

Field Guide to the Morris

Stating only that Morris kit generally includes white shirt and trousers, many ribbons, bunches of bells strapped to the legs, and fanciful hats vests and decorations is a little like saying that birds have lots of colorful feathers, two wings and pointed beaks. Hence this attempt to produce a field guide - a guide to the field marks of Midwestern Morris teams, wherein teams may be "run down" by impressions, patterns and distinctive marks, rather than anatomical differences or dancing styles.

As with any field guide, special emphasis will be given to the different plumages of each species - characteristics that will enable identification at a distance. Notations will include common songs, characteristic locations for sighting as well as winter ranges and preferred feeding habitats.

Please check **all** items that **generally** apply, and note common variations, errant behaviors or seasonal changes.

Pants:

Style:

☐ Knickers ☐ Long ☐ Other

Color:

☐ White ☐ Other (specify) _____

Significance: _____

Vests: ☐ Yes

Style:

☐ Straight ☐ Fitted ☐ Other

☐ V-Neck ☐ Round neck

☐ Below waist ☐ Waist length

Details: _____

Color:

Details: _____

Significance: _____

Baldrics: ☐ Yes

Style:

☐ Two color ☐ One color ☐ Other

Details: _____

Significance: _____

Patches or medallions: ☐ Yes

Location: _____

Details: _____

Significance: _____

Ribbons/Flashes/Rosettes: ☐ Yes

Style: _____

☐ Ribbons, only ☐ Rosettes ☐ Other

☐ Short (less than 12') ☐ Long

Details: _____

Location: _____

Color/s: _____

Significance: _____

Buttons/Badges:

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Optional

Location:

☐ Hats ☐ Vests ☐ Other

Details: _____

Hats:

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Optional

Details: _____

Sock Color:

White ☐ Other (specify) _____

Hanky Color:

☐ White ☐ Other (specify) _____

Shoe Color:

☐ Black ☐ Other (specify) _____

Common songs: _____

Characteristic locations for sighting: _____

Winter ranges or habits: _____

Preferred feeding habitats or foods: _____

Describe any other special characteristics worthy of note: