



**Procedures for handling and documenting stranded birds encountered on infrastructure offshore
Atlantic Canada**

**Appendix 1 – March 2021 version
Stranded Bird Search and Encounter Datasheet**

For ALL stranded bird searches (whether birds are found or not), please provide the following:

Facility Information	
Company/Agency or Permit Holder	
Name of facility, vessel or platform	
Location of facility, vessel or platform	Latitude:
	Longitude:
Primary observer name	Last name:
	First name:
Secondary observer name	Last name:
	First name:
Facility, vessel or platform activity	
Stranded Bird Search Information	
Description of search effort	Systematic survey <input type="checkbox"/> Opportunistic encounter <input type="checkbox"/>
Survey date	DD: MMM: YYYY:
Time at survey start	Hr: Min: UTC <input type="checkbox"/> or Local time <input type="checkbox"/>
Time at survey end	Hr: Min: UTC <input type="checkbox"/> or Local time <input type="checkbox"/>
Survey route distance (linear metres)	
Weather conditions during night <u>before</u> survey	Fog? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
	Rain? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Presence of predators on or circling facility, vessel or platform (If none present, enter 0)	Count of gulls:
	Count of raptors:
	Evidence of predation event? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

All fields defined on Page 2

Description of fields used to record information on stranded bird searches and encounters

Facility Information:

- **Company/Agency or Permit Holder:** Indicate name of operator, agency or permit holder
- **Name of facility, vessel or platform:** Indicate the name of the facility, vessel, or platform
- **Location of facility, vessel or platform:** Indicate latitude and longitude of facility, vessel or platform
- **Primary observer name:** Indicate name of observer conducting the survey (Last name, First name)
- **Secondary observer name:** Indicate name of individual assisting observer (Last name, First name)
- **Facility, vessel or platform activity:** Indicate the general activity of facility, vessel or platform at time of search/survey, such as: Seismic, Drilling, Production, Steaming, Stand-by

Stranded Bird Search Information:

- **Description of search/survey effort:** Indicate whether data being submitted was collected during a systematic survey (i.e., observer following stranded bird survey protocol searching a defined survey route) or an opportunistic encounter (i.e., bird not found during a systematic survey or found by chance and reported).
- **Survey date:** Indicate date of survey as DD/MMM/YYYY (e.g., 01/MAR/2021)
- **Time at survey start:** Indicate survey start time using 24 hour clock in UTC or local time
- **Time at survey end:** Indicate survey end time using 24 hour clock in UTC or local time
- **Survey route distance (linear metres):** Indicate total linear meters searched over survey route (for systematic surveys this will be outlined in site-specific stranded bird survey protocol)
- **Weather conditions during night before survey:** Indicate if there was fog and/or rain during night before survey. If neither fog nor rain occurred, do not check box.
- **Presence of predators on or circling facility, vessel or platform:** Record number of gulls and number of raptors encountered resting or circling facility, vessel or platform during survey. If none present, enter zero. Indicate if evidence of a predation event was found (e.g., fresh bird kill).

Stranded Bird Datasheet – Refer also to example datasheet (page 4)

When you find a stranded bird (dead or alive) provide the following information on the datasheet. You must also record when you do not find a stranded bird during a survey.

- If no birds are found during a systematic stranded bird survey, write “NO BIRDS” on datasheet and also provide facility and search information on previous page.
- Contact CWS when any oiled bird is found (note reminders on datasheet).
- Provide details for situations where bird(s) is sent to shore (i.e., sent to CWS, rehabilitation, etc.)
- Document species of bird(s) encountered. Take photo(s) if identification is uncertain, contact CWS and check “Photo(s) taken” box.
- Indicate number of birds encountered. Use multiple lines if more than one species or if fates of birds of same species differ (see example datasheet on page 4).
- Indicate specific location where bird was found on facility, vessel or platform using:
 - Section or grid identification number for moving and/or multiple deck vessels or platforms (outlined in stranded bird survey protocol) or
 - Lat-Long coordinates for facilities on land.
- If bird was found DEAD: Select one box that describes fate of carcass and whether oiled or not
- If bird was found ALIVE: Select one box that describes fate of live bird or carcass of bird that died in care and whether oiled or not
- Add comments, such as description of injuries or bird remains from predation events, relevant notes on species identification (e.g, plumage, age), or details on birds sent to shore.

Stranded Bird Datasheet

Species	Number of individuals found	Location found Enter section or grid # or Lat-Long	If found DEAD (check one)		If found ALIVE (check one)				Oiled? (check one)		Photo(s) taken	Comments
			Carcass disposed of at site	Carcass sent to CWS ① CWS	Released alive at site	Sent to shore alive ① CWS	Died in care & Carcass disposed of at site	Died in care & Carcass sent to CWS	Oiled ① CWS	Not oiled		
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			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Refer to instructions on Page 2 and example datasheet on Page 4

Stranded Bird Datasheet – EXAMPLE

During a morning survey in September an observer encountered seven stranded birds, as described below, and recorded them on their datasheet:

- Two Leach’s Storm-Petrel were found in section 1A unoiled and alive and were released alive at site; photos taken
- One Blackpoll Warbler was found in section 1A unoiled and dead and carcass was disposed of on site; photos taken
- Two Leach’s Storm-Petrel were found alive in section 2B and photos were taken of both birds: One was oiled and later died in care and the carcass was sent to CWS; the other was not oiled and sent to shore alive due to an injured left wing (sent to rehabilitation facility).
- One Wilson’s Storm-Petrel was found in section 3 unoiled and alive and was released alive at site; photos were taken
- One Song Sparrow was found in section 4A unoiled and alive and later died in care; carcass disposed of on site; photos taken

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			Carcass disposed of at site	Carcass sent to CWS ① CWS	Released alive at site	Sent to shore alive ① CWS	Died in care + Carcass disposed of at site	Died in care + Carcass sent to CWS	Oiled ① CWS	Not oiled		
Leach’s Storm-Petrel	2	1A	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Blackpoll Warbler	1	1A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Leach’s Storm-Petrel	1	2B	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Leach’s Storm-Petrel	1	2B	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Injured left wing; sent to rehabilitation facility
Wilson’s Storm-Petrel	1	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Song Sparrow	1	4A	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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