

Eastern Whip-poor-will Field Reporting Form

The Eastern Whip-poor-will is a cryptic bird in the Caprimulgidae (Nightjar) family. This nocturnal bird is able to camouflage well as it roosts on branches within forests during the day. On clear moonlit nights during the summer they can often be heard repeating their own name over and over. If you can hear the "Whip-poor-will" call from your property, we want to know about it!

Whip-poor-wills, like many other aerial insectivore species, have experienced steep population declines in North America over the past few decades. An estimated 75% of Eastern Whip-poor-wills have been lost in Ontario since 1980. To reverse the trend of population decline, researchers and conservation groups need more information about where these animals are and types of habitat that they use. You can help us by providing some simple information. Please contact us at CitizenScienceTLB@gmail.com or call the TLB Office (705-457-1222) if you have any questions about this project.

Surveyor Name	
Observation Date and Time	
Observation location* (Be as precise as possible. You may provide an address, nearest intersection, or coordinates) <i>*This information will be kept private, and will not be shared with any third parties</i>	
Describe the calls you heard. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approximate consistency and time period (e.g. <i>Calling off and on for two hours</i>) - Number of individuals 	
Distance and direction of calls (An estimate is fine. E.g.: <i>200 m to the North</i>)	
Photo(s) of habitat taken? Photo number(s) Providing photos of the area is optional, but encouraged. Photos help us interpret habitat type to ground truth the data reported. *We will also accept audio recordings.	Yes No Number(s):

<p>To the best of your knowledge, what type of habitat are the birds in?</p> <p>Circle all that apply, and write any additional details or explanation you can. This could include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Known tree or shrub species - Density of trees (sparse, dense, patchy) - Description of forest canopy coverage or understory - For wetlands: what is the dominant vegetation or feature? (open water/ sphagnum moss/ low shrubs/ tall shrubs/ dead trees/ live trees). 	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%; text-align: center;">Lake/ Pond</td> <td style="width: 33%; text-align: center;">River</td> <td style="width: 33%; text-align: center;">Wetland</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Forest:hardwood</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">Forest:conifer</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Forest:mixed</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">Forest:edge</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Field/Meadow</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">Farm/Pasture</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Alvar/Rock barrens</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">Roadside/Ditch</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Urban Trail/Park</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">Yard/Garden</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3" style="text-align: center;">Further details?</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3" style="border-top: 1px solid black;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3" style="border-top: 1px solid black;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3" style="border-top: 1px solid black;"></td> </tr> </table>	Lake/ Pond	River	Wetland	Forest:hardwood		Forest:conifer	Forest:mixed		Forest:edge	Field/Meadow		Farm/Pasture	Alvar/Rock barrens		Roadside/Ditch	Urban Trail/Park		Yard/Garden	Further details?											
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<p>If you saw any Whip-poor-wills (in addition to hearing them) please provide details.</p>																															
<p>Did you hear any other wildlife that you can identify?</p> <p>Provide as much detail as you can. (E.g. Barred owl, coyotes, bullfrogs)</p>																															
<p>Any Notes or Additional Comments?</p>																															

If you have completed a hard copy of this form, you can submit it to us in a few different ways:

- a. Submit the form in hard copy to our office at 6712 Gelert Rd (the portable outside the Haliburton fish hatchery).
- b. Scan/ photograph the completed sheets and email them to CitizenScienceTLB@gmail.com or,
- c. You can send them by mail to: The Land Between Charity, Box 1368
Haliburton, ON, K0M 1S0

Thank you so much for participating in this Citizen Science project. You are contributing to the conservation efforts for the Eastern Whip-poor-will, which helps to ensure the ongoing health of ecosystems in our region.

Cheers,

Emma Halupka *(on behalf of The Land Between Charity)*