

2025 Survey Windows & Deadlines

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Contract List Deadline, March 28

Email David (see contact above) a list of all relevant contracts before this date (see data pull instructions [here](#)). The earlier the better to reduce David's backlog and to give yourself more time to contact landowners before the selection deadline on May 1st. David will return a sorted list (more information in the "Point Selection" section of the [Point Count SOP](#)).

Contract Selection Deadline, April 30

Continued monitoring at historic points should be prioritized. Landowners are not obligated to participate in continued monitoring, so surveyors should contact and re-request permission for monitoring. A list of points from continuing contracts should be emailed to David prior to May 1st along with your map requests for new points.

New contracts: After David returns the sorted contract list, you should contact landowners in the priority order for each practice-status combo to request monitoring access (link to the outreach document [here](#)). Before April 30th, you must send back the priority order lists with the contracts that accepted highlighted or otherwise indicated. Additionally, send David a georeferenced PDF of each contract map for the highlighted contracts; please label the PDF files with the contract number. Send this back as soon as you can to allow David enough time to produce the gridded maps before the start of surveys.

If you are a new surveyor and have not been given ARUs or if you are a continuing surveyor in need of extra/replacement ARUs, please email a request to David and he will ship some to you.

Spring Survey Window, May 12 – July 11

Breeding-season point counts and ARU deployments occur during this window.

Links to the relevant protocols: [Point Count SOP](#), [Spring Song Meter Deployment SOP](#), [Spring AudioMoth Deployment SOP](#).

Spring Data Entry Deadline, July 25

All data entry & data uploads from the spring surveys must be completed by this date. You need to stay on top of data entry; do not save it as a lumpsum of work to be done just before the deadline.

Please review the [Spring Data Management Guidelines](#) in detail, even if this isn't your first year on the project! Data entry is the most important step of the entire monitoring process, so please pay high attention to detail.

Veg Survey Window, July 14 – Sept 12

Vegetation surveys occur during this window. See protocol [here](#). If necessary, some surveys may be conducted in early July, but all surveys must be wrapped up before Sept 12th. Remember, there is no guarantee that the weather will cooperate towards the end of the survey window, so start scheduling surveys as soon as the weather allows beginning in July.

Veg Data Entry Deadline, Sept 26

All data from the vegetation surveys must be submitted in the Survey123 app by this date. You need to stay on top of data entry; do not save it as a lumpsum of work to be done just before the deadline.

Fall Survey Window, Oct 13 – Dec 3

Fall covey counts and ARU deployments occur during this window. Links to the relevant protocols: [Covey Count SOP](#), [Fall Song Meter Deployment SOP](#), [Fall AudioMoth Deployment SOP](#).

Fall Data Entry Deadline, Dec 17

All data entry & data uploads from the fall surveys must be completed by this date. You need to stay on top of data entry; do not save it as a lumpsum of work to be done just before the deadline.

Please review the [Fall Data Management Guidelines](#) in detail, even if this isn't your first year on the project! Data entry is the most important step of the entire monitoring process, so please pay high attention to detail.