

List of Atlaser Resources

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Atlaser Handbook – this user manual is a must-read for every participant, even if you are an atlasing veteran.

Atlaser Field Handbook – print this shortened handbook and take it with you into the field as a handy reference guide.

Breeding Timeline – this chart shows when birds are nesting in Maryland and DC and when they are migrating or dispersing.

Strategy Maps – for each block, these pdfs highlight the block's completion status, where and when folks have atlased the block, and what species were found in a past atlas that haven't been coded yet in BBA3.

Safe Dates – use these dates as a guide for when it is acceptable to use Possible codes.

Field Data Form – if you would rather not use the eBird app, you can use this form to collect data in the field and transcribe it later into the eBird website.

Block Tool – a GIS tool to see which blocks have been adopted and to access block maps and species lists.

County Block Maps – these are county-level block maps.

Block Maps – download individual block maps here (or use the block tool to find them).

Block Grid Files (shp, kmz, gpx) – you can find files here for the region's block grid; the shp files are for GIS, the kmz for Google Earth, and the gpx for GPS devices.

Block Species Lists – these are lists of the species and breeding statuses found in each block for the first and second atlases. Use these to guide what species you look for in a block.

BBA2 distribution maps – these are the breeding distribution maps for every species documented in the second Maryland & DC Breeding Bird Atlas.

BBA1 distribution maps – these are the breeding distribution maps for every species documented in the first Maryland & DC Breeding Bird Atlas.

Block Summary Form – you may find this editable Word document useful to print out and keep track of which species and breeding codes have been found in your block (but this should not be used for data collection).

Atlasing Tips – Maryland and DC are home to some exceptionally skilled atlasers; the collection of atlasing tips these veterans put together is something every atlaser should read.

Vehicle Placard – this sign can be placed on your vehicle to let others know that you are collecting data for the Atlas.

MD Merlin Guide – this guide shows you how to find the landowner for a parcel of land.

Access Permission Letter – this letter can be given to a landowner to request access to their property.

Access Thank you Letter – this thank-you letter can be given to a landowner after you have received permission to access their property.

Atlaser Information Cards – you can carry these with you to give to interested folks who want to find out more about the project.

Volunteer Time Card – use this to keep track of the time you spend doing Atlas-related activities that is not captured by eBird, then submit these quarterly to DNR to help the Atlas receive more funding (more details can be found in the Handbook).

Safe Nest Observation – review this document to learn how to interact safely with nests.

FAQs – review the answers to these frequently asked questions.

Social media – follow the Facebook page for updates, post questions or observations to the Facebook discussion group, and follow along on Twitter and Instagram. Our handle across all platforms is @mddcbba3, and the project hashtag is #mddcbba3.

Newsletter – keep up to date with the project's progress with our newsletter, *What's Hatching*.

County Coordinators – send your County Coordinators an email when you have an exceptional observation they should know about, when you want to sign up for a block, or when you have a question not answered by the Handbook.