Rhode Island Bird Atlas 2.0 Incidental Observation Form

Observer: **Email:** **Phone:**

Address:

Species	Date	Block ID	Breeding Code	Notes

Breeding Codes:

Possible (PO):

X – Bird observed singing once in suitable habitat within the safe dates, but no other indication of breeding noted

Probable (PR):

P – Pair observed in suitable habitat during their breeding season
T – Song or other behavioral evidence of territory establishment on at least two days, a week or more apart
C – Courtship behavior or copulation (not used for waterfowl, shorebirds and diurnal raptors)
N – Bird visiting probable nest site
A – Agitated behavior or anxiety calls from adults suggesting probable nest or young nearby
B – Nest building by wrens or woodpeckers

Confirmed (CO):

NB – Nest building by all species except wrens and woodpeckers
DD – Distraction display or injury feigning
UN – Used nest location. Careful confirmation necessary
FL – Recently fledged young or downy young of galliforms, shorebirds or waterfowl. Young should be incapable of sustained flight and still dependent on adults for food
ON – Occupied nest. Adults entering or leaving nest site in circumstances indicating occupied nest. Used for cavity nesters only when bird enters hole and remains inside, when a male and female exchange places while incubating or when a bird leaves the hole after being inside for some time
AY – Attending young. Adult carrying fecal sac or food for young. As some birds may carry food long distances to young in a neighboring block, care is needed on the edges of blocks
NE – Nest with eggs or adult sitting on nest
NY – Nest with young or downy young of waterfowl, quail, waders etc