

Tricolored Blackbird Colony Observation Form

1. Select colony locations to visit from your area that you know of or using the list of colony locations on the Tricolored Blackbird Portal
2. (http://tricolor.ice.ucdavis.edu/locations/public?field_county_value=All). This list provides the latitude and longitude for each site, can be sorted by county and individual colonies can be selected to see a map of where the colony is located.
3. Visit selected colony sites, recording presence or absence of a colony and estimating the number of birds present.
4. Fill in a separate survey form for each site visited, whether or not occupied by tricolored blackbirds.
5. Where known, use standardized site names. If site is new or its name is not known, provide a descriptive site name and detailed description of location (if private property, do not use owner's name in the colony name).
6. Where possible, provide latitude and longitude in decimal degrees, NAD83. Please also provide a colony location description using cross roads or other landmarks and estimated or measured distances.
7. If possible, enter data into Tricolored Blackbird Portal. If you have this form as a Word document, fill it out and save each report form using file names consisting of your last name followed by the form number (e.g., Smith01.doc). Return forms to Rodd Kelsey (email: rkelsey@audubon.org, ph: 916-649-7600).

Visit Information

Date:	Start Time:	End Time:
Observer Name:		
Telephone	Email:	

Site Information

Colony Name:	
County Name:	Private/Public Land?
Latitude	Longitude
How Lat/Long Measured?	
Location Description:	

Colony Size

Are Tricolors Present (Y/N)?	Distance from observation point to birds:
Best Estimate # Birds	Precision of Estimate: Scanning / Precise Count
Minimum # Birds	Maximum # Birds

Colony Observations

Primary Nest Substrate:	Secondary nest substrate:	
Percent primary substrate	Percent secondary substrate:	
Birds seen using stored grains? Yes / No	Distance to stored grains?	
Distance to water:	Type of water:	
Estimated nesting substrate area length x width:	Estimated occupied area length x width:	
Carrying nest material Yes / No	Singing Yes / No	Carrying Food Yes / No
Colony Quiet?	Fledglings?	
Notes:		

