

Yes, I would like to help ...

To apply for an MMP regional coordinator position, please complete and return.

Name _____
Address _____
City _____
State/Province _____
Zip/Postal Code _____
Phone Number _____
E-mail _____

I have experience identifying
Birds Amphibians Marsh Plants

Yes I have conducted MMP surveys.
at route #: _____ for _____ years.

My MMP participant # is _____

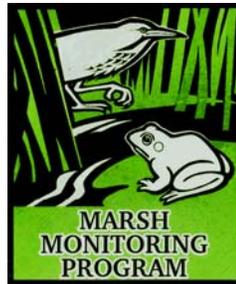
I have previously helped recruit for the MMP
Yes No

I am unable to coordinate but I am interested in surveying an MMP route near the town of:

Please forward your application to Ryan Archer at rarcher@bsc-eoc.org, or fax it to 1-519-586-3532

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Toll-free phone: 1-888-448-2473
Fax: 1-519-586-3531
Web: www.bsc-eoc.org/volunteer/glmmmp/index.jsp



More about the MMP

Established in 1995, hundreds of MMP volunteers monitor birds and amphibians in marshes. This multi-partner, multi-stakholder program provides information about the population status of marsh birds and amphibians, their habitat requirements, and an assessment of wetland restoration efforts. Data collected by MMP volunteers are important contributions to the conservation and management of wetlands and their wildlife. The MMP welcomes data requests and data are available to program partners free of charge.

What is Bird Studies Canada?

Bird Studies Canada (BSC) is a non-profit monitoring, research and conservation organization with over 40 years of citizen science experience. BSC's mission is to:

- ▶ Advance the understanding, appreciation and conservation of wild birds and their habitats.
- ▶ Engage the skills, enthusiasm and support of its members, volunteers, staff and the interested public.

What is the MMP Coordinator Initiative?

Through funding from the U.S. National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, the Ontario Trillium Foundation, and Environment Canada, the MMP seeks to empower dedicated individuals to become regional coordinators for local MMP volunteer participants.

The ultimate goal of this project is to track local environmental recovery among Great Lakes Areas of Concern through long-term marsh bird and amphibian population monitoring.



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Help Coordinate Wetland Monitoring in Your Area!



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Are you...

- ✓ Passionate about wetland conservation in your area?
- ✓ Interested in helping others learn about wetlands and about the Marsh Monitoring Program (MMP)?
- ✓ Interested in sharing your outdoors skills and enthusiasm with others?
- ✓ Interested in volunteering to help recruit, train and assist MMP participants to survey birds and amphibians in wetland habitats near you?

If so, please consider becoming a Marsh Monitoring Program regional coordinator.



Photo: Jordan Kevan

What is the Marsh Monitoring Program?

The MMP is a long-term monitoring program that coordinates the skills, interests and enthusiasm of volunteer surveyors to monitor population changes and habitat requirements of marsh birds and amphibians, thereby informing outcomes of wetland and wildlife conservation and rehabilitation efforts.

What is an MMP regional coordinator?

MMP regional coordinators are volunteers who dedicate time each year to help ensure that local wetlands in their area are monitored by MMP participants. They may be professional biologists, educators or amateur naturalists, all of whom have a common interest in conserving wetlands and their inhabitants.



Photo: Tara Crews

The role of MMP regional coordinators is to recruit volunteers, help organize and lead MMP training workshops, and to provide mentoring and assistance to volunteers as needed.

MMP regional coordinator tasks may include ...

- Presentations to community groups;
- Registering new MMP volunteers;
- One-on-one or group volunteer training sessions; and
- Mentoring and assisting MMP volunteers.



Photo: Bird Studies Canada



Photo: Peter Ferguson

The level of responsibility involved will be tailored to meet the skills and availability of individual coordinators, with full assistance provided by MMP staff when needed.

What are the position requirements?

Ideally, MMP regional coordinator candidates will have the following:

- ✓ Experience participating in MMP surveys or willingness to participate in an MMP survey;
- ✓ Familiarity with bird and/or amphibian species likely to occur in their local marshes;
- ✓ Familiarity with the wetlands in their area;
- ✓ Willingness to work with local conservation organizations; and
- ✓ Access to a vehicle, a computer and the Internet.



Photo: Bird Studies Canada

A rewarding experience ...

There are many reasons to become an MMP regional coordinator:

- To help community members track local environmental status and recovery within an area of interest (e.g. Great Lakes Areas of Concern).
- To foster awareness about wetland conservation issues in your area.
- To increase personal skills and experience.
- To contribute information about marsh bird and amphibian population status and habitat requirements.
- To actively participate in enjoyable local activities of personal interest.



Photo: Lissa Deslandes

You can help make a difference!

By dedicating a few days to the MMP each year you help contribute toward understanding and conserving wetlands in your region and across the Great Lakes basin.

Participation is only a phone call or email away!

For more information contact:

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