

Yellow-Billed Cuckoo Survey Site Description Form

This form is intended to provide a general description of the habitat surveyed at a site. More detailed vegetation analysis requires precise measurements, and is outside the scope of this survey protocol. Please check your permit for additional requirements.

Fill in the following information completely		Date Report completed:
Site Name:	State:	County:
Name of Reporting Individual	Affiliation	
Phone #	Email:	
USFWS Permit #	State Permit #	

Site Coordinates:	Start: E	N	UTM Zone:
	Stop: E	N	NAD:
USGS Quad Name(s):	Length of area surveyed (in kilometers)	Elevation:	
Name of nearest Creek, River, Wetland, or Lake:			
Ownership: BLM Reclamation NPS USFWS USFS Tribal State Private Other (Municipal/County)			
Was site surveyed in previous year?	Yes No Unknown	If yes, what site name was used?	
Did you survey the same general area during each visit this year?	Yes / No	If no, summarize in comments below	
If "Yes", was the same general area surveyed this year?	Yes / No	If no, summarize in comments below	

Native/Exotic: The species in tree/shrub layer at this site are comprised predominantly of (check one):			
Native broadleaf plants (>75% native)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mixed native and exotic plants (mostly native 51%-75%)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Exotic/introduced plants (>75% exotic)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mixed native and exotic plants (mostly exotic 51%-75%)	<input type="checkbox"/>

List up to 5 species of overstory vegetation and percent canopy cover of each species. Use scientific names. For percent cover, please use <1%, 10%, 25%, 50%, 75%, 90%, 100%.			
1.	% cover:	2.	% cover:
3.	% cover:	4.	% cover:
Average height of overstory (m)(do not include a range)		Estimated Overall Canopy Cover (percent)	

List up to 5 species of understory/shrub vegetation (not all sites will have a separate understory) and estimate percent understory cover of each species. Use scientific names. For percent cover, please use <1%, 10%, 25%, 50%, 75%, 90%, 100%.			
1.	% cover:	2.	% cover:
3.	% cover:	4.	% cover:
Average height of understory (m)(do not include a range)		Estimated Overall Cover (percent)	

Describe adjacent habitat (e.g. upland vegetation; desert scrub; urban/residential; agriculture/orchard; oak woodland)			

List up to five categories of adjacent habitat, and estimate percent cover. Use <1%, 10%, 25%, 50%, 75%, 90%, 100%.			
1.	% cover:	2.	% cover:
3.	% cover:	4.	% cover:

Was surface water or saturated soil present at or adjacent to site within 300 meters?	Yes No (circle one)
Was surface water or saturated soil present at or adjacent to all patches surveyed?	Yes No (circle one)

Comments. Please provide comments regarding differences between the survey patches within the site. For example, if the average canopy for this site is 30% cover, but within one patch it is 60% cover - please note. Also, please note significant differences between dominant overstory and understory vegetation among the patches. Document these differences with photographs whenever possible. Make sure to reference comments to photo number whenever available.	

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Attach the following: 1) Copy of USGS 7.5 minute quad/topographical map(s) of survey area, outlining survey site and location of YBCU detection; 2) Sketch or aerial photo showing site location, patch shape, openings, survey route, and location of any detected YBCU or their nests; 3) Photos of the interior of the patch, exterior of the patch, and overall site. Describe any unique habitat features in Comments. Check your permits for required documentation.

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