



A BIBLIOGRAPHY FOR THE NORTH AMERICAN BREEDING BIRD SURVEY



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INTRODUCTION

The North American Breeding Bird Survey (BBS) was initiated in 1966 to monitor the status and trends of the continent's avifauna. Surveys were limited to eastern North America during the first year, and by 1968, routes had been established across the continental U.S. and Canadian provinces. The BBS was extended into Alaska and the northern Canadian territories during the early 1980s. Approximately 4000 active survey routes are currently established in the U.S. and Canada.

Since its inception, the main emphasis of the BBS has been to provide information on the distribution and trends of all bird species that are regularly encountered on these surveys. However, these data have also been used for various other purposes. For example, BBS data have been instrumental in the development of methods to estimate population trends from survey data, while some of the potential biases associated with survey data have been explored through the use of the BBS data set. As this database has grown during the past 32 years, the potential uses for it have also expanded. Questions concerning landscape ecology and community ecology at large geographic scales are being addressed with BBS data, and the potential for future research opportunities remains fertile.

This bibliography summarizes the published literature related to the BBS. It includes articles based solely on BBS data as well as references using various data sources where BBS data are integral components of the publication. Literature sources where BBS data are minor components of the published information, such as many breeding bird atlases, have not been included although a separate listing of these sources may be developed at a later date. This bibliography was derived primarily from professional journals and from regional and state periodicals devoted to birds, but does not include newsletters from local bird clubs. A few theses and dissertations have been included where BBS data or methodology have been the main emphasis of the research, but this list is undoubtedly incomplete. A few government publications and similar “gray literature” sources are included, but such references are difficult to locate and many others have likely been missed. We recognize that this bibliography is probably incomplete, and encourage the authors of published articles using BBS data to inform us of literature sources that have been overlooked. Our intention is to make this bibliography as inclusive as possible, and to provide updates on an annual basis.

Key words are provided to assist in searching this bibliography. Very general terms such as “breeding bird survey” or “birds” are not helpful for this specialized bibliography and have been avoided. Where key words or phrases are provided in the references, these words have also been used in this bibliography. However, the majority of references lacked key words and we have used the following terms to denote the major themes of references related to the BBS:

Geographic Range: for references using BBS data as a source of distributional information for species

Survey Overview: general articles about the BBS and the history of the survey

Survey Methods: sources that discusses the methodology specific to the BBS. Literature sources that provide general information about point-count methodology have been excluded

Analytical Methods: articles discussing the development of trend estimation procedures that have been applied to BBS data

Population Trends: references summarizing the trends estimated for a single species or group of species

State Summary: sources that have summarized the activities of the BBS within a single state or province/territory in Canada. These references may have summarized population trends, distributional data, and/or general information about survey activities.

Regional Summary: sources summarizing BBS data over multiple states/provinces/territories

Guild Summary: summaries of BBS data for groups of species with similar traits (e.g. Neotropical migrants, grassland birds, cavity-nesting birds, etc...)

Additionally, a small number of papers dealing with topics including observer bias, roadside bias, community ecology, landscape ecology, and population ecology use those terms as key words.

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