

PROJECT PRAIRIE BIRDS – VEGETATION DATA SHEET

Participants _____
 Site name _____ Transect number _____
 Vegetation class type (see page 4-5 for choices) _____
 Date vegetation measured _____
 Year site was last burned _____, or mowed _____, or plowed _____, or other _____
 Grazing history: Currently grazed? (circle one) YES NO Year last grazed _____
 Size class of grassland (see page 6 for choices) _____

See page 11 for details on collecting the following data

COVER COMPOSITION WITHIN THE 1 METER SQUARE “HULA HOOP”

Toss	TOTALS 100%					# ant mounds	# gopher mounds	% of square covered by water	average depth of water (mm)	Density Board (%)			
	% grasses	% forbs	% woody shrubs	% leaf litter	% bare ground					1 BOTTOM	2	3	4 TOP
1													
2													
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4													
5													

Within the 20 x 100 m transect (not the “hula-hoop”):

Number of shrubs or shrub clumps _____
 Number of: _____ sapling-sized trees, _____ pole-sized trees, _____ sawtimber-sized trees
 Number of: _____ sapling-sized snags, _____ pole-sized snags, _____ sawtimber-sized snags

Tree Diameter at Breast Height (DBH) – only in wooded conditions

Sapling = 5-16 cm Pole = 17-35 cm Sawtimber = over 35 cm

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From Toss Site	Hardwoods			Pines		
	Sapling	Pole	Sawtimber	Sapling	Pole	Sawtimber
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						

Do not leave **any** spaces blank above— score a zero where appropriate. Write notes on back if necessary.
 All original data sheets need to be returned to the Project Prairie Bird Field Coordinator,
 c/o Gulf Coast Bird Observatory, 103 West Highway 332, Lake Jackson, TX 77566.