

2024 Survey Windows & Deadlines

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Contract List Deadline, March 29

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, May 1

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 May 1st, 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 13 – July 12

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

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

Spring Data Entry Deadline, Aug 2

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 15 – Sept 13

Vegetation surveys occur during this window. See protocol [here](#) (updated version to be published prior to surveys). If necessary, some surveys may be conducted in early July, but all surveys must be wrapped up before Sept 13th. Remember, there is no guarantee that the weather will cooperate towards the end of the survey window, so start scheduling surveys as soon as weather allows beginning in July.

Veg Data Entry Deadline, Sept 27

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 14 – Dec 4

Fall covey counts and ARU deployments occur during this window. See protocol [here](#) (updated version to be published prior to surveys).

Fall Data Entry Deadline, Dec 20

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.

Fall Data Management Guidelines will be written prior to the start of the fall survey window, but for reference in the meantime, expect them to be similar to the [spring guidelines](#).