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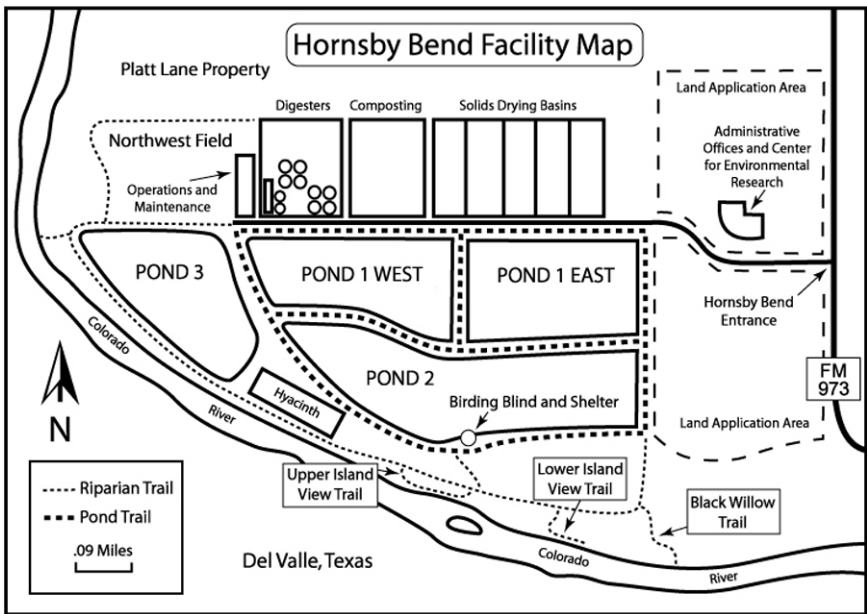
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HUMAN DISTURBANCE	WATER LEVEL
A = Undisturbed	N = Normal (P1W exposed)
B = Disturbed 1-2 times	H = Higher than normal (little habitat in P1W)
C = 3-4 times	L = Lower than normal (a lot of habitat in P1W)
D = 5-10 times	X = Not observed
E = >10 times	
X = Unknown/Not observed	

NOTE: For each species' total please indicate whether your count is:

- * A true count
- ** An extrapolated count
- (circle) A "guesstimate"

SPECIES	TALLY	TOTAL
Black-bellied Plover		
American Golden-Plover		
Semipalmated Plover		
Killdeer		
Black-necked Stilt		
American Avocet		
Greater Yellowlegs		
Lesser Yellowlegs		
Solitary Sandpiper		
Willet		
Spotted Sandpiper		
Upland Sandpiper		
Long-billed Curlew		
Hudsonian Godwit		
Ruddy Turnstone		
Sanderling		
Semipalmated Sandpiper		
Western Sandpiper		
<i>Semipal/Western sp.</i>		
Least Sandpiper		
<i>Peep sp.</i>		
White-rumped Sandpiper		
Baird's Sandpiper		
Pectoral Sandpiper		
Dunlin		
Stilt Sandpiper		
Buff-breasted Sandpiper		
Short-billed Dowitcher		
Long-billed Dowitcher		
<i>Dowitcher sp.</i>		
Common Snipe		
Wilson's Phalarope		
<i>Other:</i>		
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ISS Guidelines

CENSUS ACCURACY

At best it is rather difficult to count a thousand small sandpipers milling about on a mudflat - and of course, we won't ask you to try. However, we would like to know if your total is a hand count, an estimate made by a more or less methodical procedure, or an outright (albeit educated) guess.

- **If your tally is a one-by-one count – place an asterisk (*) next to it.**
- **If it is extrapolated from a count – place two asterisks (**) to it.** A systematically-made estimate is one where you actually have a chance to count one or more portions of a flock and then extrapolate the total from the initial smaller number(s).
- **And, if it is a “guesstimate” - please circle it.** An educated guess (“guesstimate”) is when you look at a flock and estimate the number of birds in it, usually basing your guess on prior experience. This is the method most of us use.

SPECIES IDENTIFICATION

It is often not practical to look at a large flock of peeps and identify each bird. Most of us will scan the flock; identify the most numerous species - passing over the one or two Western Sandpipers that may be present. While this is a perfectly acceptable way to census; below are some points to clarify what should be indicated on this form:

- **For the International Shorebird Survey, please record as “identified” ONLY the birds you HAVE identified.** Thus, if you identify 100 Semipalmated Sandpipers from among 5,000 peeps – record them as 100 Semipals. and 4,900 Peep sp. If you did not identify any of the sandpipers – record them as 5,000 Peep sp.
- **If you are not sure whether a flock contained,** for example, only Sanderlings or Sanderlings and Sandpiper sp. - please write in one of the empty rows at the bottom: “peep/Sanderling?” or even “shorebird sp.?”
- **Please, resist the temptation to present accuracy that doesn't exist!**

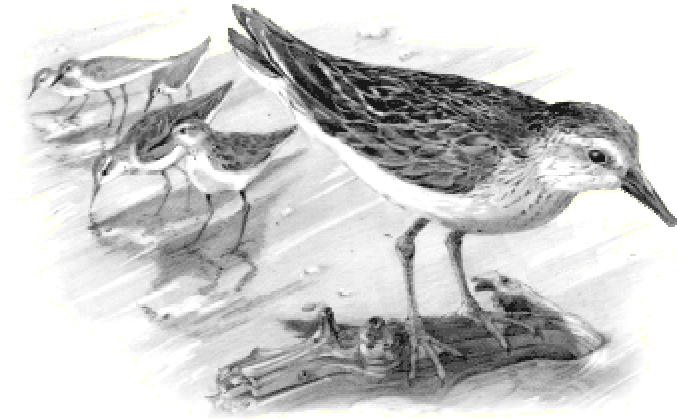
HUMAN DISTURBANCE

This is included in an effort to get a sense of what kind of correlation (if any) exists between how frequently the birds are disturbed, by our presence, from what is most imperative to them during migration stopovers - eating/storing fat, and resting.

For more information about International Shorebird Survey, and the Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network, visit the *Manomet Center For Conservation Sciences* online at: www.shorebird.org

Hornsby Bend Shorebird Survey

Sponsored by the *Travis Audubon Society* (www.travisaudubon.org) and the *Hornsby Bend Bird Observatory* (www.hornsbybend.org)



This survey is part of *Manomet Center for Conservation Science's* Western Hemisphere-wide cooperative shorebird monitoring (and conservation) effort - following their International Shorebird Survey protocol.

Please fill out this monitoring form, according to the guidelines on the back.

Have a great time observing the wonders of migration!

Please return the completed form to the “Bird Sightings Mailbox”, near the northwest corner of Pond 1 West - or mail to:

Hornsby Bend Bird Observatory
2210 S. FM 973
Austin, TX 78725



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