

**MOUNTAIN BIRDWATCH – ALL SPECIES
DATA CODING SHEET**

Observer(s)		Route name		Date
Start time	End time	Temperature	Sky code (0-6)	Wind code (0-5)
Did you hear a BITH? <input type="checkbox"/> night before <input type="checkbox"/> before or during point count <input type="checkbox"/> playback <input type="checkbox"/> follow-up				

Sky codes: 0 = clear or a few clouds 1 = partly cloudy/variable 2 = cloudy/overcast 3 = fog 4 = drizzle 5 = showers 6 = rain

Wind codes: 0 = calm 1 = 1-3 mph 2 = 4-7 mph 3 = 8-12 mph 4 = 13-18 mph 5 = 19-25 mph

Bird codes: BITH=Bicknell's, SWTH=Swainson's, BLPW=Blackpoll, WTSP=White-throated Sparrow, WIWR=Winter Wren

Start Time	Point #	Species	Time Period	Less Than 50m	More Than 50m
		1.			
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		28.			

Start Time	Point #	Species	Time Period	Less Than 50m	More Than 50m
		29.			
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		56.			

Place the appropriate code from the list below in the appropriate distance column in the table above

Singing male = **S** Calling = **C** Drumming = **D** Individual seen = **I** Family group = **F** Active nest = **N**

Time Period – Place a **“A”** in the column if bird was detected during first **3 minutes**
 Place a **“B”** in the column if bird was detected during **minutes 4 or 5** (a **“+”** on the field card)
 Place a **“C”** in the column if bird was detected during the **last 5 minutes** (a **“•”** on the field card)

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		57.			
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		87.			
		88.			

Start Time	Point #	Species	Time Period	Less Than 50m	More Than 50m
		89.			
		90.			
		91.			
		92.			
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		119.			
		120.			

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Mail data sheets to Julie Hart; Vermont Center for Ecostudies, PO Box 420, Norwich, VT 05055.

Mountain Birdwatch Playback Data Sheet

Conduct playbacks and complete this form only if no Bicknell's Thrushes have been detected on the survey route before, during or between point counts. Broadcast the one-minute recording of songs and calls at high volume and listen silently for two minutes. Repeat this at each station in the reverse order of the original survey (points 5 to 1) until you hear or see a Bicknell's Thrush or until playbacks have been conducted at all listening stations. On the black-and-white route map, plot the position of any responding BITH.

Name: _____

Route: _____

Date: _____

Point 5

Playback time: __:__

Comments:

Response: song call visual none

Number of BITH responding: _____

Point 4

Playback time: __:__

Comments:

Response: song call visual none

Number of BITH responding: _____

Point 3

Playback time: __:__

Comments:

Response: song call visual none

Number of BITH responding: _____

Point 2

Playback time: __:__

Comments:

Response: song call visual none

Number of BITH responding: _____

Point 1

Playback time: __:__

Comments:

Response: song call visual none

Number of BITH responding: _____

If you complete playbacks without detecting Bicknell's Thrush, please return to your route before July 15 to help verify your results with a follow-up playback survey. Follow-up playbacks can be conducted at dusk or dawn. Refer to the manual or the follow-up playback data sheet for more details. Please notify the Mountain Birdwatch Coordinator as soon as possible if you are unable to return to the site. Thank you for the extra effort!

Mountain Birdwatch Follow-up Playback Data Sheet

If you complete playbacks without detecting Bicknell's Thrush, please return to the survey route before July 15 to help verify your results. Along the route, broadcast one-minute playbacks at 100-m intervals between 4 and 5 a.m. or between 8:00 and 9:00 p.m. Listen for 2 minutes after each broadcast and record your observations below. On the black-and-white route map, plot playback locations and the position of any responding BITH.

Name: _____ Sky: ____

Route: _____ Wind: ____

Date: _____ Temp: ____

sky codes: 0 = clear or a few clouds 1 = partly cloudy/variable 2 = cloudy/overcast 3 = fog 4 = drizzle 5 = showers 6 = rain
wind : 0 = calm 1 = fog drifts 2 = leaves rustle 3 = leaves/twigs in constant motion 4 = branches move 5 = small trees sway

Playback 1

Playback time: __:__: ____ Comments:

Response: song call visual none

Number of BITH responding: _____

Playback 2

Playback time: __:__: ____ Comments:

Response: song call visual none

Number of BITH responding: _____

Playback 3

Playback time: __:__: ____ Comments:

Response: song call visual none

Number of BITH responding: _____

Playback 4

Playback time: __:__: ____ Comments:

Response: song call visual none

Number of BITH responding: _____

Playback 5

Playback time: __:__: ____ Comments:

Response: song call visual none

Number of BITH responding: _____

Playback 6

Playback time: __:__: ____ Comments:

Response: song call visual none

Number of BITH responding: _____

Playback 7

Playback time: __:__: ____ Comments:

Response: song call visual none

Number of BITH responding: _____

Playback 8

Playback time: __:__: ____ Comments:

Response: song call visual none

Number of BITH responding: _____

Playback 9

Playback time: __:__: ____ Comments:

Response: song call visual none

Number of BITH responding: _____

Playback 10

Playback time: __:__: ____ Comments:

Response: song call visual none

Number of BITH responding: _____

Playback 11

Playback time: __:__: ____ Comments:

Response: song call visual none

Number of BITH responding: _____

Mountain Birdwatch Mail-in Checklist

Please complete this form and mail it to VCE with the requested items and information:

Julie Hart
Vermont Center for Ecostudies
PO Box 420
Norwich, VT 05055

- I have made photocopies of the data sheets for my files.
- Field card and data coding sheet are enclosed.
- Playback data sheet is enclosed (if playbacks were conducted).
- Follow-up playback data sheet is enclosed (if follow-up playbacks were conducted).
- Point location form is enclosed (if route was updated or established for the first time).
- Map of Bicknell's Thrush locations is enclosed (if BITH was observed).
- Digital photos are enclosed or sent via email (if taken).
- Volunteer match form is signed and enclosed.**

Are you interested in conducting a follow-up, playback search for BITH on another route before July 15? If so, please specify maximum driving and hiking distances.

Yes No

Do you intend to monitor your route next year?

Yes No Uncertain

Please submit all Bicknell's Thrush observations to eBird at www.ebird.org. You can also report off-route sightings below.

Date State Location (mountain name or latitude/longitude) Notes