

## SPI-Birds Metadata Form

SPI-Birds Network and Database is a grassroots initiative connecting researchers conducting Studies of Populations of Individual Birds, with the aim to improve data accessibility and transparency and to facilitate collaboration.

As part of this community initiative, we **collect metadata** of the various field studies on birds, and **build robust pipelines** that convert the data collected stored in local site-specific formats (i.e., primary data) to a **standard format**. We hope this standard format will facilitate greater collaboration by allowing data from multiple field studies to be easily collated and compared.

Metadata are data about data, or, in other words, the documentation and necessary information needed for someone to understand your data. This includes pieces of information such as data custody, data coverage, methods and protocols used to collect the data.

Through this form, you can join the growing community of SPI-Birds and send your study site's metadata. Once submitted, your metadata will be displayed on the SPI-Birds [website](#) for other users to see and search through, increasing the visibility of your study site, providing the opportunity for new research ideas and collaborations.

Besides metadata, you are also welcome to send your primary data to SPI-Birds. These data are safely stored at the [NIOO-KNAW](#) server and backed up several times a week. We

## The SPI-Birds Team

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### *Notes*

You can reach us at [spibirds@nioo.knaw.nl](mailto:spibirds@nioo.knaw.nl) with any questions that you may have.

An overview of all the fields of this form can be found here: [form overview](#).

**Note: Fields marked \* are required. Some fields display extra info when you hover over them.**

## Responsible Party

The person or organization who is responsible for taking care of the data. Also: Data Custodian.

The responsible party is \*

- ☐ a person
- ☒ an organization

Organization name \*

Organization address \*

City

Administrative area

Postal code

Country

## Metadata Provider

The person who provided the metadata

Name \*

I allow SPI-Birds to display this email address in the metadata file and on the website. \*

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

### ORCID

Recommended to be filled.

## Contact Person

The person to contact with questions about the use and/or interpretation of the data set

The Contact Person is \*

- ☐ the same as the Responsible Party
- ☐ the same as the Metadata Provider
- ☐ someone other than above

## Project Members

People other than provided under Responsible Party, Metadata Provider, and/or Contact Person who have contributed to running the field study. Role: role of the person in the project (e.g., principal investigator, field worker, data manager).

+ Add Member

## Funding

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### Funding information

## Data License

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I wish to submit the data that are described by these metadata \*

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

More information on data licenses can be found here: [SPI-Birds Data Licenses](#).

### Data usage/license \*

Please select a license ▼

Note: 'By permission of data custodian' allows the Responsible Party (Data Custodian) to set additional conditions for data reuse.

## Data Maintenance

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The frequency with which SPI-Birds will receive updates of the data \*

Please select a frequency ▼


## Study Site

Name and description of the study site

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Name \*

Country \*

Size (ha) \*

Major site changes

DOI of the reference that describes the study site in detail

Link to a website that describes the field study in detail

Habitats are classified according to EUNIS habitat classification scheme (version 2012).

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### Habitat code \*

The habitat codes are hierarchical; **please provide the most detailed code where possible**. The first three levels can be selected through the dropdown list below. If you want to add more detail (up to level 8), please use the [EUNIS code browser](#) to select a code and fill it in under *More detailed habitat code*.

### More detailed habitat code

e.g., G1.B22

Please select a more detailed code (level 4 to 8) using the EUNIS code browser in above url.

## Geographic Coverage

Geographic coordinates and elevation of the study site

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### I want to specify the study site's coordinates \*

- ☐ the four margins (N, S, E, W) of a bounding box
- ☐ a centre point

### Minimum elevation

### Maximum elevation

Start year \*

End year

The data were collected continuously over the study period

☒ Yes

☐ No

## Taxonomic Coverage

Species monitored at the study site

Species \*

Other species not listed above



## Data collected

Types of data collected at the study site. In all dropdown lists you may select multiple options. Note: this does not include derived variables, such as number of recruits.

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### Tagging \*

#### Other tags/additional information

### Individual data \*

#### Other variables/additional information

### Brood data \*

Genetic data

Other variables/additional information

Biotic data

Abiotic data

Other variables/additional information

### Other activities/additional information

## Submit form

Please indicate below if you give consent for the metadata, as you entered them, to be publicly visible on the SPI-Birds website and archived as part of the SPI-Birds database. More information on our metadata policy and your data protection rights can be found here: [SPI-Birds Metadata Information & Policy](#).

I consent that the metadata may be archived as part of the SPI-Birds database. \*

☐ Yes

☐ No

I consent that the metadata may be publicly visible on the SPI-Birds website. \*

☐ Yes

☐ No

I confirm that I have the rights or permissions to submit the metadata provided above to SPI-Birds. \*

☐ Yes

☐ No