



## Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District Natural Resources Department

### Bird Survey Procedure

#### Things to bring:

- Clipboard
- Data sheets
- Pencil or pen
- Field guide
- Binoculars
- Map of park (optional)

#### Location and Timing of Counts:

- Surveys can be conducted within any THPRD park, greenway/natural area, wetland or forest.
- Surveys can be completed in all weather conditions and at any time between dawn and dusk.
- Conduct counts as often as you like at each location.

#### Site Visitation Procedure:

- Record the park name, # of surveyors and start time before starting the survey.
- Walk as quietly as possible to avoid disturbing birds.
- Record the number of each species seen or heard while surveying.
- Feel free to note age/gender and breeding behaviors in the optional notes section.
- Be careful of double counts! Once you have detected an individual bird once and recorded it, do not note it again.
- When finished, record the duration of the survey and distance traveled while observing birds.

#### Data Entry into eBird:

- Go to [eBird.org](http://eBird.org) and click on 'Submit Observations'. Select "Traveling Count" for your protocol.
- Follow the prompts to submit your data. If you don't have an eBird account already, you will need to create one.
- Use the "Find it on a map" feature to answer "Where did you bird?" Select a larger "Birding Hotspot" marker from the map if it exists. If a hotspot does not exist, create a new site name for the site using the park name.
- Enter the number of each species seen and use the 'Add Details' option for each species to note any observed behaviors, age or gender.
- If prompted, you must add identifying or counting details for a particular species!
- Submit your eBird list and recycle your paper datasheet.

**For questions or concerns, contact Melissa Marcum at [mmarcum@thprd.org](mailto:mmarcum@thprd.org) or 503/629-6305, ext. 2720.**

