



SOUTH DAKOTA BREEDING BIRD ATLAS 2

Dear Landowner,

I am a volunteer working on the South Dakota Breeding Bird Atlas. I am writing to ask your permission to enter your property as part of my work. My only activity on your land will be to watch birds and determine which bird species breed in this area. This information will be used as part of an important statewide survey of breeding birds during 2008 - 2012. Over this five-year period, hundreds of volunteers will be surveying more than 400 blocks of land throughout the state to document the distribution and status of all breeding birds. The end results will be state distribution maps of all bird species as well as a comparison to the results of the first Breeding Bird Atlas, conducted in 1988 - 1992.

I am requesting permission to watch birds on your property because your land falls within my assigned 3-mile by 3-mile survey block. If permitted to watch birds on your property, I will assume full responsibility for my own welfare, and I will be careful to not disturb you or your property. I will not leave any evidence of my visit and I would be happy to provide you with a list of the birds I observed during my visit(s). Also, I want to assure you that data are recorded by block number and county and there is no way that your individual piece of property will be identified in the Atlas database or on any map.

In addition, I would be grateful to receive any information that you may have about nesting birds on your property during the Atlas project. You may also be interested in becoming an Atlas volunteer yourself. You can learn more about the Atlas project by visiting our website (www.rmbo.org/SDBBA2) or by contacting the Atlas coordinator at the address listed below.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me:

Surveyor Name:

Telephone:

Email:

Or you may contact the coordinator for the South Dakota Breeding Bird Atlas:

Nancy Drilling
Telephone: 970-222-5884
Email: SDatlascoordinator@rmbo.org

Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely,