



NORTH AMERICAN BREEDING BIRD SURVEY

Summary of Effort in 2018

The North American Breeding Bird Survey (BBS) is jointly coordinated by staff from the USGS Patuxent Wildlife Research Center in Maryland and the ECCC Canadian Wildlife Service in Ontario. Since its inception more than 50 years ago, the BBS has become the primary source of long-term, large-scale population data for more than 400 of North America's breeding bird species. The survey launched in earnest in 1966 with surveyors sampling routes east of the Mississippi and in southeastern Canada. The effort expanded the following year to include the Great Plains states and the Prairie provinces. And by 1968, the BBS program was coast to coast, covering all the continental U.S. and Canada. There were roughly 1,850 routes distributed north of Mexico at that time and today, thanks to the dedication of thousands of highly skilled volunteers, that number stands greater than 4,600. Not all routes get sampled in a given year owing to landscape level phenomena such as floods, fires, and other natural disasters and because of the remoteness of routes in areas such as the northern boreal region and the arid intermountain west.

2018 ROUTE COVERAGE

Our thanks to everyone who participated in the 2018 season – the BBS's 53rd year of data collection! Data from 3,291 routes have been received so far. While the numbers are not exact (a small percentage of 2018 data have yet to arrive), Table 1 on the next page provides good indication of how route coverage in each state and province had played out.

(**Better Late Than Never** - Do you have BBS data from previous years that were never sent in? Remember, it is never too late. Whether they are from last year or a decade ago, we can still use them. While we don't wish to promote late data submission, don't throw them out just because they are old; send them to us!)

Table 1. 2017-2018 Route Coverage Summary and Comparison							
UNITED STATES							
	Number of Routes				Number of Routes		
State/Prov	Existing	Sampled	Sampled	State/Prov	Existing	Sampled	Sampled
	in 2018	in 2018	in 2017		in 2018	in 2018	in 2017
AL	87	65	75	RI	5	3	3
AK	92	78	80	SC	43	24	34
AZ	65	52	52	SD	60	37	42
AR	52	34	34	TN	49	29	33
CA	225	122	131	TX	198	160	155
CO	135	113	109	UT	99	78	80
СТ	16	14	15	VT	23	21	19
DE	10	5	6	VA	66	46	50
FL	88	76	72	WA	91	77	67
GA	96	77	77	WV	54	45	49
ID	58	39	41	WI	92	85	89
IL	101	89	90	WY	108	62	74
IN	61	49	49	Totals	3563	2665	2728
IA	33	26	26				
KS	61	55	51		CANADA		
KY	46	37	36	AB	181	90	97
LA	67	47	46	BC	142	69	78
ME	70	23	25	NWT	23	11	6
MD	54	43	50	MB	80	52	58
MA	22	18	19	NB	33	25	23
MI	81	57	58	NF/LB	43	32	31
MN	84	63	63	NU	5	0	1
MS	62	41	38	NS	35	29	30
MO	80	74	70	ON	198	142	130
MT	107	84	88	PEI	4	3	2
NE	69	47	36	PQ	165	98	92
NV	39	33	35	SK	123	41	41
NH	23	22	22	YT	46	34	34
NJ	27	17	20	Totals	1078	626	623
NM	62	54	61				
NY	112	71	71				
NC	90	80	82		PROGRA	M-WIDE	
ND	44	36	38	BBS	4641	3291	3351
ОН	66	47	48				
ОК	63	41	43				
OR	119	74	73				
PA	108	95	103				