

Appendix O: Data Permissions and Privacy Policy

The following is extracted from the Terms and Conditions that atlasers agree to when registering with Atlas-3.

Data permissions

As a NatureCounts user (hereafter, the Participant), you hereby grant Birds Canada a royalty-free, perpetual, irrevocable, non-exclusive, transferable, worldwide license to use, reproduce, modify, adapt, publish, translate, create derivative works from, distribute, perform, and display any information provided during the course of their survey activities (including, for clarity, observations, comments, location data and media submitted electronically or by other means) and/or to incorporate it in other works in any form, media, software or technology now known or later developed. The Participant shall not be restricted in their ability to use the data they collect as they see fit, for any other purpose. Data submitted to NatureCounts will be peer-reviewed by ornithological experts. Birds Canada and its partners reserve the right to include or exclude data submitted based on peer review or any other reason.

Birds Canada and its partners (Canadian Wildlife Service - Environment and Climate Change Canada, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry - Government of Ontario, Ontario Field Ornithologists, and Ontario Nature) strongly encourage use of data by third-parties, in particular for research, education and conservation purposes. Access to raw data from NatureCounts may be subject to approval by Birds Canada on behalf of its partners. Birds Canada will endeavor to provide access to data at no cost, but may at its discretion request a fee to cover data extraction time for more complex requests. Except as indicated otherwise, participants and NatureCounts users are generally permitted to use and reproduce data and other products displayed or available on our platforms for their own personal use. In some cases, products may be published under a specific license outlining the conditions under which they can be used (e.g. Creative Commons License), or may be subject to specific restrictions (e.g. topographic maps). Otherwise, please contact Birds Canada if you would like to redistribute any the derived products available on our platforms (e.g. species maps, species accounts, etc).

Privacy policy

Contact information of participants (including address, email and phone number) will not be shared with third parties, and will only be available to the formal project partners (see the current list [here](#) for the Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas), their staff involved with the project, committee members, Regional Coordinators and data reviewers (in regions for which you have provided data, or indicated an interest in participating) or other people designated by Birds Canada, and only for project-related communications in which you are a participant. In addition, if you agree to it during your registration or within your online profile, Birds Canada and project partners may also contact you about other projects and activities.

Unless you indicate otherwise to us in writing or through your [online profile](#), you accept that your name may be included in data summaries, reports or any data product derived from the database where appropriate.

Other than your contact information, as a general rule, please do not submit data that you do not want to be shared publicly or other information that you deem personal or that may violate the privacy or rights of others. Comments associated with your data, the location and date of your observations for instance will generally be included in public distributions of the data, with some exceptions (e.g., to protect the well-being of sensitive species). It is also your responsibility to ensure that you are permitted to submit any data (including photos, recordings and other media), and that doing so does not infringe on other people's or organization's rights.

Although we do intend for most of the Data to become public, we do offer options within your [online profile](#) to manage the availability of certain types of data, such as your media files and your detailed GPS tracks. Please review these options carefully to ensure that they meet your wishes.

Finally, like most web sites, NatureCounts uses session cookies to enable you to log in onto the site, as well as third-party cookies and other storage technologies to understand the content that is most important to you. Please refer to [Birds Canada's Privacy policy](#) for more details about the use of cookies and more information about how Birds Canada handles your personal information.