

Peer Review of Scientific Information Checklist

1. Title: Replicated Point Counts for Estimating Detection Rate and Abundance of Florida Scrub-Jays
2. Description: This manuscript describes and evaluates the annual survey of scrub-jays conducted at Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge. Based on temporally replicated counts, detection rates were consistently low and mean abundance appeared to increase during 2003-2006. When using point counts for scrub-jays, we recommend ≥ 3 counts per site, sites that are located according to a formal sampling scheme, and a distance of >450 m between sites.
3. Estimated dissemination date of the final version of the document: December 2007
4. Kind of peer review that will be conducted: Individual letters from reviewers selected by editor of scientific journal
5. Anticipated number of reviewers: 3
6. Reviewer selection method: Reviewers selected by associate editors of the Journal of Wildlife Management
7. Primary disciplines or expertise needed in the review: Reviewers will have expertise in wildlife monitoring, adaptive management, and modeling and estimation for wildlife management.
8. Estimated start date of peer review: June 18, 2007
9. Opportunities for the public to comment on the work product to be peer reviewed: Public comment will not be sought, but the public may comment via letters to the editor of the journal after publication.
10. Indicate whether the public, including scientific or professional organizations, will be asked to nominate potential peer reviewers: The public, including scientific and professional organizations will not be asked to nominate potential peer reviewers. Peer reviewers will be selected by the associate editors of the scientific journal.
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