

Audubon Bird-friendly Forest Management Plan Cover Sheet

Please complete this cover sheet for each forest management plan that you submit to Audubon staff for review. This sheet will be particularly helpful when submitting plans that do not explicitly address birds or habitat, but that will still result in habitat improvement when implemented. However, we also hope it will be useful for articulating and identifying habitat strategies within even the most bird-focused plans! Not all stands in a management plan need to address birds and habitat, but the information you share below should capture the stand or stands that do.

Forester's Name: _____

Forester License - State and # (if applicable): _____

Property/Plan Title: _____

Town and State of Property: _____

Total Forested Acreage: _____

Landscape Assessment Information

Please let us know the basic information about the landscape (2,500 acres) surrounding the parcel you are managing. Remember that from a *habitat perspective*, young forest is generally <10-20 years old (depending on site conditions; pre-stem exclusion stage), with ideal patch sizes of ≥ 1 ac; and mature forest (including both intermediate and mature age classes) is >10-20 years old.

% forested: _____

% mature forest (of total forest): _____

% young forest (of total forest): _____

Did the landscape assessment inform your prescription(s)? Y / N

Please explain how the landscape assessment did or did not inform your prescription(s):

Stand-Level Information

Please use the checkboxes to confirm that your plan addresses each of the habitat characteristics and conditions listed below. For any that are not explicitly described in the plan itself, you can include brief explanations of how your plan addresses them on a separate page attached to this cover sheet. Depending on the structure and format of your plan, you may approach these habitat conditions quantitatively and/or qualitatively. However, we ask that for the elements labeled with an asterisk (*), you include quantifiable benchmarks in your prescriptions, that will be used during marking to ensure that these habitat elements are addressed during harvest.

- Vertical structural diversity – assessment of overstory, midstory, and understory complexity
- Native species diversity (at all canopy layers)
- Invasive species: presence, severity, impacts, and management options
- Quality of regeneration and challenges to successful regeneration (including deer browse)
- * Abundance of snags and cavity trees per acre, including those >12” and >18” DBH
- * Abundance of large diameter trees (hardwoods >24” and softwoods >20” DBH) per acre
- Abundance of coarse (>4” diameter and >3’ long) and fine downed woody material
- Presence of softwood inclusions within predominantly hardwood stands
- Quality/depth of leaf litter
- Presence of soft and hard mast producing species
- Presence of unique habitat features (streams, forested wetlands, etc.)

Please use this space to share any additional information about how your plan improves habitat for forest birds (optional):

Thank you for helping create better bird habitat!