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Dear Landowner,

I am a volunteer working on the NC Bird Atlas project, a 5-year citizen science project involving hundreds of volunteers to document the numbers and distribution of birds throughout North Carolina. I am currently conducting a bird survey in your area and I am requesting permission to access your land for the purpose of this project.

I hope to make several visits this spring, summer and winter to record the number of bird species present, and quietly document evidence that they are also breeding. I am especially interested in your property because you may have habitats that do not exist or are not accessible elsewhere in my assigned atlas area.

Through our NC Bird Atlas, we will gather essential information about the current and future distribution and abundance of North Carolina's birds in an effort to prevent listing species as endangered or even becoming extinct. To ensure an accurate representation of all bird species, we have selected areas, called priority blocks, where volunteers will concentrate their efforts across the state. Each block is approximately 10 square miles and the goal is to accurately log all species that occur on that area of land. Your property is included in my priority block, and if I am permitted access to your property, the only activity on your land will be to watch birds and determine which bird species are breeding in this area.

While on your property, I will assume full responsibility for my own welfare and I will be careful not to disturb you or your property. I am willing to discuss and observe any rules or stipulations you may have. I can also provide you with a list of the birds observed during my visit(s). In addition, I would be grateful for any information that you may already have about nesting birds on your property.

Please visit the atlas website at [ncbirdatlas.org](http://ncbirdatlas.org) to learn more about the project, sign up for our newsletter or even to become a bird atlas volunteer.

Thank you for considering my request. I look forward to hearing back from you. Please contact me, or the NC Bird Atlas Project Coordinator ([coordinator@ncbirdatlas.org](mailto:coordinator@ncbirdatlas.org)) with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Name of Atlas Volunteer	Phone Number	Email



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