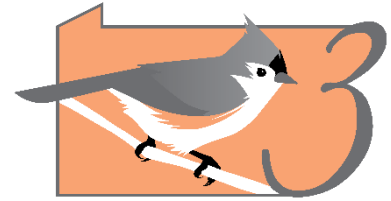Dear Landowner,

I am a volunteer for the Pennsylvania Bird Atlas (PBA3), a community science project running from 2024 to 2029 to document the birds of Pennsylvania. I am requesting permission to access your land to record the birds I find there and to provide data to the PBA3.

This is Pennsylvania's third atlas, following atlases in the 1980s and early 2000s. The PBA3 will update the previous atlases by documenting changes in populations and ranges of the birds of PA, thereby providing land managers and researchers with valuable information to support bird conservation.

Public lands including parks, forests, and game lands are important habitats for birds. However, about 84% of land in PA is privately owned – these forests, farmlands, meadows, and yards are essential habitats and are often under-surveyed for birds and other wildlife. The success of the PBA3 is only possible through the work of hundreds of volunteer birdwatchers contributing bird observations from both public and private lands across the state.

If you grant permission to access your land, I will:
- Be respectful of you, your property, and the wildlife found there.
- Assume full responsibility for my own safety and welfare.
- Follow any provided rules concerning land access.
- At your request, provide you with a list of the birds I document on your land.

You can find more information about the PBA3 on the project website: http://ebird.org/astlaspa or you can contact the PBA3 Project Coordinator, Amber Wiewel, at pabirdatlas@hawkmountain.org. Access the following websites for information about the sponsors of the PBA3: Pennsylvania Game Commission (www.pgc.pa.gov/Wildlife/Birding/Pages/PA-Bird-Atlas.aspx) and Hawk Mountain Sanctuary (https://www.hawkmountain.org/conservation-science/third-pa-bird-atlas).

Thank you for your support of the Pennsylvania Bird Atlas and bird conservation in Pennsylvania!

Respectfully,

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PBA3 Volunteer

Contact information:

Property or area requesting permission to access: